

# St. Joseph Religious Education

## Calendar

January 1

**No Classes**  
**Christmas Break**

January 8

**Religious Education**

January 15

**No Classes**  
**MLK Day**

January 22

**Religious Education**

**Last day to donate**  
**items for the**  
**Winter Picnic**

January 29

**No Classes**  
**Winter Picnic**  
**Clean Up**

**The Christmas Season**  
**isn't over just yet...**

**celebrate**

**The Feast of Holy Family**  
**12/30**

**The Solemnity of Mary**  
**1/1**

**The Epiphany**  
**1/8**

**The Baptism of Our Lord**  
**1/9**

*Happy New Year!*

Best wishes to you in the new year.

Our parish **Winter Picnic** is coming up on Saturday, January 28th at 4pm and I am grateful for donations towards themed baskets that have already starting coming in.

As a reminder, the themes are:

Pre-School/1<sup>st</sup> Grade at 8:30am – Comedy

Pre-School/1<sup>st</sup> Grade at 10:00am – Ice Cream Sundae

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Sports

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Baby

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Movie Night

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Hockey

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Game Night

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Tools

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Chicago Cultural Experience

Please send any items you can donate for baskets with your children on either January 8th or 22nd.

**Volunteers Needed:** If you would like to help with this year's event, please sign up in the church vestibule after Mass and the committee will contact you with further details.

### NEW IN 2017

The Villages of Homewood and Flossmoor have partnered this year for the **2017 Martin Luther King Day of Service**. In 1994, Congress declared Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday as a federal holiday, it has since transformed to a day to serve others. The Villages have partnered with many organizations to host service projects. St. Joseph's eighth grade students will collect items, on behalf of South Suburban Family Shelter, on January 16, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, in front of St. Joseph's Church. See bulletin for details.