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MAY EVERY FAMILY HAVE A BLESSED AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON. THANK-YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR THE SCHOOL AND ESPECIALLY FOR THE STUDENTS BY SUPPORTING EVENTS. KEEP IN MIND THAT THE "REASON FOR THE SEASON" IS REMEMBERING THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.

SINCE CHRISTMAS IS ON SUNDAY THIS YEAR YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE MIDNIGHT EVENING SERVICE AT ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR CATHOLIC CHURCH (11:30PM -1:00AM) OR AT 11:00 AM ON SUNDAY MORNING. THE CHURCH ADDRESS IS 519 LISCUM DR. ON CORNER OF INTERSTATE 35 ACROSS FROM VETERANS ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS.



Holiday Break

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School will be closed from December 19, 2016 -January 2, 2017. All staff and students should report back to school on Tuesday, January 3. If there is increment weather-snow, ice storm, severe low temperatures-watch the news forecast or browse the news websites for closings especially when Dayton Public Schools are closed. You may also receive a one-call phone call from Mrs. Pitts. To prepare St. Benedict the Moor students for a smooth re-entry into the new year they will be bringing home school assignments. Students need to continue reading, writing, typing, and practicing math during break.



The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen

branches representing eternity. Four candles represent the weeks of Advent. Advent is the season or period of time in which Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus which is celebrated at Christmas. The word "advent" means coming.

Catholic tradition displays the advent wreath as a symbolism of the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. It represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation. On the first Sunday of Advent, which was on November 27, the first purple candle was lit. This candle represents hope in anticipation of the coming Messiah. On the second Sunday of

Advent, the second purple candle was lit. This candle typically represents love. On the third Sunday of Advent the pink, or rose-colored candle was lit. This pink candle represents joy. The fourth and last purple candle represents peace and will be lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent. The white center candle is traditionally lit. This candle represents the life of Christ that has come into the world. The color white represents purity. Celebrating with an Advent wreath during the weeks prior to Christmas is a great way for Christians to keep Christ at the center of Christmas.

*Information obtained from Mary Fairchild, About.com Guide "What is the Advent Wreath?"



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