

On Tuesday and Thursday this week, the children gathered in church around the Advent wreath and sang two songs: Advent is a Time to Wait and Stay Awake, the Lord is Coming Soon. Thursday, we created a video that will be shared with the other campuses for the 4th week of Advent. Each week, one campus has recorded a short video for Advent that was shared with all 4 HCA campuses. This is one way that we unite together across the campuses.



On Wednesday, we enjoyed the presence of Sister M John Paul from the Carmelite Sisters. She was observing our program and talking with teachers and children.

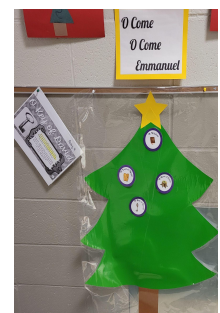


Another way the Academy is celebrating Christmas together as an entire school family is by learning about the O Antiphons. Each campus has trees and ornaments that are added the 7 days prior to our break. O Antiphons are names of imagery drawn from the Bible in the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ.

At the early childhood campus, we related the names to children similar to kids who have nicknames. Each day the trees received a new ornament with the new O Antiphon. The children also listened to the song, O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

- O Wisdom
- Lord of Might
- O Root of Jesse Stem
- O Key fo David
- O Radiant Dawn
- O King of All Nations
- O Emmanuel

Children were excited each day to see the new ornament and learn the new name.



The teachers have been gathering in church around the campus Advent Wreath. We have shared the following with your children to help them prepare for Christmas. You can also share this with your family at home when lighting your Advent wreath.

Advent is the time in which we prepare for Christmas. The Advent wreath is a tradition practiced by many Christians during Advent to prepare for the coming of Jesus. The word Advent comes from a Latin word Adventus which means “coming” or “arrival” as we prepare for the coming of Jesus. The shape of the wreath. It is formed in the shape of a circle which reminds us of God’s unending love. There is no beginning or end to God’s love for each of us.

The Advent Wreath is made of evergreen from the branches of evergreen trees like pine and holly which is the symbol of life. It remains green and alive even in the winter during the coldest months of the year. It reminds us of God’s eternal love for us.

Students retelling the Christmas Story

with each other using the classes Nativity Set



Living our faith and sharing the Christmas story together.

Next week on Tuesday, Father Holtmann will be gathering the children in the church for Christmas songs and talking about Advent.



Wednesday, Dec. 22 10:45-11:30 Christmas Party:

We know all children want to attend school on party days, however if your child is sick please keep them home. We want everyone to stay healthy prior to the Christmas break.

Dec. 22 Dismissal for all children at 11:45 a.m No ASP will be available.

Dec. 23-January 3 Christmas Vacation, school closed.

January 4, School Resumes

January 13 Kindergarten Information Night at the Primary Campus As families start to think about kindergarten, there are scholarships available through the Archdiocese for K-8th Catholic Education. See the Attached flyer.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas.