

Nov 29, 2024 Dear Parents,

As you may have heard, our school has partnered with <u>Hallow</u>, <u>the #1 Catholic prayer platform</u> to provide Hallow as a resource to strengthen both the mental and spiritual health of the school community.

At Notre Dame, our students are participating in a daily Hallow Advent prayer challenge throughout the week in their classrooms. While students are engaging in prayer and reflection during the week at school, the weekend offers a special opportunity for families to come together and share in the Advent spirit at home.

For K through 2nd grade students: Mary on the Mantel

• Prepare for Christmas alongside Mary as she readies her heart and home for the birth of Jesus. Each day of Advent, Mary will share parts of the story about how she was chosen by God to teach students about what a gift her son Jesus is to the world. During this challenge, students will find Mary in a new location each day as she journeys through the school/home.

For 3rd-7th grade students: <u>Jesse Tree Tales</u>

• In this challenge you will meet Ezra, a young boy from Nazareth traveling to Bethlehem with his family for the census. As they journey, Mary and Joseph fill Ezra in on the story of salvation history beginning with Adam and Eve.

Tips for praying the Advent challenges at home:

- 1. Create a consistent routine, choosing a time and place to pray that is comfortable and inviting.
- 2. Make prayer relatable with visible, everyday preparations for Christmas in your home. Draw a connection for children between preparation for Christmas in the classroom and at home.
- 3. Have fun! Embrace the joy and hope of Advent by playing music and games and decorating your home. *Find more ideas and suggestions:* <u>hallow.com/advent</u>

Through the school's partnership, your student has full access to everything on the platform, including Advent content. We are pleased to provide all school families with access to Hallow for a **90-day free trial period**, which parents can cancel at any time or choose to continue praying with Hallow after the 90 days are complete.

In order to take advantage of the trial, follow the below instructions:

• Start here: https://hallow.com/portal/#/redeem

Enter your school's parent promo code: NotreDameCISPGstudents2425

- Click "Continue with Email" or "Continue with Google" (if you have a gmail address)
- SKIP phone number; Click "Use Email Instead"
- Enter your email address/ password (Google users should be able to skip this step for a single sign-on)
- Follow remaining prompts

• Begin praying with Hallow!

Additional promo code support: https://intercom.help/hallow-inc/en/articles/3276717-i-have-a-promo-code-where-do-i-input-it

We understand that weekends can be busy, but even taking a few minutes on Saturday and Sunday to pray together, we can build a strong foundation of faith and hope, both at school and at home.

If you have any questions or if there is anything we can offer up in prayer on your behalf, please do not hesitate to reach out to us or the Hallow team directly at schools@hallow.app.

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