

Newsy News

Conn-Area Catholic School



It Came Upon A Midnight Clear . . .

that glorious song of old,

This month the students and staff have been preparing for the birth of the *Christ Child*. Advent morning prayers, songs, candles, wreaths, empty mangers, Jesse Trees, a crib full of baby items, Nativity sets, Secret Santas, Advent calendars, and holiday cookies are signs that something *special* is about to happen. Ask anyone of us and you will get the same answer. *Christmas* is about to happen. "Peace on earth, goodwill to men from heavens all gracious King!" Have a very *Merry Christmas* and a *Happy New Year* from all of us to all of you.

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Christmas Program

On December 24, 1223, Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of Italy, stages the first living nativity scene in history in a cave near Greccio, Italy. Complete with live animals, he created the first live nativity scene in order to cultivate the worship of Christ. Out of this event he began to carve the figures for the first Creche. Today many Christians carry on this tradition in their homes, schools, and churches.

On December 11, 2022, our students continued St. Francis' idea to cultivate in our families the true meaning of the Christmas Season. From the miniature animals to the singers and music makers the students of Conn-Area Catholic succeeded in carrying on this beautiful tradition.





Wow, it is December already! Third grade is working hard this month trying to keep their Advent promises. Each year at Advent we want to grow closer to Jesus. We do this in several ways: praying more often, going to church, receiving the sacraments, and doing good deeds. The children picked something special that they are doing this Advent season to give of themselves and make others' lives more joyful. In return they are growing closer to Jesus and finding great happiness in their own lives.



The class celebrated St. Nicholas Day by making stockings and writing a note to St. Nicholas telling him about their special promise. The children asked him to help them in keeping this promise. They left their stockings out on their desks after school in hopes that St. Nicholas would come that evening. I am happy to report he arrived and took their notes. In return he left a candy cane for each student. Now we know that we will have help in keeping our Advent promises.



We begin each week by lighting a candle on our Advent wreath. The students listen to a reading that gives us a skill to work on each week: listen, remember, rejoice, and welcome. We also open a day on our Advent calendar. The calendar tells the story of Jesus and Mary's journey to the birth of Jesus.



We hope you all have a blessed and Merry Christmas!



Sixth grade was very busy preparing for the Conn-Area Christmas Program! The students had been practicing for the program in music class with Mrs. Lonigro since the beginning of the school year. They worked on group songs to sing with the whole school and on two pieces which were to be performed by just the sixth grade. "What Child is This" was the first solo song that sixth grade sang. Then, with the help of the cantor choir, sixth grade acted out the life of Jesus during "Mary Did You Know?" Paige D. played Mary while Owen G. acted out Jesus. The other students either sang in the choir or performed during the song. The kids really put their best effort into their two pieces, and it was a success!

Not only did sixth grade sing during the Christmas Program, but they also were the narrators for the Christmas Story. While kindergarten was on stage acting out the birth of Jesus, sixth graders read about what was happening. The students had to practice their lines and learn when to begin their narrations. With only one dress rehearsal, this was a bit of a challenge. However, the sixth grade readers were able to accomplish their narration without a hitch!



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Christmas