

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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Holy Family's Children's Christmas Pageant is a highlight of my Advent season each year! I love working on the Pageant for many reasons. First, I get to share the Nativity story with a fun group of happy and wonderfully enthusiastic children. Helping them bring the Blessed story to life as they express their creativity and individuality just rejuvenates my whole soul for Advent and Christmas, and personifies "the real reason for the season."

Also, working on the Christmas Pageant is an extension of my gratifying role as a Catechist at Holy Family. Spending Sunday mornings with young children exploring and sharing our beautiful Catholic Faith deeply enriches my own personal experience of God's Grace.

Finally, being part of the annual Christmas Pageant team gives me the opportunity to spend time having fun doing God's work with such wonderful people as my BFF and sister Annamary Holbrook, Cyndi Zajic, the choristers, the adult choirs and the many Moms and Dads who all work hard together for the success of the big Christmas show!

My special memories of this pageant include discreet and instant costume changes from soldiers and innkeepers to shepherds and sheep in the front pew during the show;- helping self-conscious Narrators overcome shyness in public speaking; -hearing young soloists beautifully sing Christmas hymns; fun costume situations like Joseph really wanting to wear a beard, and happily announcing "It's not even itchy!," an adorable innkeeper joyfully picking out her favorite pink headpiece for her part, and a cute sheep quickly crawling across the front of the church on all fours during the show to join the flock; those adorable sheep swaying to the music during the show, while one just wanted to wear the fluffy ears as he sat in the pews and watched; there was a cake after the shows with 6" high Holy Family frosting figurines!

Holy Family's Annual Children's Christmas Pageant is certainly not to be missed!