

Christmas Eve Liturgy



St. Monica Home and School are pleased to once again present a Christmas pageant prior to The Christmas Eve Liturgy. The pageant will begin in church promptly at 4:45 p.m. If you plan to attend the pageant, we encourage you to participate in the following traditions that help make the Liturgy particularly special.

Layette Collection

Layette items will be collected for the Christ Child Society. Please bring an unwrapped layette item. Lectors will ask the children to bring these items to the sanctuary during the pre-Mass pageant and to remain at the Altar for the duration of the pageant.

Host of Angels

During the pageant, one of the lectors will invite all children in attendance to come forward to the altar. The children will be asked to sit in the sanctuary to listen to the rest of the pageant. In this way, the children also become part of the pageant, serving as our “Host of Angels.” Parents should encourage their children to come forward when directed by the lector and ask them to remain there until the end of the play. If you are donating a layette item, this is also the time to bring that gift forward. All children are welcome, however, even if they are not presenting a gift.

Ringling of the Christmas Bells

A long-standing tradition at St. Monica is to ‘ring in Christmas’ at the end of the liturgy. Please bring a bell from home to ring during the recessional hymn, Joy to the World. The Church will resound with the joyful sound of bells to celebrate Christ’s birth. Parents, please hold onto bells until the last song has been announced.

Questions? Please call Judie Reynolds (414-365-1440) or Marti Wronski (414-962-6089).