



## Blessings Tri-Parish Partnership PSR Family!

The months of October and November have been filled with times of studies, prayer, and fun! Thank you parents, teachers, students, and parishioners who give of your time in abundance. There is always much to be thankful for and may this season of Thanksgiving be blessed for you and all your loves.

### Some Highlights from our Tri-Parish PSR Family

- The first PSR Sunday was a huge blessing—Thank you Holy Cross for hosting!
  - Our 8th graders signed their commitment for Confirmation.
  - All Hollow's Eve was filled with games, laughter, and learning.
  - Preparing for our next PSR Sunday on Nov 24 at St. Joseph Stringtown.

Remember to pray for our PSR students and families, our parishes, staff, and priests.

# PSR SUNDAY + HOLY CROSS +



## PSR Sunday Schedule

November 24 St. JOSEPH Stringtown

December 22 St. JOSEPH Olney



## +CONFIRMATION SIGNING OF COMMITMENT+



## Thanksgiving Day Ideas

**Guess Who is Thankful.** As guests arrive, have them each write down on a piece of paper what they are thankful for, then have them fold up the note and place in a basket. After everyone's arrival, have one person read the notes out loud as others guess who wrote it.

**Pumpkin Roll.** This one gets everyone moving and could help burn off those extra calories from the big dinner. You need two large pumpkins and maybe a couple of spares if one breaks. Pumpkins are not smooth balls, so they do not roll in a straight line. They tend to roll all over the place, which means ample space is needed for this game. Racers line up and use their hands to move the pumpkin to the finish line. If you have many players, then make it a relay race.

**Rip It Up.** The game is to tear a sheet of construction paper into a turkey shape. The challenge is to do so while holding the piece of construction paper behind your back and with a time limit — a minute is usually a good amount. Before you start, choose someone to be the judge, and the winner is the person with the most recognizable shape.

**Thanksgiving Word Mash Up.** This is a great game to get your family to put on their thinking caps. Give everyone a piece of paper with the words "Happy Thanksgiving" written on the top or write it on a clipboard to pass around the table. The goal here is to come up with as many different words as you can, just using the letters from "Happy Thanksgiving." Keep at it until no one can think of another word.

**Have a Board Game Tournament.** Dust off those board games and put them to good use for a little friendly competition. Play a round, and the winner advances to the next round until the year's family board game champion has been decided.

*Thanksgiving might have a reputation for only being about eating turkey and watching football, but what really matters is getting together as a family and making memories. Give God Thanks !*

# PREPARE FOR ADVENT

## Advent is a Season of Preparing

If you have ever entertained guests, or even made the slightest effort to get ready for any company, you will see how those experiences lend themselves well to your own groundwork this Advent to invite Christ to dwell within your heart. There are a few things to do- to welcome the best guest ever- into your home and heart.

## Prepare Room in the Inn of your Heart

Your heart is where Christ wishes to dwell and Advent is the perfect time to clean out the clutter and to make room. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation early in the Advent season. Then you can journey the season in a closer relationship with the one to whom the season is about- Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

## Begin and End your day in Conversation

The inn of your heart is ready, so keep the space clean and welcoming by praying. The time shared with God first thing in the morning will set your heart ablaze. When you finish your day in gratitude and seek forgiveness for times you failed, you will rest better because the home of your heart is clean. Ask to live each day better than the last and ask that your preparations be for the glory of God.

## The Company is Arriving

The time will arrive with the best guest ever arriving. Do not delay in preparing your heart, in preparing your home for the best guest to come and stay forever. The focus can become very materialistic this time of year, especially. Journey this Advent with a focus of spending time preparing your home and heart. Spread love, gratitude, kindness, all around. The Joy of the Season is LOVE.

## ADVENT ANGEL

Be an **Advent Angel** with the people in your family beginning on Dec 1 to Dec 24. Draw names with your family members a few days before the Advent season begins. But remember.... Shh... don't tell who you have... then you do "angel" things for everyone in your family. What are these "angel" things? Help with dishes without being asked, pick up the toys, or shoes on the floor, get someone their slippers, offer them a bowl of ice cream, make them a cup of hot chocolate, write a note to the family telling them how much you love them all, don't argue, pray a rosary together, watch a good Christmas movie together... be kind -generous—loving- with everyone. Then on Christmas Eve, you tell who you had and possibly even offer them a small gift (something you made, or possibly mom & dad might help to provide a little surprise) it a WONDERFUL way to remember to be Christ -like in all that we do. Be an **Advent Angel** and then strive to live being "angel" like the whole year.