

1-5 Newsletter
St Maria Goretti Religious Education
Newsletter: December 15, 2009



Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generosity! The St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry will be so thrilled with the wonderful gifts your family has donated to those less fortunate. The monetary gifts from the 3^d, 4th and 5th graders which are being donated to the international organization Food for the Poor will also make so much difference for poor people in the Caribbean. Thank you, parents, for teaching compassion for others—an important mission of our Church.



Start a new family tradition by having everyone in your family write a Christmas letter to teach other. Encourage family members to each write about or draw a picture of what they love most about the person they are writing to. Decorate the envelopes and put them under the tree. Later on Christmas family members can read and share their letters and pictures. A lovely tradition to begin with our families.

**WE WISH ALL OF YOU A BLESSED
CHRISTMAS AND THE JOY OF MUCH
CELEBRATION AND CLOSENESS WITH
YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.**



1st class after the Holidays:
January 11th

Christmas Prayer for Present Opening



Lord Jesus, Wise men traveled for miles to bring you the first Christmas presents. So may we, too, remember with thankful hearts the love that comes with each present we open. We also thank you for the amazing love you have for each of us, and we thank you for the many gifts that you give us. Amen

Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant

4:30 p.m. Children's Mass

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

10:00 p.m. Mass of the Night

Christmas Morning: 7am, 9am and 11am



Questions or concerns?

Please call the Religious Ed office.

Our door is always open to help you in any way we can.

<http://stmariagoretti.org/SMG/>

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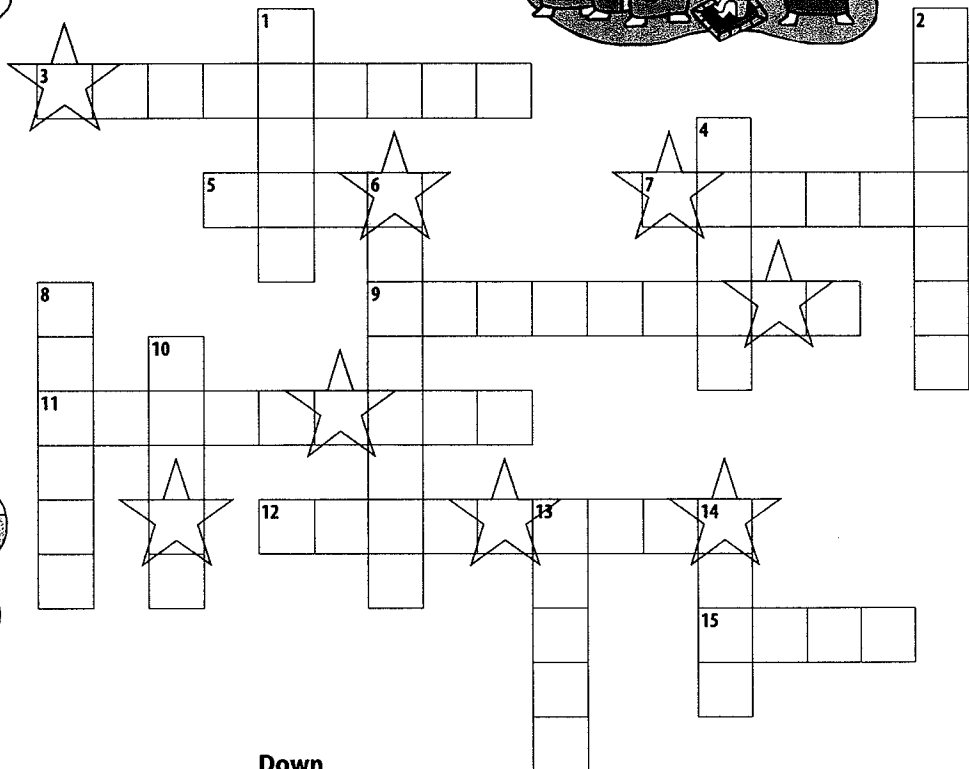
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A Family Together

A Group Activity for
the Family at Home
or Your Class Family

The staff of CATECHIST

Christmas Crossword



Across

3. Mary's cousin
5. Elizabeth and Zachariah's son, to be known as "the Baptist"
7. where Jesus was laid because there was no room in the inn
9. Elizabeth's husband
11. those who heard the angels proclaim the birth of Jesus
12. known as the City of David, where Jesus was born
15. one of the gifts the magi gave to the Christ Child

Down

1. the name of Joseph's father
2. the angel who appeared to Mary to tell her she would be the mother of Our Savior
4. Joseph was of this ancestor's house and family
6. where Mary and Joseph and Jesus went when they returned from Egypt
8. the man betrothed to Mary
10. the name the angel told Mary to give to her son
13. where Mary and Joseph fled to protect the Infant Jesus from King Herod
14. those who came from the East in search of the newborn king

Arrange the letters in the stars for the name that means "God is with us."



Answers
Across: 3. Elizabeth; 5. John; 7. manger; 9. Zachariah; 11. shepherds; 12. Bethlehem; 15. gold.
Down: 1. Jacob; 2. Gabriel; 4. David; 6. Nazareth; 8. Joseph; 10. Jesus; 13. Egypt; 14. magi
God is with us: EMMANUEL

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