Month of the Immaculate Conception

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. In keeping the Blessed Virgin free from the stain of sin from the moment of her conception, God presents us with a glorious example of what mankind was meant to be. Mary is truly the second Eve, because, like Eve, she entered the world without sin. Unlike Eve, she remained sinless throughout her life—a life that she dedicated fully to the will of God. The Eastern Fathers of the Church referred to her as "without stain" (a phrase that appears frequently in the Eastern liturgies and hymns to Mary); in Latin, that phrase is *immaculatus*: "immaculate."

Important Dates

- **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**—**Monday, Dec 7**—Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM, **Tuesday, Dec 8**—Mass at 6:45 am, 8:30 am and 12:10 pm
- **Cookie Sale to Combat World Hunger**—**Dec 12/13** (see below ways to give)
- **Christmas**—**Thursday, Dec 24**—Vigil Mass at 2:30 PM, 4:30 PM (live-stream), 7:30 PM, 11:00 PM—**Friday, Dec 25**—7:00 AM, 9:00 AM (live-stream), 11:30 AM
- **NO CLASS**—**Dec 27** (Christmas Holiday)
- **Solemnity of Mother Mary of God**—**Thursday, Dec 31**—Mass at 7:00 pm, **Friday, Jan 1**—Mass at 8:00 am and 10:00 am
- **NO CLASS**—**Jan 3**

REMINDER: There will be limited access to hallways, bathrooms, water bottle filling stations in the school building. If possible, have your child use the bathroom before entering the school building.