

SMCS NEWS



SMCS students with their Bishop!

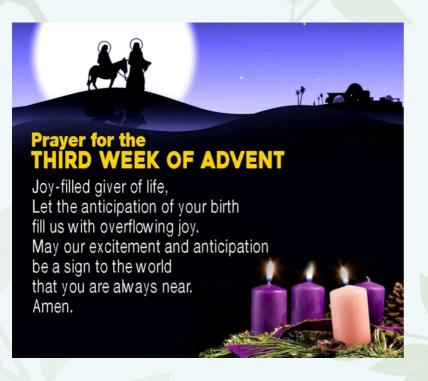
Next Week:

Monday, December 18: Middle School Exams Continued Tuesday, December 19: Middle School Exams Continued Wednesday, December 20: Lessons and Carols at 9:30 am (see additional information below)

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.

FYI- Stitch FX will be closed December 19th - January 15th

NOTES FROM OUR CATHOLIC IMMERSION DIRECTOR





Eucharistic Revival

The Eucharist teaches us to love through reverence. It is love that compels us to action, whether that be an intellectual, physical, or moral act. If our goal is to encounter Christ in the Holy Eucharist in a way that gives us hope, courage, and joy, the Eucharist cannot be confined to a Catechism class or weekly Mass. Rather, Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist must become the source and summit that absolutely punctuates and permeates each day.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2023



This week we are called to be joyful in the Lord and give thanks for all He has done for us. We are called to holiness, to share in the holiness of God. We are called by Christ to share in His divine life. We are called to testify to Christ, the "light." Like St. John, we are to point to Christ, to lead others to Him. Like John, we should joyfully prepare the way for the Lord so that others may have a direct path to Christ.

Thoughts for Reflection

- How am I preparing the way for the Lord?
- Am I joyfully sharing my love for Jesus with those around me?
- Does my life point to Christ?

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER

CENEROSITY

GIVING WITHOUT COUNTING THE COST

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.

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



Sportsmanship Prayer

Lord God, our Heavenly Father,

We thank you for this opportunity to compete. We ask that all of those involved in this competition may conduct themselves in a God-pleasing manner and show good sportsmanship despite the outcome. Lord, we thank you for the gifts and abilities you have blessed these athletes with, and we pray that they may use them to glorify You. We ask that all involved in this game may be kept free from injuries and that You will be with us as we leave this place.

All this we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen



Archangel Sports

Soccer

Soccer practices and games will resume in January.

Spring Sports

Tennis, Golf, Swimming and Track will be our spring sports. Stay tuned for information. POC- John Reaves john.reaves@saintmaryschool.net

Archery

Our archers continue to practice and prepare for their upcoming competitions.

PTO Corner



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 seucrity upgrades to our campus.

Share this link with friends & family!

http://tinyurl.com/panda-fundraiser

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

530pm 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 A Saint Mary



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!

Edoration

& Consecration to the Holy Family

Dec 31 after 10:00am Mass



WEIGHT

LIFTING



NEW AND USED ITEMS **OR** WANTED

VIEW OUR WISH LIST

Goal is to begin on January
9th!

CONTACT US NOW



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WISH LIST



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

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