

# St. Thomas Aquinas Early Childhood Center News

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Dear Families and Friends,

I can't believe that the Christmas season is already here. We are all so busy preparing our homes for this blessed and joyous time of year. It is so important not to forget the true meaning of Christmas, as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

We hope to see everyone at "Cookies with Santa" Wednesday, December 5th from 5:30-7:00pm in the Parish Hall. This will be a very exciting event for the children, and an opportunity for you to meet other families from our parish. The Faith Formation Christmas Pageant begins at 7pm in the Parish Hall. The children will be singing many familiar Christmas Carols, and attending will be a wonderful way to get into the holiday spirit.

I hope you all take the time to enjoy this special time with your children. We get to spend time with them every day here at school, and even though we all have so much to do to get ready, I encourage you to include them in your preparations for the Christmas season. I wish you a very blessed Christmas, and a very Happy New Year!

Blessings,  
Miss Alicia

## Reminders:

- We are collecting food for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Baskets have been placed outside the classrooms. Please help us fill these baskets! The children will take them to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry each week.
- We will once again have a Giving Tree for families in our community. The tree will be on display in the ECC courtyard. Hanging on the tree are "ornament" tags with a gift idea for a child in need this Christmas. Please stop by and take a tag to purchase. Thank you for helping to make this Christmas brighter for a local family!
- Once again, we will be auctioning off the front row pews for our Christmas Prayer Service. The auction will begin December 17, and will end promptly at 12pm on December 20. You can find the auction sheets in the courtyard during that time. Good luck!
- Please remember to send a coat to school with your child on cold days. Make sure to label with your child's name! This is also a good time to change out the extra clothes in your child's backpack for something warmer!



## Upcoming Events

### December 5

Cookies with Santa 5:30pm in the Parish Hall

### December 11

EAT at Chick-Fil-A 5-8pm

### December 14

Shining Stars performance 11:30am in the Parish Hall

### December 21

Christmas Prayer Service 10am in the main church - NO LUNCH BUNCH

### December 24 - January 4

Christmas break

## Meet Our Staff

### EC4

Miss Lauren & Miss Kim - Room 5&6

Miss Adrienne & Miss Pam - Room 7

Miss Kelly & Miss Kristin - Room 11&12

### EC3

Miss Holly & Miss Kristin - Room 9

Miss Dyan & Miss Amanda - Room 8

### EC2

Miss Janine, Miss Annette & Miss Liz - Room 8

Alicia Mumma, Director  
Kari Glenny, Admin. Assistant

Father Eric, Pastor  
Father George, Asst. Pastor

## Christmas Prayer Service

We are so excited about our Christmas Prayer Service on December 21 at 10am! Our EC3 classes will be dressing as Nativity animals, and our VPK classes will be dressing as angels (girls) and shepherds (boys). Please let us know if you are unable to get a costume, as we have a few available to borrow.

Please drop your child, in costume, to their classroom by 9am. You can then head over to the church to get a spot for the show. We will be auctioning off the front two pews. Look for the silent auction sheets to go up in the courtyard on Monday! The children can be picked up in their classroom after the performance. Don't forget your camera!



Our Thanksgiving Prayer Service

## Cookies with Santa

Please join us in the Parish Hall at 5:30pm on December 5 for Cookies with Santa. Visit with Santa, make a craft and share a treat!

We are asking parents to bring cookies to share. St. Thomas Aquinas's Faith Formation classes will be putting on a Christmas Pageant at 7pm. It will be an adorable show!

## Parent Group Update

Dear Parents and Families,

November was a busy month and December isn't slowing down! We hope to see you all at Cookies with Santa on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be crafts, a raffle and of course lots of cookies (be sure to sign up to bring something to share). We also have our next Eating Around Town at Chick-Fil-A on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> (flyers will be sent home). To finish out the first half of the year we have our Christmas Prayer Service Friday Dec 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am, get ready for more cuteness!! Big shout out to all of the room moms who organize, discuss and create all of these fun activities. Have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!!

Sincerely,  
Krystine, Kortnee & Kasie



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Miss Adrienne & Miss Pam~  
Kasie Puleo, Liza Pesce & Tiffany Corey

Miss Kelly & Miss Kristin~  
Jessica Burrows & Dana McDevitt

Miss Holly & Miss Katie~  
Krystina Colyer & Heather Evenson (MWF) / Kristin Cox & Sarah Bailey (T/Th)

Miss Dyan & Miss Amanda~  
Jenifer Clair & Marie Ibrahim

Miss Janine & Miss Annette~  
Jillian Kaduk, Johanna Gaydos & Krystine Hoolihan