

The mission of St. Mary  
Help of Christians Catholic  
School is to strengthen our  
children in spirit, mind,  
and in body and to  
prepare them to lead lives  
based on Christian Faith  
and good reason.

# SAINTLY CHATTER

## December 2011

Dear Parents,

Outside everyone is enjoying the brilliant, late, South Carolina fall! Inside, though, the atmosphere is Advent, Christmas, Music, and Gingerbread!

We have now begun the season of Advent! This past First Sunday of Advent marked not the beginning of the Christmas season. Rather, it announced the beginning of a time when we focus on faithful anticipation. We anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth when he came into the world as our Lord and Savior. We anticipate the coming of Jesus in our walk of faith every day, especially in our acts of love, charity, and justice toward others. As Pope Benedict XV1 said, "It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

I invite you to share in this anticipation with your families at the activities provided through the school, the Parish, your churches, and your community.

Blessings to each of you!

Marguerite B. (Peggy) Wertz

### HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY!

Celebrant	Grade	Date
Wels Donaldson	5T	Dec-01
Ann-Marshall Gillam	8M	Dec-06
Hailey Young	3N	Dec-07
Brendan Salomone	4KM	Dec-07
Brennan Webster	7M	Dec-09
Gracie Carroll	3N	Dec-10
Lauren Katonak	2C	Dec-11
Cole Belcher	6WE	Dec-13
Kaylee McElwain	KD	Dec-13
Nicole Kramer	5K	Dec-14
Jarrett Peskar	7M	Dec-15
Katherine Canada	KD	Dec-16
Ansley Brodie	3N	Dec-17
Nicholas Judd	4B	Dec-20
Lili Ross	3N	Dec-20
Grace Kaminski	4R	Dec-21
Chloe Pack	4B	Dec-21
Blye Eichenberg	4B	Dec-22
Payton Carter	8M	Dec-24
Mrs. Chris Trezza		Dec-24
Tessa Burgess	8M	Dec-25
Annie Schwenker	8M	Dec-26
Jesse Feliz-Brown	KD	Dec-26
Annelise Waling	6WE	Dec-27

### ST. MARY SCHOOL WEBSITE

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