



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

WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2023



Prayer for the THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Joy-filled giver of life,
Let the anticipation of your birth
fill us with overflowing joy.
May our excitement and anticipation
be a sign to the world
that you are always near.
Amen.



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.

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

GENEROSITY

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
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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 security 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

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

HELLO,

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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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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