**The Hopes and Fears of all our years – a new Advent tradition!**

Greetings Holy Cross Families!

In this envelope you will find a piece of white fabric. Take this fabric and place it on your dining room table or somewhere in your house where you will be able to interact with it.

Each day in Advent, you are invited to write a word or phrase on this fabric. You may use the prompts found in the envelope or choose your own word or phrase that names your hopes and fears.

You will also find a clothes pin in your kit. You are invited to decorate this peg doll with a face or not… make it as simple or elaborate as you would like.

On Christmas Eve, you will wrap your Jesus doll in the fabric you’ve worked on throughout Advent as his “swaddling clothes.” Place your Jesus doll under your Christmas Tree or somewhere prominent in your house to help celebrate the true gift of Christmas!

Daily Prompts:

November 29: write something you are excited for  
November 30: write something that worries you  
December 1: write something that gives you hope

December 2: write something that makes you sad  
December 3: write something that makes you laugh  
December 4: wrote something you long to do  
December 5: write the name of someone you love dearly  
December 6: write the name of a place you wish you could go  
December 7: write something you grieve  
December 8: write the name of someone you miss  
December 9: write something you are grateful for  
December 10: write something you’re proud of  
December 11: write something that frustrates you  
December 12: write something that excites you  
December 13: write something you think is silly  
December 14: write something ordinary or boring  
December 15: write something going on in the world right now  
December 16: write something that overwhelms you  
December 17: writes something that surprises you  
December 18: draw a scribble for things that don’t have words  
December 19: write something you don’t like doing  
December 20: write something you love to do  
December 21: write a word or phrase that describes you  
December 22: write a word or phrase that describes your family  
December 23: write something about your church  
December 24: write something about Jesus

On Christmas Eve, wrap the Baby Jesus peg doll in the swaddling clothes, made of the hopes and fears of all the years, as they are met in Christ tonight. Play “Oh Little Town of Bethlehem” as you place the baby in a prominent space like under your tree or on your mantle or dining room table.

Merry Christmas!

Love,

Kelsey