



ST. MARY SCHOOL

HAPPENINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023

Upcoming St. Mary Events:

<u>Event:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<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	10-11 a.m.	SM Gymnasium
BPA Regionals	1/13	All Day	CMU-Mount Pleasant
Playgroup at St. Mary	1/15	10-11 a.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 1 st Semester	1/19	----	----
National March for Life	1/19	----	Washington D.C.
Sophomores & Juniors Return	1/20	10p.m.	Parent pick-up Traverse City
Playgroup at St. Mary	1/22	10-11 a.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.



ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Cash Calendar 2024

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

SAVE THE DATE

CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Live Nativity

Saturday, December 30th from 2:00 to 3:00 PM
St Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Lake Leelanau



"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."
Luke 2:10

Celebrate by Attending or Volunteering

All ages, parishioners, and school families are welcome.

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.



ST. MARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

303 St. Mary St., Lake Leelanau



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE

Gymboree Family Playgroup

IN COLLABORATION WITH PARENTING COMMUNITIES

Things to note

- Please be conscious of gym appropriate shoes/socks
- BYO snack for story time
- NO charge to families
- Ages 0-6
- Drop-ins welcome!

Upcoming Dates

JAN. 08
JAN. 15
JAN. 22

10-11am



Questions?
Contact Brittany Rosendall at brosendall@stmarysll.org or 231.256.9670 ext. 452



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 throughout the school in search of a place to stay.



Lunch Menu January 3-5

Monday

Happy New Year

Tuesday

No School

Wednesday

Chicken Stir Fry
w/ General TSO Sauce

Thursday

Turkey & Cheese
Bun

Friday

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