



ST. MARY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2025

Upcoming St. Mary Events:

<u>Event:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
S.A.T. Testing	12/6	7:30am-morning	Academic Wing
Lake Leelanau Holiday Mart	12/6	10:00am-3:00pm	St. Mary Gymnasium
NO SCHOOL for Staff & Students	12/8	Holy Day-Feast of the Immaculate Conception	
St. Mary Playgroup Ages 0-6	12/10	9:30-10:30am	SM Gymnasium
Mug Mingle for SM Parents	12/11	7:45-8:30am	SM Café
All School Mass	12/12	8:00am	SM Church
P.A.C. Sponsored Santa Visit	12/13	6:15-7:00pm	School Lobby
SM Chess Club grades 3-8	12/15	3:15-5:00pm	Meet in the Lobby
BPA Regionals (back-up day 1/9/26)	12/16	All Day	
SM School Advent Program (students grades PK-5) (Cookie Social will follow the Advent Program)	12/17	6:30pm	St. Mary Gymnasium
Last Full Day before Christmas Break	12/19	----	----
Christmas Break	12/22-1/2	----	----
School Resumes	1/5/2026	----	----



Hope . Peace . Joy . Love

PSALM 33:22 May your mercy Lord, be upon us; as we put our HOPE in you.

Lunch Menu December 8-12

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No School	Chicken Alfredo	French Toast Sticks	Hotdog / Bratwurst	Pulled Pork on
	Garlic Toast, Caesar Salad	Sausage & Hashbrowns	and Chips	a Bun, French Fries

All meals served with Fruit, Vegetable & Milk / Cost for Hot Lunch K-5 \$3.95, 6-12 \$4.35, Adults \$5.50

Advent
PROGRAM

St. Mary School presents musical performances by Pre-K - 5th grades

Wednesday, Dec. 17th
6:30pm
St. Mary Gym

Cookie Social to follow program



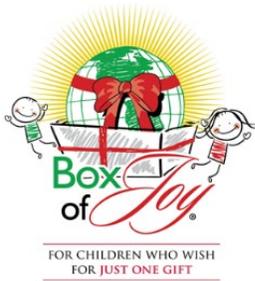
A Call to Give during the Advent Season

During this holy season of Advent, as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, we are blessed with the opportunity to share His love in practical ways. St. Mary will be collecting items for two groups in need: Leelanau Christian Neighbors Holiday Program and Box of Joy, a Christmas shoebox gift ministry. By giving generously, we reflect the light of His presence and embody the spirit of hope, peace, joy and love. When shopping, please refer to each organizations specific lists of recommended donations. Donations may be dropped off in the school or church from December 1st-12th and placed in the designated box or bin. Thank you.



Donations Are Needed for the LCN Leelanau Holiday Program. Residents of Leelanau County benefit from our donations this holiday season. Some suggested items but not limited to include:

- Gift Cards and Gas Cards (\$25 increments)
 - Tween and Teen NEW Items (clothing, jewelry, make-up, gift cards, athletic shoes, etc.)
 - Flannel Shirts for Kids and Adults
 - Leggings for Teens/Tweens and Adults
 - Flannel Pants for Kids and Adults
 - Toys for Kids 5 and Up
 - Crafts
 - Electronics
 - Earbuds
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In December, **St. Mary National Honor Society members** will be participating in the Boxes of Joy ministry, a Christmas shoebox gift outreach organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups nationwide.

This year we have set a goal to bless 50 impoverished children! There will be bins with signs in the school lobby and in the vestibule of the church where you can put your toys and gifts.

There is a **flyer on the next page** with suggestions for gift donations or you can donate financially to help transport and differ the costs of shipping each Box of Joy from our community to the receiving child in an impoverished country.

We encourage every parishioner, student and family member to help with Boxes of Joy! The deadline for donations is December 10th. For more info, contact the school office or check out boxofjoy.com Thank you!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. Use the provided gift box or any shoebox-sized container (approximately 12" long x 6" wide x 4" tall).
2. If possible, remove items from original packaging to limit waste in the receiving countries.
3. **Please do not put monetary donations in the gift boxes.** Go online to boxofjoy.org to make your \$9 donation for each gift box **or scan the QR code to pay.**
4. If needed, secure the lid to your gift box with a single rubber band (please do not tape the gift box).



GIFT IDEAS

PERSONAL NOTES & PHOTOS

Children who receive Box of Joy gifts love it when you enclose a personal note or a handmade Christmas card and share a photo of yourself or your family. (It is advisable for parents or teachers to review notes written by children.)

TOYS

Ball (deflated) with pump*

Balloons
Binoculars
Cars or trucks
Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.)

Doll*

Finger puppets
Handheld toys
Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument

Jump rope

Lego building blocks

Mini board games

Mini puzzle

Small balls (tennis, etc.)

Small plush animals*

Slinky
Unopened fast-food toys
Yo-yo

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Coloring book*

Crayons*

Erasers
Flash cards
Glue stick (no liquid)
Notepads
Pencil case
Pencil sharpener
Pencils, colored pencils
Pens, markers
Safety scissors
Small board books
Solar calculator
Stickers

APPAREL

Bandanas

Dresses*

Flip-flops
Hats
Plastic poncho
Socks
Shorts

T-shirts*

Underwear

NECESSITIES/HOME

Bandages

Comb or brush

Cup or bottle with lid*

Hand wipes

Lip balm

Manicure kit

Nail clippers or emery board

Toothbrush*

ACCESSORIES

Barrettes

Bracelets

Earrings

Hair bands or headbands*

Hair ribbons*

Necklace*

Purse or wallet*

Scarf

Sunglasses*

Watch

USEFUL ITEMS

Cross or rosary

Compass

Drawstring bag*

Sewing kit

Utensils

*Highly desired items.

PLEASE DO NOT PACK

Liquids/gels (shampoo, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, nail polish, hand sanitizer, bubbles, paint, glue, soap, perfume, etc.)
Food (anything with an expiration date) or beverages • Chocolate or JOLLY RANCHER® • Medicine or vitamins
Anything with a battery • Knives, tools or toy weapons • Glass or breakable objects • Cash, checks or gift cards

Box of Joy is a ministry of



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Live Nativity

Sunday, December 28th from 3:30 to 4:30 PM

St Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Lake Leelanau



Participate or Attend

Please reach out to Sarah Morio by Monday, December 15th, at 231-883-4407 or scan the QR code to participate. Sarah will follow up with you later that week.

It's Easy! There's no need to memorize any lines or buy costumes! All required items will be supplied, and a brief costume fitting along with a walkthrough on December 27th will prepare you or your child for your role. All students from elementary through high school are invited to join and the event is not limited to parishioners only.

Ways to Get Involved:

You do not need to be Catholic or a parishioner to take part. You can join by caroling, participating in the Nativity cast, serving hot chocolate, or bringing animals for the Nativity scene.



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