



CHALLENGING MINDS

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DEVELOPING CHARACTER

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LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

**“On the twelfth day of Christmas...”** Today, we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany. The Epiphany reminds us of how special Jesus is and that we should spend our lives seeking Him. This special day celebrates the coming of the Magi – the three wise men (or kings), from the East who followed a star and came to adore Jesus.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, it is very special to ask the blessing of God on your house throughout the following year. This blessing can help us remember that God is a part of our comings and goings and every aspect of our daily lives. As a part of this blessing, it is traditional to write in chalk above the main entrance to the home. This is what the writing would look like for 2023: 20 + C + M + B + 23. [Click here for an Epiphany blessing for your home.](#)

**SAVE THE DATE** - On Tuesday, January 17, we will be hosting a School Choice Q&A featuring one or two principals from archdiocesan schools who currently participate in this program. Join us at 6:00 PM in the lower level conference rooms.

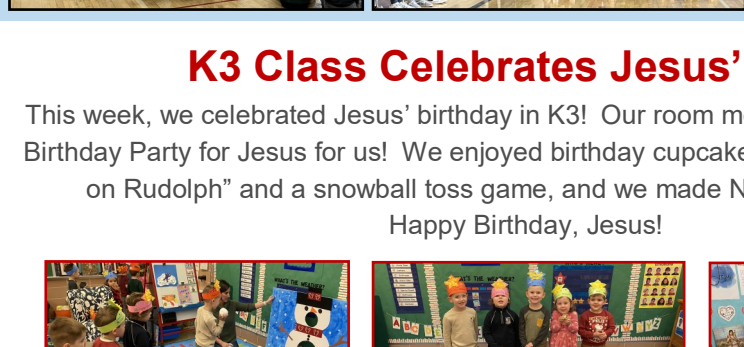
**HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?** - Mrs. Nowicki and Mrs. Kleinmann will be co-directing our next musical featuring 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. They will be performing The Lion King on Thursday, March 23rd. The gifts and talents of our teachers never cease to amaze me! We are so blessed to have teachers who are brave enough to take on new challenges for the benefit of our students!

**OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 29th** - We will be hosting our annual Open House for prospective families from 11-2 on Sunday, January 29th. Please spread the news to neighbors, friends, family and co-workers who may be interested in enrolling their children.

Blessings!

Linda Joyner

Take a look at a [few pictures](#) from Friday's Prayer Service, as our students and faculty celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jan. 9

Spelling Bee (5th-8th)

Jan. 9

Home and School Meeting, St. Clare Conference Room, 7pm

Jan. 16

[Chipotle Night](#), 4-8pm

Jan. 19

Junior Decent School Program at Art Museum (3rd, 4th, some 5th grade)

Jan. 23

First Communion/First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 7-9pm

Jan. 27

No School/In-Service Day

Jan. 29

**[Open House](#)**  
11am - 2pm

Jan. 30- Feb.3

Catholic Schools Week

Feb. 3

Family Fun Fair

Feb. 9

No School (Conferences)

Feb 10

No School (Teacher In-Service)

March 2 - 22

Iowa Testing

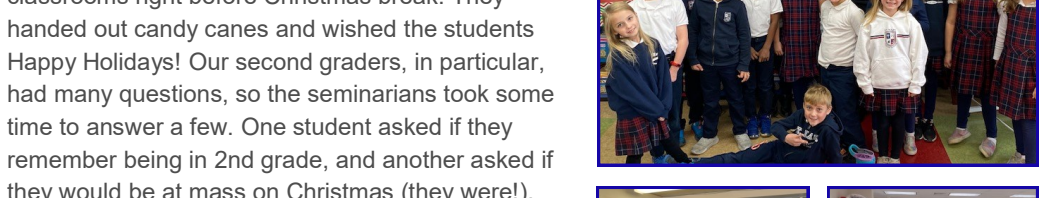
March 7

End of Trimester 2

**K3 Class Celebrates Jesus' Birth!**

This week, we celebrated Jesus' birthday in K3! Our room moms planned such a fun Birthday Party for Jesus for us! We enjoyed birthday cupcakes, played "Pin the Nose on Rudolph" and a snowball toss game, and we made Nativity ornaments!

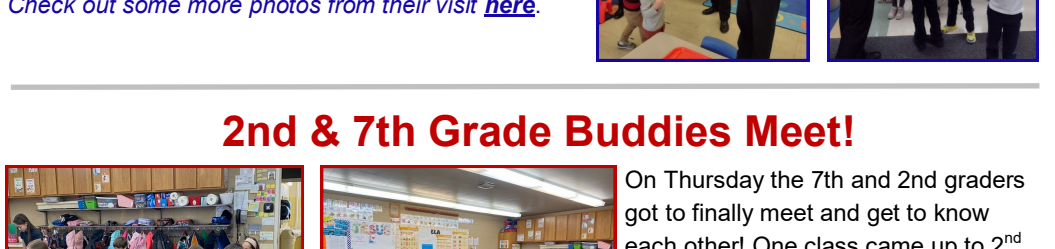
Happy Birthday, Jesus!



