

ST. MARY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023

Upcoming St. Mary Events:

Event:	Date:	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
Student Advent Christmas Concert & Reflections 12/20		6:30pm	SM Church
Christmas Break	12/21-1/2		
Live Nativity (Feast Day of the Holy Family)	12/30	2-3pm	St. Mary Campus
School Resumes	1/3/2024		
High School Youth Group (Bring your Bibles)	1/7	6-7:30pm	SM Social Hall
Playgroup at St. Mary (see Flyer on Page 2)	1/8	10-11a.m.	SM Gymnasium
BPA Regionals	1/13	All Day	CMU-Mount Pleasant
Playgroup at St. Mary	1/15	10-11a.m.	SM Gymnasium
Semester Exams for 8-12 th grade	1/15-1/17	School Day	
Sophomores & Juniors depart for Washington DC 1/17		4:30pm (from Traverse) D.C./Right to Life March	
No School for Students / End of 1st Semester	1/19		
National March for Life	1/19		Washington D.C.
Sophomores & Juniors Return	1/20	10p.m. Paren	t pick-up Traverse City
Playgroup at St. Mary	1/22	10-11a.m.	SM Gymnasium

St. Mary School Advent Christmas Concert & Reflections will take place on Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Come and listen to choir performances by students in grades PK-5, high school choir and Reflection readings throughout the evening by students. The concert begins at 6:30p.m. in the Church. Students should plan to arrive by 6:15p.m. and meet their teacher in the Parish Social Hall. They will leave their jackets there and process up to the church with their classmates. Students please dress in your Sunday Christmas Best. We hope you can join us for this beautiful evening as we reflect on Advent.

Save the date for the upcoming St. Mary Adult Trivia Night-Saturday, January 13, 2024 in the SM Café Gather your teams (up to 8) and get ready for a fun & challenging evening. Beverages available for purchase. Bring your Team Appetizers. Event sponsored by PAC (Parent Activity Committee)

Calling all St. Mary's students, families and staff! Do you have a special talent you would like to show off? Well here is your big opportunity! *St. Mary Talent Showcase Saturday, January 27th, 2024 at 6:30pm*Come ready with your act to "audition" for the show on Thurs. 1/4, 3:15-3:45; or Fri. 1/5, 3:15-3:45 in Mrs. Ackley's room. Any questions? Contact Nikki Ackley- nackley@stmarysll.org or 231-256-9636 X204

The Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist invite you to join them on a spiritual retreat that includes Holy Mass, Divine Office, Rosary and the opportunity to enjoy time with the Sisters. You will hear conferences given about Mary and the Eucharist, as well as on the specific theme of the retreat. Please note: Vocational Discernment Retreats are for young women between the ages of 16 (high school juniors) and 30. The next opportunity for this retreat is on February 10-11, 2024. It is a 24 hour overnight stay at Spiritus Sanctus Academy in Ann Arbor. The cost is \$35, and we will organize a car pool for transportation. For registration information, please contact Tina VanderWulp at tincor@charter.net.



There are monthly chances to win \$20 or \$40!

Tickets will be drawn to represent the following days: Sundays \$20 and the Holy Days below

Solemnity of May \$40 Feast of the Assumption \$40
Ash Wednesday \$40 Feast of Guardian Angels \$40

Good Friday \$40 All Saint's Day \$40

The Ascension of Jesus \$40 Christmas Day \$40

Purchase Calendars at www.stmarysll.org, or the St. Mary Advancement Office 231-256-9670



Winners need not be present to win. YOU MUST BE 18 TO ENTER

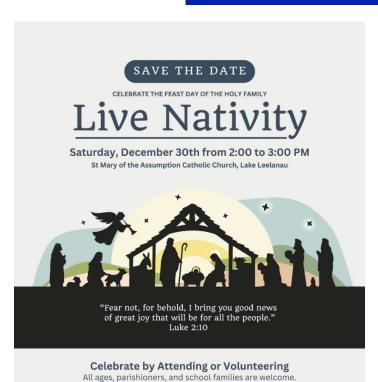
Each winner is eligible for all re-drawings.

Monthly drawings will occur the first Wednesday at 9:00am in the St. Mary Advancement Office.

Winners will receive checks monthly.

Winners will be listed in the St. Mary bulletin.

Winners are responsible for income tax on earnings. License #X09953



If you would like to celebrate by caroling, joining the Nativity cast, serving hot chocolate, helping with costume creation, or bringing some animals to be part of the

Nativity, please let Sarah Morio know at 231-883-4407 or by

scanning the QR code and completing the form.

The volunteer deadline is December 11th.



Catholic School Corner





Above, second graders celebrated the Feast of Saint Lucia. According to legend, St. Lucia brought food to aid Christians in hiding. She wore a candle lit wreath to light her way, leaving both hands to carry food. The students delivered breakfast to teachers and staff and said, "St. Lucia invites you to breakfast!" L-R Fulton Six, Genevieve Martinson, Wolfgang Morio & Emelia Schlueter.







National Honor Society students help sort and bag toys at the LCN Holiday Store

Preschool and fourth grade students reenacted a Posadas parade.
Posada means inn or lodging. Traditionally Posadas celebrates the Christmas story, commemorating Mary and Joseph's search for a place to stay. Students stopped thoughout the school in search of a place to stay.





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Lunch Menu January 3-5

Monday
Happy New Year

Tuesday
No School

Wednesday Chicken Stir Fry

Thursday
Turkey & Cheese

<u>Friday</u>

w/ General TSO Sauce Bun

Nachos w/ Meat & Cheese

All meals served with Fruit, Vegetable & Milk / Cost for Hot Lunch K-5 \$3.75, 6-12 \$4.10, Adults \$4.90