



The Nativity News



Your Weekly Connection to St. Mary's

December 8, 2025

Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Psalm 127:3

The Principal's Pew

What a joyful week we had! Our Christmas Pageant was an absolute delight, and our students shined as they beautifully reenacted the birth of our Savior. Their hard work was evident in every scene. We cannot wait to have our entire school participate in this long-standing tradition in our church next year!

The Christmas cheer continues as we jump into our Santa Secret Workshop this week! It is always a highlight of the season for our Tigers.

Today, we honor Mary, who from the first moment of her conception, was preserved by God from the stain of original sin. May this holy day guide us as we journey through Advent with hopeful hearts.

Wishing everyone a bright and blessed week ahead!

Blessings,
Mrs. Pertuit

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 8

School Mass

Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 9-11

Santa Secret Workshop
(Flyers will be sent home with info on Wednesday)

Wednesday, December 17

Coco's Give Back Day

Thursday, December 18

Winner selected for Facebook post for FREE Registration!
(Like, Comment, Tag!)

Friday, December 19

School Mass & Class Parties
(Please refer to teacher's instructions.)

Dec. 22 – Jan. 2

No School

iGiveCatholic

iGiveCatholic wraps up tomorrow, Tuesday, December 9!



We are thrilled to share that we have officially surpassed our \$10,000 goal! Our hearts are full, and we are truly blessed to have such a generous and supportive community standing behind our little school. Your kindness makes it possible for us to offer those "extra touches" that enrich our students' daily experience. Thank you for believing in our mission.

As we close out this joyful campaign, the excitement is building. Our top-producing class will have the special honor of placing their handprints in the courtyard, leaving a lasting legacy at St. Mary's. Our second runner-up class will assist in selecting the official name for our beloved Courtyard.

Thank you again for your overwhelming support and continued partnership. You make a difference in the life of every Tiger!



Info to Know:

- Aftercare:



- **Dec. 8- Students picked up by 5:00 pm** to prepare for mass at 6:00 pm.
- **Dec. 11-** Students picked up by 5:00 pm to prepare for the parish Christmas Social starting at 6:00 pm.
- 6th and 7th graders will put on a flag routine at mass on Dec. 19th
- Student Confessions during school day:
 - Dec. 10: 6th-8th graders
 - Dec. 15: 3rd-4th graders
- **Mass Host Schedule:**
 - Monday, Dec. 8: 7th grade
 - Friday, Dec. 19: 6th grade

Dress-Down Days:

Monday, December 15

Pajama Day

-No slippers or crocs.



Wednesday, December 17

Christmas Sweater Day

(Festive or "ugly" sweaters) Jeans or school bottoms & school shoes.

Friday, December 19

Christmas, Red, or Green Shirt & Jeans (or appropriate athletic pants)

-No leggings. (unless skirt or dress worn on top)

-No crocs. Closed toe shoes only.

Please refer to SMNS student handbook for dress down policies.

Extracurriculars

4H – Saturday, December 6 – Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Poultry & Pet Day/ Egg & Poultry Cookery & Dog Show!

Quiz Bowl – Looking forward to the next meet on January 20th.

Robotics Club – Next meeting date: December 11th until 3:45pm



Soccer – Next game: Wednesday, December 10 vs. St. Bernadette at Southland Mall fields

Santa Secret Workshop

Tuesday-Thursday

Dec. 9th – 11th



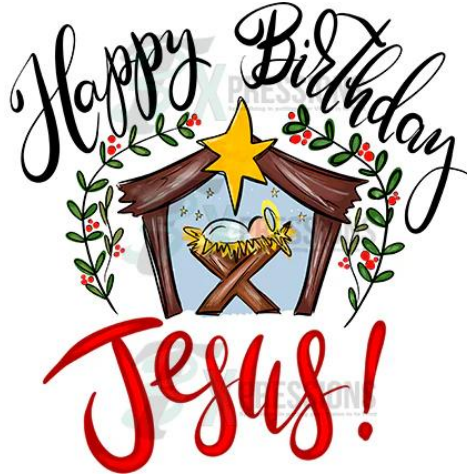
Flyers went home last week.
Students with envelopes will shop.

Thank you to all of Santa's little elves who will help make this beloved event a success!

St. Mary's Church Cook-Off Fest

Our church parish will soon celebrate its beloved annual Cook-Off Fest, a long-standing tradition that brings our community together. To help support the church in this important event, we kindly ask that students sell 50/50 raffle tickets. Families will soon receive envelopes with tickets and additional details.

There are many other wonderful ways to take part in this beautiful celebration of faith, food, and community. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



St. Mary's will host a Youth Night, grades 8th-12th, on Tuesday, December 9th from 6pm - 8pm. We will begin with a birthday party for Jesus in St. Andrew Hall at 6pm. We will celebrate with pizza and cupcakes.

We will then attend Father Joseph's Advent Mission at 7pm in the Community Center.

Teens are asked to bring a box cake mix and container of icing.

We will assemble birthday party boxes for the food bank. The box will include: items needed to make a birthday cake, candles and a birthday card.

Any questions, please contact Renee Becnel in the church office or at rbecnel@htdiocese.org.

ST. MARY'S NATIVITY

Saturday, January 24, 2026

8AM-3PM

COOK-OFF FEST



Gumbo
Jambalaya
Pastalaya
Cracklins
Sauce Piquante

\$15 per person for Cook-Off Food - Serving 11am until out of food

Other Events:

- Bake-Off**
- Car Show & Craft Show**
- Antique Tractor Show**
- Kids Activities**

Music:

-Craig Babin 11am-3pm

Other Foods Available for Purchase:

8am: Beignets & Coffee

10am: Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chili, Sweets, Drinks & Beer

REGISTER YOUR COOKING TEAM BY: JANUARY 19, 2026

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