



CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear St. Mary's Families,

This week, we are blessed to celebrate two beautiful Marian feasts—the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th and Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. These sacred moments call us to reflect on Mary's extraordinary role in salvation history and her unwavering "yes" to God's plan. Both celebrations remind us of the hope, peace, joy, and love that are at the heart of Advent.

This Good News fills our hearts with anticipation, and as a school community, we have so many opportunities to share and live out the Gospel message during this Advent season.

We're also filled with excitement for next week's Christmas musical, "Knead a Little Christmas," which will take place on **Thursday at 1:00 PM and 6:30 PM**. The students have been working hard to bring this heartwarming performance to life, and it promises to be a joyful celebration of the season. We can't wait to see you there as we come together to share the magic and meaning of Christmas.

May this Advent season continue to bless your families with peace, joy, love, and hope as we eagerly await the birth of our Savior.

In faith and joy,  
Annemarie Wood

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Dec. 18**  
VIRTUAL Home & School Meeting  
5:30 pm  
[Google Meet Link](#)

**Dec. 19**  
Purchase Out of Uniform \$2 - wear something soft like dough (something to support our theater program)

**Dec. 19**  
K5 - 2nd Grade Musical:  
[We Knead a Little Christmas](#) (with Nativity to follow)  
**Matinee @ 1 pm, Evening show @ 6:30 pm.** (Doors open at 6pm)

**Dec. 20**  
Christmas wear - Christmas colors, ugly sweaters, etc.

**Dec. 23 - Jan. 3**  
Christmas Break

**Jan. 17**  
Movie Night

**Jan. 20**  
No School (Teacher PD)

**Jan. 26**  
Open House

**Jan. 27-31**  
Catholic Schools Week

**Jan. 29**  
Home and School Meeting, 5:30 pm

[View 2024-2025 Academic Calendar here](#)

TURN IN YOUR

## CALENDAR RAFFLE

2025 SMPS CALENDAR RAFFLE

185 Chances to Win!!! \$30 \$150 \$250 PRIZES

**Sell or buy these calendar raffle tickets!**

So far only 42 families have sent back their 2025 Calendar raffles. If we do not receive more, we will need to cancel the raffle. If you misplaced yours, you may purchase more from the office.

These are outstanding stocking stuffers for the hard-to-shop for family members!

## K5 - 2nd Grade Musical (Dec. 19): "Knead a Little Christmas"

Out-of-Uniform Buy Out Day, and Volunteers Needed!

St. Mary Parish School Proudly Presents...

# WE KNEAD a Little Christmas

Thursday, Dec 19th  
To Matinee 1:00 pm  
Evening 6:30 pm

CASH Admission: \$3 Adults, \$1.50 Kids, \$1.00 Children FREE

Fresh Baked from Richfield, the Heart of Bread

CREATED BY: STEVE MORGAN, DAVID SCHMIDT

**All are welcome!**  
Please join us for this delightful performance followed by a special presentation of the nativity.

House of Breads Bakery

# "Soft like dough" out-of-uniform buy out!

SUPPORT OUR THEATER PROGRAM!  
FOR \$2 YOU CAN BE OUT OF UNIFORM ON THURSDAY 12/19.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

MORE HELPERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE DAY OF THE MUSICAL.

NEEDS INCLUDE:  
ASSISTING WITH COSTUMING, SELLING TICKETS, PACKING UP EQUIPMENT AND CLEAN UP.

PLEASE [SIGN UP HERE](#) TO HELP.

We're expecting! Tell the Good News! Advent 2024

ADVENT CALENDARS

GO OUT, GO OUT, TELL THE WORLD, TELL THE WORLD!

Write collecting Baby supplies for Catholic Charities

- K3-5 Primary Diapers/Wipes
- 3-5 Intermediate Baby Soaps
- Middle Baby Wipes
- Baby Shampoos

SERVICE PROJECT

PRAYER SERVICE

WREATHS & CLASSROOM MANGERS

Each classroom has a paper manger to fill with acts of kindness represented by they for a soft bed for Jesus.

7th graders were wonderful painting us all in prayer and sharing the Good News!

# BABY SUPPLY DRIVE

HELP US PREPARE FOR JESUS BY FILLING HIS MANGER TO SUPPORT LOCAL MOMS IN NEED

K3-2nd Grade: Wipes and Diapers  
3rd-5th: Baby Books  
Middle School: Baby Wash and Baby Shampoo

Accepting donations all December

All donations go to Catholic Charities programs to support parents in our area

[QR Code](#)

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

## CHRISTMAS CANDY GRAMS

DECEMBER 13-18  
ALL CANDY GRAMS WILL BE DELIVERED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

SEND CHRISTMAS CHEER TO:

- FRIENDS
- TEACHERS
- PRINCIPAL
- SCHOOL STAFF

RETURN \$2 PER CANDY GRAM TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 18.

CANDY GRAMS WILL BE ON SALE DURING LUNCH DECEMBER 13-18.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SMPS STUDENT COUNCIL  
QUESTIONS: REACH OUT TO [MOGILEVSKYE@SMPS.SCHOOL](#)

## FOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by the St. Mary's Middle School Service Club  
NOVEMBER 18TH THROUGH DECEMBER 16TH.

Did you know that the pantry serves over 300 children each month?

Did you know the food pantry serves Colgate, Germantown, Richfield, Lannon, Brookfield, and the greater Menomonee Falls area?

Did you know that almost 300 senior citizens use the food pantry every month?

The need is great, so let's start the Christmas season by bringing in needed food for members of our community.

