

## Plans & Directions for R.E. Christmas Story Rehearsals & Enactment!!!

All children in our Weekday & Sunday R.E. programs are encouraged to take part in this year's Christmas Nativity Enactment on **Monday, Dec. 16, Tuesday, Dec. 17 or Wednesday, Dec. 18!**

Parents, grandparents, and godparents, please attend during our regular scheduled, weekday R.E. sessions. Please go directly to our CHURCH!

**Our ONE rehearsal practice will take place in our church this week during our designated R.E. Weekday Sessions- Mon., Dec. 9, Tues., 10, or Wed., Dec. 11!**

**The weeks of December 9 and December 16, ALL students, parents, and catechists should go directly to our church where there will be signs taped on either side of the pews to help direct the seating assignment for each class.** All parents and family guests may sit behind the front row sections reserved for the students.

### **Major KEY Roles: SINGING!!!**

A key role that moves all of us to unlock the beauty of the Son of God becoming a newborn babe, and praying this story together (vs. performing it) is to have **ALL the students, parents, and guests SING the six Christmas carols** that are sung as a beautiful part of the telling of the story. ***Song sheets will be provided AND please have fun by using the Christmas Carol link below to rehearse the songs as a family before the date of your enactment.***

We are in the process of contacting parents of students whose names were drawn as angels, shepherds, sheep as well as the role of Mary, Joseph, the 3 kings, star bearer, and the Angel Gabriel. **THANK YOU TO ALL CHILDREN WHO WERE WILLING & EAGER TO SUBMIT THEIR NAMES!**

### **Costumes:**

We will provide costumes for children enacting the role of Mary, Joseph, 3 kings, star bearer, and the Angel Gabriel.

**Parents provide costumes for angels, sheep and shepherds. Here are a few suggestions:**

**Angels:** Dress your child in white garments (white dresses, bathrobe, a large square of white fabric with a cut-out neck hole) and a belt around the waist with white shirt and white pants/tights underneath. **Halos will be provided.**

**Shepherds:** Dress your child in a colored garment. A bathrobe or large piece of fabric, an old striped or colored sheet, with a cut-out neck hole and waist tie, with shirt and pants underneath, works well. Use a face towel or piece of fabric as a head scarf, tied with a rope or band to hold it on their head. Your child may bring a stuffed animal, traditional to a stable setting.

**Sheep:** White shirt, blouse or turtleneck and dark pants. **Sheep headbands will be provided.** The church will likely be full and the children may get hot, so consider **avoiding** having your child wear a heavy sweater underneath their costume.

***Costumes for angels, shepherds, and sheep are NOT needed for rehearsal the week of Dec. 9.***

**Christmas Cookie Reception to Follow in MPR:** ***Please bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to share*** that will follow the Nativity enactment. Carts will be parked near the entrance of the narthex and function as our cookie drop-off center before you enter the church. **THANK YOU!!!**

**Note:** ***The Christmas enactment and holiday reception will finish within an hour.***

If you have questions, please contact Mary Jo Trapani, 331-707-5378

Thank you!!!