



# SMCS NEWS



This week we learned about St. Nicholas and he left us treats in our shoes!

## Next Week:

**Monday, December 11: Advent Reconciliation Service for the Students/Basketball at Meigs, 5:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, December 12: Candy Gram sales continue**

**Wednesday, December 13: Candy Gram sales continue**

**Thursday, December 15: All-school Mass with Awards at 8:15 am with Bishop Wack**

**Friday, December 15: Middle School Semester Exams Begin**

*Due to limited space this year in the PLC, we are having a scaled back Christmas program (not a performance) for the students on Wednesday, December 20 in the Church from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. The program is called "Lessons and Carols" and will include all the students (not solely K-5). Lessons and Carols is a program based on Sacred Scripture. This program dates back to the late 19th century. In the service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of the Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Parents are welcome to attend but space may be limited to standing room only. Students will be sitting with their classes.*

## Help needed- Cafeteria Monitor and Aftercare

Contact Janice Seilhan, [janice.seilhan@saintmaryschool.net](mailto:janice.seilhan@saintmaryschool.net)

THE SECOND PURPLE CANDLE IS THE

*"Candle of Peace."*

DURING THIS SECOND WEEK OF  
ADVENT, WE REFLECT ON OUR LIVES  
AND ORIENT OURSELVES TOWARD  
CHRIST'S COMING, PREPARING OUR  
HEARTS TO RECEIVE HIM ANEW.



God calls us to prepare now, not to  
take time for granted. Christ is  
coming on Christmas Day as the  
revelation of the merciful love of  
God for each of us.

We are called to prepare the way of  
the Lord, to repent and be  
reconciled to God. Our lives must  
point to Christ in humility so that  
we are ready when He comes.

One way we can prepare the way for  
Him is to experience God's merciful  
love in the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation. Receive the  
sacrament. Be reconciled.



## Eucharistic Revival

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we  
come before Jesus and confess our sins,  
asking for the love and mercy of Jesus as we  
repent and resolve to change our lives. His  
Precious Blood cleanses us of all sin and  
gives us strength to avoid sin in the future.  
Make a resolution to receive the merciful  
love of Jesus in this sacrament in the next  
week or two as you prepare for Christmas.

*Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly  
undertaking hinder those who set out in  
haste to meet your Son, but may our learning  
of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his  
company. Who lives and reigns with you in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and  
ever. Amen.*

(Collect, Second Sunday of Advent)

*Dedicated to Catholic values, Saint Mary Catholic School is a Christ-centered educational community  
committed to academic excellence, spiritual growth, individual responsibility, and service to others.*

## *Thoughts for Reflection*

- How am I preparing the way for the Lord?
- Have I asked God for forgiveness when I have offended Him?
- Have I been to confession?

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH  
DECEMBER

GENEROSITY

GIVING WITHOUT COUNTING THE COST



**Our Middle School Science Fair was a great success! With guidance from Mrs. Stilts, the students did a wonderful job on their projects.**

**Thank you Mrs. Stilts, for your work and dedication to this event!**



### **A Team Prayer**

God of Love,  
you gave us your only Son and He died  
for us on the cross so that we might  
have eternal life. Help us to love you and  
to love each other as you taught. May we  
follow the example of the saints and  
follow you each day, no matter where  
you lead us, knowing that if we follow  
you we will someday know the joy of  
heaven. During this practice may you  
help us to treat each other with love by  
helping each other, working together to  
achieve our goals, and doing everything  
to the best of our ability. May we always  
encourage others and spread your  
message in everything that we do. We  
ask this  
through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.



## **Archangel Sports**

### **Soccer**

12/14 at Meigs MS vs Meigs  
girls 5:00, boys 6:30

### **Basketball**

12/11 vs. Meigs at Meigs MS  
5:00 p.m.

**Let's go Archangels!**

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

### **FLOCKNOTE**

Are you receiving our text messages? We highly recommended signing up for our Flocknote for important information. <http://www.saintmaryschool.net/>

Tuition/Facts questions? Contact Kristin White,  
850-243-8913. [kristin.white@saintmaryschool.net](mailto:kristin.white@saintmaryschool.net)



# PTO Corner



## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PTO EVENTS!

A heartfelt thank you for your support during our recent PTO events—Spirit Night at Fort Sk8, Breakfast with Saint Nick, and our Holiday Shoppe. These events help us support essential projects on our school campus and bring our wonderful community together. Your commitment is truly appreciated and we look forward to more fun in the future!

## Spirit Night | December 21 | Panda Express

Our next Spirit "Night" is Thursday, December 21 at Panda Express. Place an **online** order for pickup or delivery ANYTIME and use code **919945** at checkout. 28% of sales *NATIONWIDE* will be donated to Saint Mary Catholic School! We'll be using these funds to make security upgrades to our campus. Share this great fundraiser with friends & family.  
[www.pandaexpress.com](http://www.pandaexpress.com)

## Upcoming Events

12/21 Spirit Night - Panda Express  
1/9 PTO Meeting  
1/10 Spirit Night - Rick's Crab Trap  
2/2 Fun Run  
2/8 Spirit Night - Fort Sk8

## Connect with PTO

PTO Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month.  
8:00am in person  
5:30pm online  
Join Our Facebook Group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/saintmarypto/>

Saint Mary Mass Times for  
**CHRISTMAS**

December 24th 5:00PM & MIDNIGHT

December 25th 10:00AM



Saint Mary  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Advent  
Confession Service  
Monday, December 11th  
at 6:00pm  
in the church

*Come & receive the Merciful Love of Jesus! Nothing is impossible for God, no matter how long it has been. Come!*

*Adoration*

& Consecration to the Holy Family

**Dec 31 after 10:00am Mass**



# WEIGHT LIFTING



## INTRO TO WEIGHT LIFTING

To inform youth on how to use proper technique, what exercises work different muscle groups, how to avoid fitness-related injuries, and the importance and usefulness of this information.

NEW AND  
USED ITEMS  
WANTED

OR

**VIEW OUR  
WISH LIST**

## WISH LIST

Goal is to begin on January  
9th!

**CONTACT  
US NOW**



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saintmaryschool.net



[Click for more  
information](#)



### DONATE USED ITEMS

Equipment in good used condition listed on our needs site happily accepted

Must be working, with no rips or tears, not in need of repair or a lot of maintenance



### PURCHASE NEW ITEMS

Visit our school website for a list of needs

[Intro to Weightlifting](#)

Click here to see our Amazon wishlist that will be delivered directly to the program

[Amazon.com Wishlist](#)



### MONETARY DONATIONS

Checks and cash are accepted! VISA and AMAZON gift cards are welcome

**Donations are tax deductible!**

**HELP US EXPLORE**



To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Legend of the Candy Cane

Look at the Candy Cane. What do you see?  
Stripes that are red like the blood shed for me  
White is for my Savior who's sinless and pure  
"J" is for Jesus My Lord, that is for sure!  
Turn it around and a staff you will see.  
Jesus my shepherd was born for Me!



Merry Christmas

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**CHRISTMAS  
CANDY CANE  
GRAMS**

Sale Begins: November 29<sup>th</sup>  
Sale Ends: December 13<sup>th</sup>  
Cost: \$1.00 each

Classroom Deliveries: December 15<sup>th</sup>

Buy a Candy Cane Gram to spread a little extra Christmas cheer this season!

Sponsored by  
Student Council



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