



No doubt you received a gift this Christmas. Maybe you found it under the tree. Maybe it was delivered in the mail. Was it wrapped so you couldn't tell what was inside? Was it decorated with Christmas paper and some ribbon and a bow? There is one more such gift waiting for us this month: the gift of a new year. Here is a present with lots of presence. It is another opportunity to make right what has for too long been wrong. Maybe this is the year we finally get serious about our health. Maybe this is the year we mend a broken relationship. Maybe this is the year we make good on that promise to pray more often. Just like a Christmas gift, this New Year is concealed so we can't see what's inside. But each day is like peeling off another layer of wrapping paper. Next December, as this New Year draws to its close, my hope and prayer for all of us is that the twelve months that will have passed were filled with many good gifts and happy surprises, especially the gift and grace of growing more closely to our God. Happy New Year!

Our school photographer will be back on January 11 to take the pictures of our eighth graders and of any Kindergarten to seventh grade student who was absent when pictures were taken in October. Eighth graders do not have to pay for the package at the time of the sitting. Payment will be required when proofs are selected. All other students, however, must pay at the time of the sitting. Prices and package information was distributed in October.

St. Anne School will be closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 15.

Catholic Schools Week 2018 is coming! We will begin this weeklong celebration at the 9:30 AM mass on January 28. Open House for prospective families will also be held that day from 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Watch for our special calendar of events which will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to all our second graders who will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation this month. You are one step closer to receiving Jesus into your heart!

Our in-school Scholastic Book Fair will be held on January 30 & 31, and February 1. Pajama story time will be on Thursday, February 1, at 7:00 P.M. in the library.

