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## December PSR Newsletter

Dear Deanna Faber:

With Advent coming up I would like us to become more aware of those who need our prayers or help. There may be elderly neighbors who need help with errands, or people in nursing homes who would be grateful for visitors. Even when our country's economy is good, there are many who feel the pinch of poverty. How can your family help?

Caring and compassion are the qualities that help us see the needs that have not been met. We recognize those who need comfort and encouragement. We respond to those who need a friend. We feel the power of God's love and know that we who can give to others are truly blessed.

The First Sunday Advent is Sunday, December 2nd. I wanted to give you some information that might be helpful during the Advent and Christmas Season. Please look for these items to be sent home with your children.

Remember, the feast of St. Nicholas is December 6th. Children should put their shoes out on the evening of the 5th!

In Faith,  
Debbie Geason  
*Catechetical Leader*

## Focus on our Catechists

**Mrs. Valerie Burch** is our Level 4 catechist. This is her first year in the Religious education program. She has been member of St. Mary's parish for 2 years. She is married to Robert and they are expecting their first child in April! Congratulations to both of them! She is a teacher in the Sandusky City School system. We are happy to have her in our program!



## December PSR Dates

### Wednesday Classes:

December 5th - Class  
December 12th - Class  
December 19th - Class  
December 26th - NO CLASS

### Sunday Classes:

December 2nd - Class  
December 9th - Class  
December 16th - Class  
December 23rd - NO CLASS  
December 30th - NO CLASS

### Sacrament Dates:

Nothing scheduled in December!

## January PSR Dates

### Wednesday Classes:

January 2nd - NO CLASS  
January 9th - Class  
January 16th - Class  
January 23rd - Class  
January 30th - Class

### Sunday Classes:

January 6th - Class  
January 13th - Class  
January 20th - Class  
January 27th - Class

### Sacrament Dates:

Saint report & Confirmation name due to teacher on Wednesday, January 23rd.

## Advent Prayer

God of tender mercy, guide us

**Mrs. Pat Pfanner** is our Level 5 catechist. This is her first year teaching in our religious education program. She has been a member of St. Mary's parish for 36 years. She is involved in the Vocati choir and Tuesday night rosary group. She is married to Henry and they have three grown sons, Thom (35), Stephen (32) and David (30). Her hobbies include reading and gardening. We are happy to have her in our program!



### This Month of December

Tri-Parish Reconciliation Service - @ Sts. Peter & Paul:  
Sunday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Please look for Christmas Mass mailing for Mass times.

I would like to invite families to the Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 4:05 p.m. in the multi-purpose room in St. Mary Campus building on Decatur Street.

#### **SAINT OF THE DAY:**

December 3 Francis Xavier [Memorial]  
December 6 Nicholas  
December 8 Immaculate Conception [Solemnity]  
December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe [Feast]  
December 26 Stephen [Feast]  
December 27 John [Feast]  
December 28 Holy Innocents [Feast]

#### **REMINDERS:**

There are still some students that have not turned in their medical forms. Please return this as soon as possible. Thank you!

#### **CLASSROOM NEWS:**

Levels 2nd and 3rd are collecting money in baby bottles for the Advent season to help Heartbeat.

### The Golden Compass

There is a kid's movie coming out December 7. It is based on a series of children's books about killing God (It is the anti-Narnia). "The Golden Compass", starring Nicole Kidman, is based on the first book of a trilogy titled His Dark Materials. The author of this children's fantasy is Philip Pullman, a noted English atheist. It is his objective to bash Christianity and promote

along the way of your peace so that this Advent leads us to the Christ child's manger. Help us discover your presence in our lives so that we might more readily respond to the Spirit speaking in our hearts. Encourage us as we reach out to serve you in the needy and the least of our brothers and sisters. Give us hope for the coming of your Kingdom in all its fullness. May we become, like the angels of old, heralds of the Good News of salvation. AMEN.

### **Gospel Champions**

The St. Mary's Religious Education Department is offering a free copy of "Gospel Champions" software for the 2007-08 school year. You can download the game from the [PSR web page](#). The 9-digit access code is: P7O-MOE-F2A.

### **Contact Information**

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atheism. The second book of the trilogy, *The Subtle Knife*, is more overt in its hatred of Christianity than the first book, and the third entry, *The Amber Spyglass*, is even more blatant. "The Golden Compass" is based on the least offensive of the three books, and has been watered down for the big screen. The Catholic League wants Christians to stay away from this movie precisely because it knows that the film is bait for the books, unsuspecting parents who take their children to see the movie may be impelled to buy the three books as a Christmas present—no parent who wants to bring their children up in the faith will want any part of these books.

In a 2003 interview, Pullman stated: "My books are about killing God".

### Do You Know?

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In the Bible, another name for the Promised Land is:  
[a] Egypt; [b] the Land of Canaan; [c] Babylon; [d] Nineveh.

The first PSR student to email the correct **letter & answer** back to me will win a prize!

#### **LAST MONTH'S WINNER:**

Joshua Kaman was the first to answer the question correctly. Thanks to all students who responded and please play again!

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