On December 9th the class with the most food donations will win a class prize. At the end of the drive, the winning class will win an out of uniform pass.

PLEASE HAVE STUDENTS BRING THEIR DONATIONS TO THEIR CLASSROOM

MONDAYS: Canned Meat  
TUESDAYS: Soup  
WEDNESDAYS: Whole grains (rice, pasta, cereal)  
THURSDAYS: Canned veggies  
FRIDAYS: Canned fruit

Falls Area Food Pantry  
Thank you for your support!  
[www.fallsfoodpantry.org](#)

## Telling our Good News!

The Good News is "St. Nicholas Came to Visit!"

St. Nicholas was here! He was very impressed with the knowledge about his God that the students shared. We also started our day with a special prayer thanking God for the example of St. Nicholas who did so much for so many.

Thank you, St. Nicholas, for stopping by!



## Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best!

We're proud to have such great teachers here at St. Mary and we want to share how much they're appreciated by our students and community. This week we are highlighting our K5 teacher, Mrs. Hartwig.

**Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Hartwig**

"SHE IS THE BEST TEACHER IN THE WHOLE WORLD! I love when she reads to us!" - Jack P. (K5)

"I like the pie shop. She has the best playtime centers. I love her!" - Lillian S. (K5)

"You are the best, I love you!" - Jason K. (1st gr)

Read more quotes shared about Mrs. Hartwig [here](#).

## Home & School Updates:

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need your help! Our St. Mary Volunteers are the best, and we're looking for more parents/volunteers to help for our daily volunteer needs! Thank you in advance for your consideration in signing up and volunteering! \*Please note, all volunteers must have completed the Safeguarding Training. If you have not done so, please contact the School Office at [office@smps.school](#)

[Playground](#) Volunteer Sign Up

[Lunchroom](#) Volunteer Sign Up

### Join us for our Virtual Home & School Meeting:

**Dec. 18th at 5:30pm**

(This meeting will be held via Google Meets Video Call)

All our welcome to join us at our next H&S meeting on Dec. 18th at 5:30. Please join via Google Meet Video Call [here](#).

Take a look at our Home and School Activities Calendar [here](#) for a peek at all H&S sponsored events scheduled this school year! Add these fun dates to your personal calendar so you are able to take part in these community-building school-based events!

### Reminders:

#### January Hot Lunch Ordering Open:

The hot lunch portal for January is now open. Please [order here](#).

As previously announced, we will be offering Cousins subs on Mondays. The price for one 3.75" sub (served with chips, applesauce and milk) is the same as our Roadhouse meals at \$5.85 per meal. There are three different sub varieties to choose from. If your child would like two subs with the sides and milk, the pricing will be \$9.50.

Please have all orders submitted by **Friday, Dec. 20th at 10am**. We will not be able to add meals after our counts have been submitted to our vendors. View [January Menu here](#).

### Athletics Updates:

# WARRIOR ATHLETICS

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Dec. 14th

- 9:15AM - 5th Don Bosco Blue at St. Agnes
- 10:15AM - 6th Don Bosco Blue at Mother of Good Counsel
- 10:15AM - 8th Don Bosco Blue at Home
- 11:15AM - 5th Don Bosco Gold at St. Joseph Waukesha

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Dec. 14th

- 8:15AM - 7th Notre Dame at Home
- 1PM - 5th Don Bosco Gold at St. Jude

Our 6th Grade Boys continue their St. Mary Tournament at 6 & 7PM on Saturday, and 3PM, 4PM & 5PM on Sunday at St. Mary! Hope to see you there!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please help fill our open volunteers lots for admissions and concessions! Helpers are needed this weekend and throughout the season.

[Please sign up here](#). Thank you!

### Padre Serra Banner Ceremony

PADRE SERRA TOURNAMENT  
HOSTED BY DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

WARRIOR ATHLETICS

BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS 2024

Please join us this coming Saturday 12/14 as we celebrate the 2024 Padre Serra Champions with a Banner Ceremony taking place at halftime of our 6th grade tournament game at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

### Parish Updates:

#### Expectant Mother Blessing on Dec. 14 & 15

All expectant mothers are invited to receive a special blessing on Gaudete Sunday, Dec. 14 & 15. As the priests wear rose vestments at Mass this weekend to highlight the joy of what we anticipate at Christmas — the birth of Jesus Christ — expectant mothers are invited to stand and be blessed as we also join you in celebration of the gift of human life and your pregnancy. If you know an expectant mother, please invite her to attend this Mass.

#### Blood Drive at St. Mary on Dec. 16

What a selfless gift to give this time of year, a pint from your arm as an extension from your heart. St. Mary parish and school will be hosting a blood drive from 1:30 to 6:30 pm on Monday, Dec. 16. The blood drive will take place in the St. Mary Parish School, lower level conference rooms. Register at [bit.ly/stmaryparishdecember2024](#).

### Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn Dec. 11th:  
Marc Leupi, Shelly Lemminger, Tappa Family & James Lenahan

And Special Congrats to this \$250 winner drawn on Dec. 13th:  
Sue Brandt

Thank you for your participation!

### In the Community:

**Join the Milwaukee Children's Choir:**  
The Milwaukee Children's Choir is celebrating it's 30th season in style! Enrollment is still open for students in grades 1-5 to join in January- and we have rehearsal locations in both Elm Grove and Downtown Milwaukee.

If you have questions or are ready to enroll, contact: Dr. John Bragie, Senior Director of Education, Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, 414-276-5760.

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Change of Dismissal | Playground Volunteer Sign Up

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