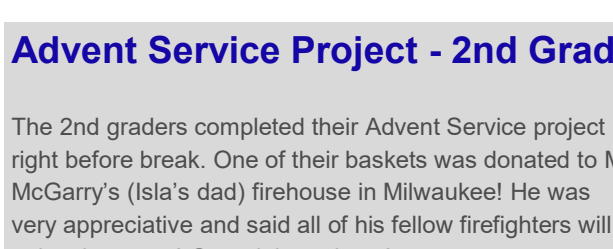
**Seminarian Visits**

The seminarians came for a visit to several classrooms right before Christmas break. They handed out candy canes and wished the students Happy Holidays! Our second graders, in particular, had many questions, so the seminarians took some time to answer a few. One student asked if they remember being in 2nd grade, and another asked if they would be at mass on Christmas (they were!). They encouraged all the students to attend mass, as well. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your families!

[Check out some more photos from their visit here.](#)



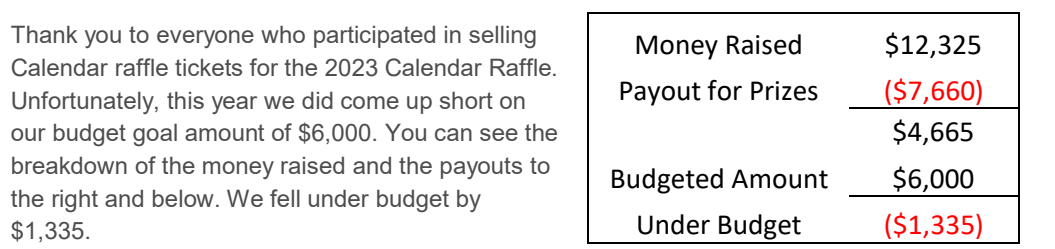
**2nd & 7th Grade Buddies Meet!**



On Thursday the 7th and 2nd graders got to finally meet and get to know each other! One class came up to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to build with base ten blocks, while the other class played a game of Jeopardy. A fun time was had by all! [Check out a few more pictures here.](#)

**Advent Service Project - 2nd Grade**

The 2nd graders completed their Advent Service project right before break. One of their baskets was donated to Mr. McGarry's (Isla's dad) firehouse in Milwaukee! He was very appreciative and said all of his fellow firefighters will enjoy the treats! Great job students!



**2023 Calendar Raffle Update**

Thank you to everyone who participated in selling Calendar raffle tickets for the 2023 Calendar Raffle. Unfortunately, this year we did come up short on our budget goal amount of \$6,000. You can see the breakdown of the money raised and the payouts to the right and below. We fell under budget by \$1,335.

Money Raised	\$12,325
Payout for Prizes	<b>(\$7,660)</b>
	\$4,665
Budgeted Amount	\$6,000
Under Budget	<b>(\$1,335)</b>


*While we did fall short, we do greatly appreciate those of you who made the effort to sell the tickets and help raise funds for St. Mary. Thank you.*

Weeks	Amount of Raffles Pulled	Raffle Winning	Payout
25	5	\$30	\$3,750
13	4	\$30	\$1,560
9	1	\$150	\$1,350
4	1	\$250	\$1,000
Total Payout			\$7,660

**St. Mary Parish School Open House is Coming Up!**

Please help us spread the word. Share [this flyer](#) with friends, family and anyone else you know who may be interested in learning more!

Visit us online at [stmaryparishschool.org](#)



**We LOVE St. Mary Catholic School!**

*... and your child will, too!*

**YOU'RE INVITED**

Open House | January 29, 2023 | 11AM-2PM

St. Mary Parish School (Grades K3-8)  
N89 W16215 Cleveland Ave.

**See What Makes Us Different!**

Call (262) 251-1050 to register

**Home & School Updates**

**Volunteer Spotlight**  
**Sarah Harenke**

Sarah has been a long-standing volunteer at St. Mary, giving her time and talents in helping with the Food Truck events, movie nights, being a part of the Home and School Committee (for a time all on her own!) as well as stepping up as room parent and helping run our school library, among so many others! Check out what some of our parents/faculty had to say about her:

*"Sarah is a great asset to St. Mary School. She graciously volunteers to be a room parent, organizes treats for special events, and helps with sewing projects for play costumes. During the 2020-21 school year, she made holiday-themed masks for the teachers and staff. We had Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day masks. The teachers appreciated the stylish masks to help us through a challenging time. Thanks Sarah for all you do for St. Mary Parish School!"* - Mrs. Halverson

*"Sarah was a one-woman Home and School Committee. Through her selfless, energetic, kind service, she inspired others to come forward and serve. Her enthusiasm, willingness to help, and supportive comments are encouraging and motivating to the parents who serve the St. Mary Parish School community."* - Katie Esser

