

ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 18, 2025



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Principals,

The joyous celebration of Christmas is coming quickly! I know that life in our Catholic schools has been very hectic this week as we approach Christmas Break. Nevertheless, I hope that you have time to rest and recharge in the coming days. Remember that the OCS will remain open for much of Christmas Break, although individual staff members may be using vacation days. The OCS will be closed on Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1.

Our next Principals' Meeting will take place on Jan. 15 at Barry University. The meeting will feature our annual Legal Update with our attorneys (among other topics). More information will be released following the holidays. It will be great to reconnect with our school leaders as the second semester begins!

May the peace and joy of the Christ-Child inspire and bless us this Christmas!

Jim Rigg, Ph.D.
Secretary of Education
Superintendent of Catholic Schools

UPCOMING DATES:

Dec. 19: Early Dismissal; End of Second Quarter

Dec. 20-Jan. 4: Christmas Break Dec. 25: Christmas

Jan. 1: New Years; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Jan. 5: School Resumes; Start of Third Quarter

Jan. 6: iReady Winter Diagnostic begins (ends Jan 23)

Jan. 9: Early Dismissal (Staff PD)

Jan. 15: Principals' Meeting (Barry University)

Jan. 16: Archbishop's Cup (STU)

ARCHBISHOP'S CUP SOCCER GAME

The annual Archbishop's Cup soccer game is coming soon! Please invite students and families from your school to attend this special and fun-filled event! For more information, see below:

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🌐 Web: www.miamimarch.org



FRIDAY
JANUARY 16, 2026

FREE ADMISSION
DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR THE SEMINARY
BURSE FUND BY SCANNING THE QR CODE



ST. THOMAS
UNIVERSITY
16401 NW 37 Avenue
Miami Gardens, FL 33054
Doors Open at 6:00 pm
Kickoff at 7:30 pm



CURRICULUM CARAVAN 2026

The Office of Catholic Schools is excited to host the second annual **Curriculum Caravan** in two locations. New and returning representatives from various publishing companies will showcase and present curricular resources. This event is open to principals, assistant principals, curriculum directors/coordinators, instructional coaches, ESE directors, Early Childhood directors, and teacher leaders. Save the following dates on your calendar:

- **February 3** – St. Louis Covenant (Miami-Dade) - 9am-2pm
- **February 4** – Nativity (Broward) - 9am-2pm

IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCILS' UPDATES:

Is your council meeting regularly? Do you need help to get the council moving in the right direction? Let us know. Email the appropriate response to Dr. Edwards:

SAC on the go (If your SAC is meeting regularly) Or SAC no (If your SAC is not yet meeting regularly)

IREADY UPDATES AND REMINDERS:

Winter Diagnostic: January 6 – January 23 (Assign the diagnostic on January 6)

Follow these short steps to assign the diagnostic:

1. Select 'Assess & Teach' from the top navigation
2. Select 'Assessment' on the left and then enter Reading or Math
3. Select 'Assign Current' under Diagnostic
4. Choose either Classes, Report Groups or Students
5. Select your population using the checkboxes
6. Review your selections and assign the current Diagnostic



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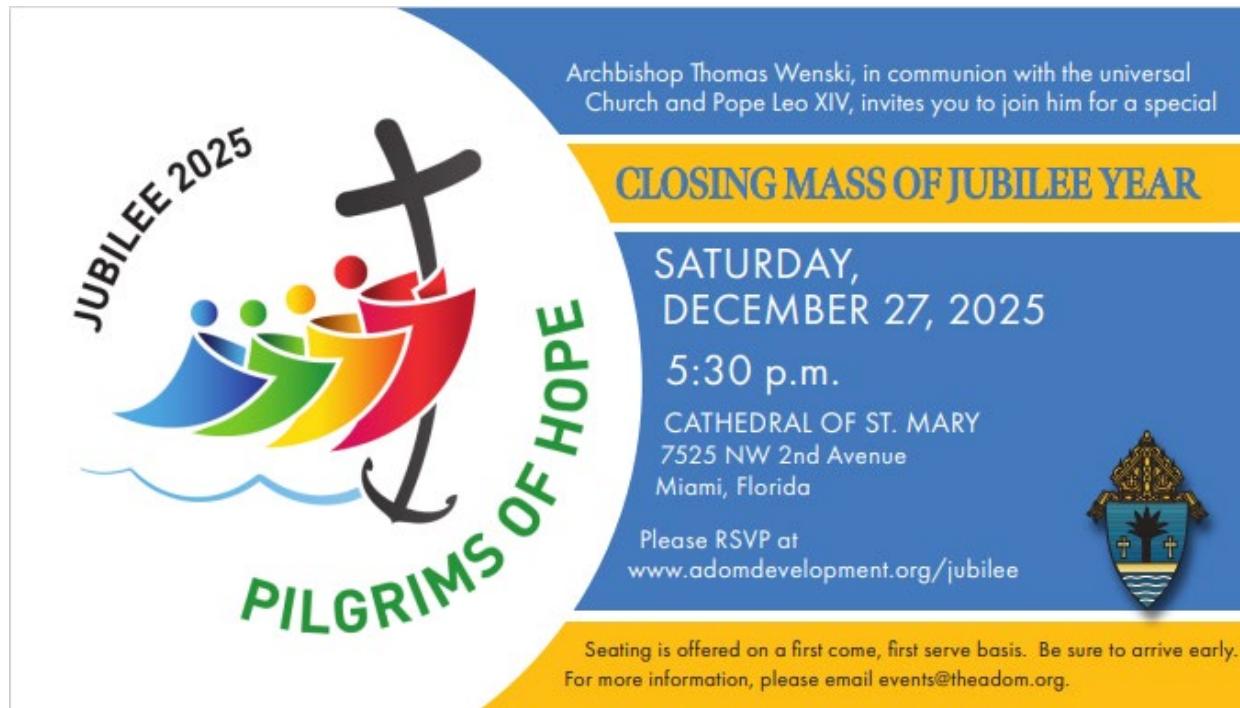
St. Lawrence
St. Mark
Nativity

Holiday Pictures with Plory



Congratulations St. Patrick and St. Thomas the Apostle

JUBILEE YEAR CLOSING MASS INVITATION:



STEP UP: Leadership Connect Meeting designed especially for Finance staff & EMA users.

- Date: January 20, 2026
- Time: 10:00 AM
- Location: Key Biscayne Presbyterian School, 160 Harbor Drive, Key Biscayne, FL 33149
- Or
- Date: January 21, 2026
- Time: 09:00 AM
- Location: Greater Heights Academy, 4707 SW 127th Ave, Miami, FL 33175
- Or
- Date: January 28, 2026
- Time: 10:00 AM
- Location: Nur Ul-Islam Academy, 10600 SW 59th St, Cooper City, FL 33328
- Or
- Date: January 29, 2026
- Time: 10:00 AM
- Location: Advent Lutheran School, 300 East Yamato Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33431

PLEASE RSVP Leadership Connect Meeting – Finance & EMA Users Winter 2025-2026



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE OCS AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION!