

THURSDAY THOUGHTS

DECEMBER 7, 2023



Welcome

We're excited to welcome Mrs. Pope and Mrs. Lenz to our St. Mary's family. They will be working as paraprofessionals within our K-5 classrooms. Please be sure to welcome to them when you see them throughout our school.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held Thursday, December 14th. Parents are invited to attend. The schedule is as follows:

- 5th Grade - 12:35pm-1:05pm
- 4th Grade - 1:05pm-1:35pm
- 3rd Grade - 1:35pm-2pm

Advent Service Projects

Thank you for your help in making our Advent Service Projects a success. Each grade level has selected a local organization to help during this Advent Season.

Preschool and 4K

Apple Pregnancy Center

Kindergarten and Fifth Grade

Spirit of Christmas Book Drive- Chippewa County

First and Third

Eau Claire Humane Association

Second and Fourth Grade

Sojourner House - Socks for St. Nicholas

*Your child(ren)'s teacher have sent home more details regarding their service project.

Advent Prayer Services

December 12 - 2nd and 4th Grade

December 19 - Kindergarten & 5th Grade

*These prayer services will be from

3:00pm-3:15pm

All are welcome to attend

Happy Birthday Jesus

Mark your calendars for the Preschool and 4K program at 10:00am on Thursday, December 14th in the Parish Hall.

St. Mary's Sing-Along

Please join us on Thursday, December 21, for a Christmas Carol sing-along in the Parish Hall. Caroling will begin at 3:10pm. Students may wear festive Christmas tops with casual bottoms.



St. Mary's Family Challenge

Your family is invited to join in a Gingerbread Housebuilding Challenge. Flyers with more information went home in Family Folders last week. Here is the link to here Mrs. Smiskey's story of [How to Catch a Gingerbread Man.](#)



ST. MARY'S
Elementary School

St. Mary's Elementary School Advent Program

Students are encouraged to "dress their best" and families are invited to join us for our traditional Advent program.

*When: December 15, 2023 at 2:00pm
Where: St. Mary's Church*

Details:

A cookie social will be held in the Parish Hall immediately after the performance. Please see the [Sign-Up Genius Cookie Social link](#) to make a donation.

You are welcome to take your child(ren) home immediately following the social. Regular dismissal with begin at 3:25pm.

Head Cook Needed

Calling all stay-at-home parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors and friends! Are you or someone you know looking for a part-time job opportunity within our schools?

Our Regis Catholic Schools Food Service program is looking for a kind and dependable person to fill the Head Cook position at St. Mary's Elementary School. This person will work approximately 24-28 hours per week during the school year and will be responsible for preparing and serving quality food to students in a quick and pleasant manner.

If you, or anyone you know is interested, please contact Jen Eager, Human Resources Director, at (715) 830-2273 ext. 1411 or at jeager@RegisCatholicSchools.

IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Friday, December 8th - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 15th - 3rd Grade

Friday, January 5th - 5th Grade

**Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend!*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

12/14	10:00am, Happy Birthday Jesus - 3 & 4 Year Old Preschoolers
12/15	2:00pm, St. Mary's K-5 Advent Program; Cookie Social to follow
12/19	Casual for Christ
12/21	All School Sing Along - Parish Hall - 3:10pm (Parents are welcome)
12/22-1/2	No School - Christmas Break



November's Students of the Month



Kindergarten making countdown chains



Preschoolers making stars



Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

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