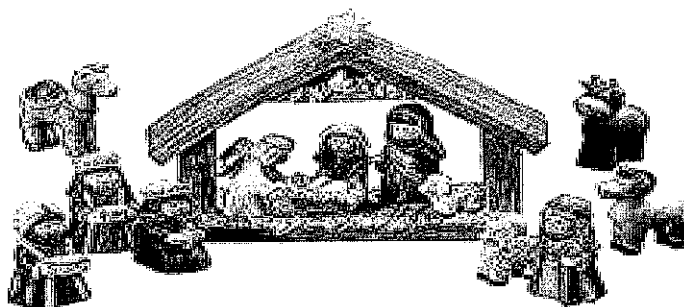


All children and teens of St. John Paul II Parish are invited to
participate in the

CHRISTMAS EVE (6:30 PM MASS)

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL TABLEAU



We're looking for Mary and Joseph, as well as Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men, and
a Camel and a Donkey

Also needed: Readers and Greeters

See the back of this page for descriptions of what each part entails.

Rehearsals will be held Sunday mornings, December 10 and December 17

From 11:00am-11:30am (during Faith Formation class time)

If you would like to participate, please contact Mrs. Manley or Mrs. Stoklosa
(barb.m@jp2parish.org; or call 627-9397) by Friday, December 8.

Information about our Christmas Gospel Tableau

At St. John Paul II the children portray the important characters of the Nativity narrative in Luke's Gospel. The children are costumed as the characters, and enter the church as part of the Entrance Procession. The children portraying Mary and Joseph (and the donkey) carry the figure of the infant Jesus to place in the manger. The children assume places on the sanctuary steps as the crèche is incensed, and remain there until Jesus is placed in the manger and Father takes his place on the altar. Then they quietly go to sit with their families until after Communion, when they will again come forward and take their places in front of the altar, where they will remain until the Mass is concluded.

This is not a "pageant" experience, but more of a visual to enhance the Christmas readings. There are no speaking roles, except for the young people who will serve as lectors for the 1st and 2nd readings.

Greeters: Stand at the entrance doors and welcome people to Mass. (May be girls or boys, able to be friendly and outgoing)

Readers: Proclaim the 1st and 2nd readings. (May be girls or boys; should be proficient readers)

Angels: Lead procession; line up on steps of the sanctuary (Can be girls or boys)

Mary, Joseph, Donkey: Follow the Angels; stand on floor at center in front of the altar; pass the baby Jesus figure to Father to place in the crèche. (Donkey can be a girl or boy)

Star: Follows the Holy Family; stands at the center at top, in front of the altar (Can be a girl or a boy)

Shepherds: Follow the Star; Kneel on the floor facing the crèche (Can be girls or boys)

Wise Men, Camel: Follow Shepherds; stand behind shepherds on floor (Camel can be a girl or boy)