What is Advent by Candlelight?

It is a social event for women of the Sacred Heart School and parish (WiSH – Women in Sacred Heart) to gather for a beautiful and reflective evening of fellowship. We plan to present a peaceful, spiritual evening to kick off the Advent/Christmas season and provide a fun opportunity for strengthened community bonds.

What are the details of the event?

It will take place the first Sunday of Advent – Sunday, December 3 -- from 6-8pm in the Sacred Heart School gymnasium. All women of the school/parish are invited.

What happens at the event?

The gymnasium will be lowly lit, mostly by candles. Tables will be uniquely decorated with Advent/Christmas themes. Women will mingle to socialize and admire the table décor. Attendees will then be seated at round tables of ten. Coffee, tea, water and desserts will be provided. Table hosts may provide additional food and wine/beverages for their tables. A short (15-20 minute) reflection and musical performance will be presented.

What is the role of a table host?

1 - Invite nine fellow Sacred Heart women to sit at your table. After receiving positive confirmation of attendance from your guests, email the Advent by Candlelight committee at Info@Sacredheart.org to submit their names. (If you prefer to invite fewer than 9 women, no problem -- we will fill your table with other wonderful women who RSVP). We will keep a running record of attendees for all table captains to utilize. (Can I invite women who are non-parishioners or non-Catholic? Yes – our goal is to foster fellowship in the SH community, but we value inclusivity, and All are welcome).

2 - Come to the Sacred Heart School gym between 3–5:30pm on Sunday, December 3 to decorate and set your table. This will include bringing your own personal dishes, glassware, silverware, and linens. (White floor length tablecloths will be provided). You can make it as fancy (or not), themed (or not), and fun as you would like! If desired, you can add a centerpiece, decorations, candles, favors, additional food and beverages (including wine). In essence, you are creating your own mini party at your table. And you are creating a beautiful holiday table for your guests and the entire community to enjoy.

3 - After the event, take your personal items home. We will have volunteers in the afternoon and again after the event to help with carrying boxes of tableware to and from host’s cars.

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