

27th Anniversary of Giving at OLP

Special Parish Invitation to be a part of the OLP School Advent Project.



Our Lady of Peace
SCHOOL

ADVENT PROJECT: CELEBRATING

27th ANNIVERSARY OF GIVING



Our Lady of Peace
CHURCH

It began in 1987, when a representative from the Erie City Mission spoke to the fourth grade, telling them about less fortunate children in other parts of our city. It was difficult for students to imagine children who wished not for toys, but for new mittens or warm socks. Teachers Elaine Cleary and Joni Blackman suggested they could show real Christmas spirit by foregoing their own Kris-Kringle gifts and giving to others. Parent, Roberta Geib enlisted the support of other parents who helped their children have a direct role in choosing and wrapping gifts, making cards and supplying homemade cookies. That year, while students in all other grades were exchanging gifts, those fourth graders stood alone, proud and satisfied they had done something good for others. Their gift sent the message of what Christmas is really about and by 1989 this became a school-wide tradition at our school.



For the last three years, we have invited the parish community to join us in our charitable giving. Once again, we are asking those of you in our parish to be part of our Advent projects. Many charities, and many adults and children, have benefited from the generosity of OLP School throughout the years. It is with a great sense of pride that we share with you our plans for this Christmas season.

PRE-SCHOOL / KINDERGARTEN Catholic Charities www.eriecd.org/charities.asp

The kindergarten children will be donating small new baby items for needy families. Ideas are: bibs, baby blankets, diapers, baby shampoo/lotions, sleepers, etc. Kindergarten hopes that these baby items for the on-site closet at the Catholic Charities Mother/Infant Program will help new mothers have baby accessories that will help their babies be happy and healthy.

FIRST GRADE Make- A-Wish Foundation www.wishgreaterpa.org

The first grade collects monies to support this agency that helps children with life threatening illnesses by granting those wishes which bring joy and happiness into their lives at a time when things might look very bleak.

SECOND GRADE Highmark Caring Place www.highmarkcaringplace.com

The second grade is earning and saving money for the center to help with the activities designed to help those who have lost loved ones. The students want them to know they have our love and support.

THIRD GRADE Erie Dawn www.riedawn.org

The third grade will be collecting donations of money throughout the advent season to assist Erie Dawn in helping impoverished women find safe affordable housing. Grade three is excited about helping women find hope for themselves and their children.

FOURTH GRADE SSJ Neighborhood Network
www.ssjnn.org

The fourth grade can help the Neighborhood Network in many ways. They are in need of hygiene products such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, and toothpaste. Cleaning and laundry products are needed as well as toilet paper and paper towels. Fourth grade hopes their donations will help the Sisters of St. Joseph supply people with things we take for granted.

FIFTH & SIXTH GRADE Mercy Center for Women www.mcwerie.org