*"Sarah is always willing to help and she has coordinated many special events for the school over the years, including many lively movie nights! From picking entertaining movies, enduring the screaming contest and sweeping up many a spilled popcorn bag, she has served in so many ways and it is very appreciated."* - Michele (Justin) Spaeth

*"Sarah is the most selfless, down-to-earth, giving woman I know. Sarah is such an inspiration and I am so blessed to work with her side-by-side. Thank you Sarah for all you do! You are appreciated!"* - Marie Welch

*"Sarah may not know it, but she was a bit of comfort for me when I first enrolled my kids at St. Mary. We came in the middle of the school year, right before COVID hit. While the year was hectic enough, she helped me feel at least a little at "home." She reached out to me as a new St. Mary parent, letting me know she was there to answer any questions I might have and be a support as we were navigating getting my kids settled into a new school. Little did I realize how many other things she helps with to make St. Mary the great community it is! Thank you, Sarah, for all you do!"* - Heather McCabe

**Sarah, you are so appreciated!! THANK YOU!**

**Home and School Meeting Update:**

[Check out the Meeting Minutes](#) from the last H&S Meeting from Dec. 6th.

Next H&S Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Jan. 9th at 7pm** in the St. Clare Conference Room. All are welcome!

**Noodles Fundraiser Update:**


Our most recent restaurant fundraiser at Noodles and Co. earned St. Mary School a total of \$162.64!

Thank you to all who participated!

**Parish Updates**

**An Epiphany Tradition: Mark Your Doorway with Chalk**

This weekend the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, also known as the feast of the Three Wise Men. There is a tradition on this day to mark doorways with blessed chalk. After Mass at St. Mary and St. Anthony, all are invited to take a bag containing a prayer card and blessed chalk to continue the tradition at home.



**First Communion/First Reconciliation Meeting on Mon., Jan. 23**


Parents of second graders at St Mary School and children in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd who are receiving their First Communion this year are invited to a First Communion/First Reconciliation meeting from 7-9 pm on Monday, Jan. 23 in the St. Mary School Conference Rooms.

**Calendar Raffle Winners**

Congratulations to these \$30 winners that were drawn on January 4th: **Weiske Family, Dolph Family, Becky Leupi, and Megan Phillips.**

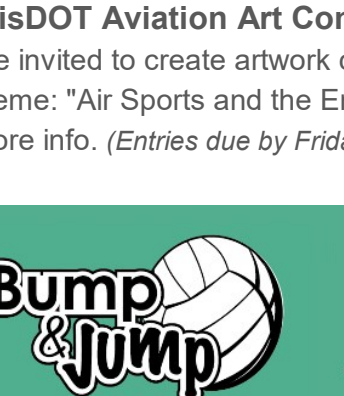
And special congrats to this \$150 winner drawn on Jan. 6th: **The Rinke Family.** Congratulations!

**Thank you for your support.**

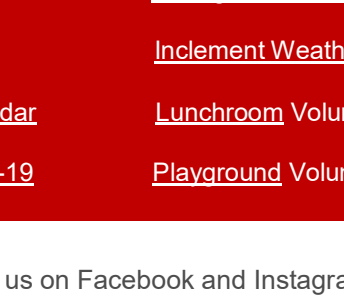


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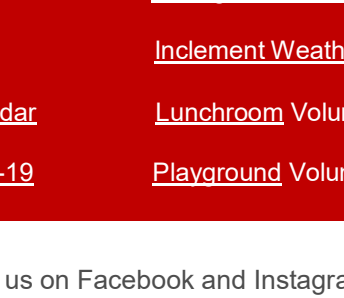
Hamilton High School Open House, Wed. Feb. 1st - Must RSVP by Jan. 27th in order to attend orientation night. Click the image for more details.



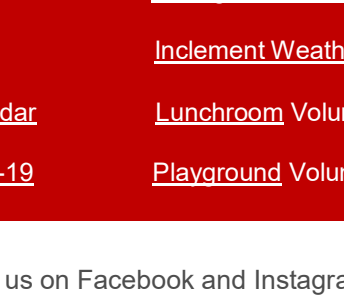
**Cultura Vitae Night: "Teenagers, Technology, and Mental Health,"** hosted by Chesterton Academy, Thurs., Feb. 16th. Click image for more information.



**WisDOT Aviation Art Contest,** Students ages 6-17 are invited to create artwork connected to this year's theme: "Air Sports and the Environment" Click image for more info. (Entries due by Friday, Jan. 20, 2023.)



**Bump & Jump**



**WISCONSIN PREMIER YOUTH ACADEMY**

January Hot Lunch Menu

2022-23 Academic Calendar

2022-23 Home & School Calendar



Updated Guidelines for COVID-19

Change of Dismissal

Inclement Weather Policy

Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up

Playground Volunteer Sign Up



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