ADVENT WEEK THREE
Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.

~ Pope Francis

The third week of Advent focuses on **JOY**. It is represented by the lighting of the pink candle, the liturgical color for joy. This pink candle is often referred to as “The Shepherd’s Candle” signifying the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem.

Rejoice this week. Rejoice this holiday season. Exalt the coming anniversary of our Lord Jesus Christ’s birth. Let us sing—Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King! Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and nature sing.

As the schools will be closed for the Christmas holidays, remember to light the last candle of your Advent wreath on December 24 representing the greatest gift of all—LOVE.

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To Our JPII Families,
St. John Paul II Catholic Schools wishes you hope, peace, joy, and love throughout this Christ-centered holiday.

CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 21 Noon Dismissal
Dec 22-Jan 2 Christmas Break—JPII & schools will operate under abbreviated hours during these days. Check your school’s hours posted in each office or newsletter.

Jan 9 Feed My Starving Children Service Project—Grades 4-12

Jan 28-Feb 3 Catholic Schools Week

EDUCATION IN VIRTUE: KINDNESS
Expressing genuine concern about the well-being of others; anticipating their needs.

**Opposing Trait:** Not regarding the well-being of others, being cruel in looks, words, and actions.

**Live It:** Practice speaking, thinking, and acting kindly. Talk to someone who seems sad. “Do you need any help?” Respond to kindness by being kind in return. Ask someone how they are doing. Be kind even when others are not kind to you.

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Website: jp2schools.org
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Weekly Deacon Partner
Tuesday, January 9, all JPII Catholic Schools students grades 4-12 will be packing meals from 1130am-1:30pm at the Fargodome for Feed My Starving Children. We are glad to be a part of this history-making event, which has a goal of packing ten million meals between January 5-15. We are in need of parent volunteers to arrive the Fargodome prior to the students arrival, as well as oversee and pack meals.

As a reminder, all volunteers must have completed Safe Environment training.

If you wish to volunteer, please email your child’s school principal by January 5.

NOTE: Since we are packing food, all participants will be required to remove all jewelry and accessories (rings, bracelets, watches, earrings, earbuds).

There is 1 Qdoba physical card available for $25.00 with a 7% credit. Please contact Janelle Pederson if you wish to purchase. Qdoba has gone to e card only.

There is 1 CHILDREN’S PLACE physical card available for $25.00 with a 12% credit. Please contact Janelle Pederson if you wish to purchase.

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