



# The Nativity News



Your Weekly Connection to St. Mary's

## The Principal's Pew

On Sunday, our 3rd and 4th grade students hosted Mass, and we were so proud of the reverence they demonstrated.

Last week, students received their report cards, and I am truly proud of the growth we are seeing across grade levels. As we begin the second half of the school year, we are encouraging all students to continue to strive for excellence academically and put forth their best effort each day.

Please remember we have a 3-day weekend coming up in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. When we return, students in grades 3-7 will begin testing for their second Beacon session Tuesday, Jan. 20th and Wednesday, Jan. 21st.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Pertuit

## New Family Open House January 30 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

We are excited to welcome new and prospective families to St. Mary's! Come see what makes our school such a unique and faith-filled community. Visitors will have the opportunity to:

- tour our campus and classrooms
- meet our staff
- learn about academics, faith formation, and student life
- ask questions about enrollment for the upcoming school year

### Sign Up:

<https://forms.gle/hz4bP8pne3Q1TCSA9>

## January 12, 2026

May this season of ordinary time encourage each of us to follow Jesus more closely, finding Him present in the ordinary moments of each day.

## Upcoming Dates



### Wednesday, January 14

Class Pictures



### Friday, January 16

100<sup>th</sup> Day of School  
Snack Sale



### Monday, January 19

No School (MLK Day)

### Tuesday, January 20

PTC Meeting 6:00pm



### Saturday, January 24

Church Cook-Off

### Sunday, January 25

Catholic School's Week Kick-Off Mass

### Tuesday, January 27

First Reconciliation 6:00 pm

### Friday, January 30

New Family Open House  
Snack Sale



### **100<sup>th</sup> Day of School**

**Friday, January 16**

100 days of school is near!

PreK-3, Kindergarten, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade have special dress down guidelines. Please follow teacher directions.

Students in grades PreK-4 and 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> are allowed to wear a 100<sup>th</sup> day of school shirt with jeans or school bottoms and school shoes.



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## Sauce Picante Cook-Off

Saturday, January 24

We warmly invite our school families to come out and enjoy this delicious and much-loved community event. There are many ways to participate, whether by cooking, attending, volunteering, or supporting the raffle. Please refer to the attached flyers for additional details and opportunities to be involved.

Raffle tickets sent home by Father Joseph prior to the Christmas break should be returned to the school once they have been sold, or if any tickets remain unsold.

## MyBooster FUN RUN

This year, we are excited to bring back our MyBooster Fun Run with a fun new twist! Did someone say COLOR RUN?

To be good stewards of our resources, we adjusted our support tier with the company, allowing our school to retain a significantly larger portion of the funds raised. This change means even greater benefit for our students and classrooms. As a result, we will need a bit of extra support to help make this much-loved student event a success.

We are seeking parent volunteers who may be available to assist in a variety of ways. If you are able to help in any capacity, we kindly ask that you complete the volunteer survey. <https://forms.gle/SHBC5G4NxxrY94JA>

If you would like to be a sponsor of our color run shirts, please see the attached flyer!

## Extracurriculars

**4H** – Congrats to all who participated in the Sweet Potato, Rice, and Ground Beef Cookery

**Quiz Bowl** – Looking forward to the next meet on January 21st.  
Good Luck!

**Robotics Club** – Next meeting:

Jan. 22  
After school until 3:45pm

**Soccer** – Next game: January 13  
7:00 pm vs. Houma Jr. High  
At Mall Soccer Fields

Last Game: January 15 vs. EDW 8<sup>th</sup> grade

## Catholic School's Week January 26-30

We will kick off Catholic School's Week with mass on **Sunday, January 25 at 10:00 am**.

We will have fun and engaging activities planned throughout the week.

Please see the attached flyers for all the details!

## Mass Hosts Schedule

**Thurs., January 15** - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Thurs., January 22** - Bazaar Court

**Tues., January 27** - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

**Thurs., January 29** - 4<sup>th</sup> grade

**Friday, Feb. 13** - Fire & Faith Club

**Thurs. Feb. 26** - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

# St. Mary's Nativity

# CATHOLIC

# School's Week

Jan. 25

SUNDAY

Mass Kick Off at St. Mary's 10:00 am

Jan. 26

MONDAY

School-wide Pep Rally  
Fire & Faith Crew and SGA  
Officers will lead us with a  
spirited student kick off!

Jan. 27

TUESDAY

Grandparents Mass  
(K-3 only) Mass at 8:30

Student-written notes to  
parents.

Jan. 28

WEDNESDAY

Service and Mission

Supply drives for:

1. The Haven

2. Beyond the Bell

(see flyer for service project info)  
Pick either one to support.

Jan. 29

THURSDAY

Grandparents Mass  
(4-8 only) Mass at 8:30

cookies for our community

Jan. 30

FRIDAY

Team Up for Unity Day

Celebrate unity as we close out Catholic Schools Week!  
Students may wear any team jersey or team shirt with  
dress-code appropriate bottoms and shoes.

Open House

for prospective  
families

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Sign-up Today!



# St. Mary's Nativity SERVICE Project

## Beyond the Bell

Beyond the Bell is dedicated to helping individuals across Lafourche Parish navigate life's next steps. They strive to provide the tools and support youth to move forward with confidence.

### Items Needed:

#### • Outside

#### Extracurricular:

- basketballs
- soccer balls
- footballs
- jump ropes
- hula hoops
- and more

## or

## The Haven

Each year, The Haven helps women and children escape domestic violence and rebuild their lives in safety. Many arrive with nothing but the clothes on their backs. They provide essential items that help survivors feel welcomed, safe, and cared for.

### Items Needed:

- New bath towels/washcloths
- Toiletries (shampoo, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.)
- Baby Items (diapers, wipes, sippy cups, etc.)
- Cleaning supplies (laundry detergent, wipes, etc.)





St. Mary's is so excited to invite you to join our Community Business Partners program! As a Community Partner, you will be contributing to an incredible cause - the development of our future leaders! In return, we want to provide your business with maximum brand awareness in our community!

The primary component of our Community Business Partners program is our Event Shirt. Your logo or name will be displayed on the shirt worn by 220 students for event day, March 27, and on spirit shirt days every Monday, providing continuous exposure for your business!

Also, our friends at Booster Gear are offering a 15% discount on any custom apparel order for your business! Just visit their website and say you're a proud Community Partner of St. Mary's Nativity School!

Please see the sponsorship information below for pricing and details. Thank you for being a valued member of the St. Mary's community! Here's to a great partnership!

**PREMIUM AD \$800**

- Large ad on the back of the Event Shirt
- Sponsor logo placed on School social media
- 15% Custom Apparel discount from Booster Gear

**REGULAR AD \$500**

- Medium ad on the back of the Event Shirt
- Sponsor logo placed on School social media
- 15% Custom Apparel discount from Booster Gear

**NAME AD \$200**

- Name on back of the Event Shirt
- Recognition on School social media
- 15% Custom Apparel discount from Booster Gear



All donations are tax deductible. Please send your name, phone number, and business logo (or name) to email address: [veronica.pertuit@htdiocese.org](mailto:veronica.pertuit@htdiocese.org) by January 31<sup>st</sup> to secure your spot. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Nativity School. Our contact info is below if you have any questions.

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# 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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