SAINT JAMES
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Dear Parents, November 24, 2026



We at St. James wish you a very happy Thanksgiving and hope you enjoy the time with your families. Please remember to spend some time thanking God for all the blessings He has given you. That is the real purpose of the day!

Before your children return on Monday, there are a few items about which you should know.

Mass: Mass during the school week of November 30 – December 4 will be in the parish hall. The church will not be available as workers will be busy all week cleaning the ceiling. This will be a big project! The hope is that it will be finished in time for the weekend Masses on December 5 and 6.

Morning Drop-off: When bringing your children to school on the mornings of Nov. 30 – Dec. 4, please have them come to the main door #1 on the south side of the school instead of the parish hall doors. We cannot have the children gather in the parish hall this week like usual because it will be set up for Mass and we want to keep due reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. The children should use the south door and report to their classrooms upon arriving.

15 Guests!: We welcome Dr. Peter Fletcher and fifteen teachers from the St. John Paul II Academy to our school. They will be visiting classrooms to observe our teachers and students. At a later time, some of our St. James teachers will travel to observe in their school. We are excited for these opportunities of hospitality and shared wisdom in the art of teaching children.

Advent: The holy season of Advent begins this Sunday, November 29. In the church calendar, this is the first day of the liturgical year. We begin again with the ongoing hope of Christ's coming more fully into our lives and with longing for His final coming in glory. Viva Cristo Rey!

Reading Scripture is one way to seek for Christ. Coming home today is an Advent calendar with scripture verses and simple projects which you might enjoy doing with your children. For the adults in the family, try reading the four gospel accounts. It is a specific yet profound Advent practice.

In the Heart of Christ the King,

Sister Mary Alma, C.K.

Operation Under the Tree: The Crete Fraternal Order of Police, provides toys/clothes for children determined to be in need this holiday season. If you are interested, please ask the school for an application form.

School Closings: St. James School will follow the Crete Public Schools for school closings and late start days due to dangerous weather conditions. As soon as the information is known, Sister Mary Alma will send out an announcement on School Messenger. Our announcement will also be on KLKN-TV Channel 8 and KOLN.KGIN TV Channel 10/11.

No School: There will be **no school** on November 25- 29 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Coming Home Today: Advent Calendar, Crete Hometown Holidays Events, 4-H handout for grades K-2

Upcoming Dates:

November 25-29	No School. Thanksgiving Break
November 30	School resumes
	8:15 a.m. Mass will be in the parish hall from November 30 – December 4.
December 1	Giving Catholic Tuesday. Thank you for your generosity!
December 8	No School today. The solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.
December 11	5th graders present "Our Lady of Guadalupe" 8:50 a.m. in the church.
December 16	PreK and Kindergarten Christmas program 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
December 17	1st – 6th grade Christmas program. 7:00 p.m.