

ST. MARY SCHOOL



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UPCOMING EVENTS.

- NOV 17
Movie/Potluck 6:00
P.M.
- NOV 22-24
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving
Break
- NOV 27
SPIRIT DAY
- NOV 29
Mass 10:00 A.M.
- DEC. 1
Adoration 1:00
P.M.
- DEC. 8
Mass 10:00 A.M.
- DEC. 13
Mass 10:00 A.M.
- DEC. 15
Movie/potluck 6:00
P.m. Home,
School & Church
7:00 P.M.
- DEC. 18
Spirit Day
- DEC. 20
Mass 10:00 A.M.
- DEC 21
Christmas Pro-
gram 1:00 P.M.
- DEC. 22 - JAN 1
- JAN. 2
School Resumes

Dear Parents & Students,

I cannot believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner! The students have been talking about all the things they are thankful for. I love that they acknowledge all of the wonderful people and things in their lives. Our kids are such kind and loving children! Over the last two and a half years as principal, I have visited many schools and talked with many educators, and I continually feel blessed with my position at St. Mary School. I am thankful I am blessed with students who are kind & respectful, parents who support the school and want to work to make it better, teachers who give endlessly of themselves to the students, for a priest that supports and loves the school, and for two parishes that pray and support St. Mary School. There are many things our school wants but the school lacks for nothing! We are truly blessed!

Parents and students have been asking for another opportunity to purchase Spirit Gear before the holidays. I have included in the family folder another order form that will be due by December 4th so that the order will be back in time for Christmas. Spirit Gear makes great Christmas presents for grandparents and students!

There is a team working vigorously in getting St. Mary School set up for *Giving Tuesday* on November 28th. The link on the *Giving Tuesday* website should link directly to the St. Mary School website's Donate Now page. If by chance there is a glitch with the *Giving Tuesday* site another option is going directly to the St. Mary School website and under the Fundraiser tab and hitting Donate Now. Please pass the word to anyone who is interested in making a donation on this designated day of giving. There are many options such as giving to the school, Help-a-Student, or towards a classrooms wish list. No gift is too small!

The *New Richmond Hometown Holiday Parade* is just two weeks away! A green sign-up sheet went home in the family folder two weeks ago. If you are planning on joining us please send back your slip so we know who to watch for that night. The Chamber held a contest with middle schools students to create the art work for the parade buttons. Our very own 8th grader, Hattie Harrold, was the winner with finalists including Drew Effertz and Malcolm Lenz. Way to go kids!!! It will be a fun night of caroling and fellowship! I hope all you will be able to join us.

In your family folder you will find a pink order form for the 7th & 8th grade poinsettia sale. The students are selling these to raise money for their trip to South Dakota in May. The plants will be ready for pick up after school on Friday, December 1st. Poinsettias make a great gift for that hard to shop for person or if you are in need of decoration for your home or work. The students have about

Veteran's Day

St. Mary School honored Veterans on November 7, 2017. Students sang, read a Reader's theatre piece, presented the Veterans with gifts, said the Pledge of Allegiance, and sang the National Anthem. The Veterans folded the flag and explained what each fold represented. The Student Council then hosted coffee and cookies for the Veterans. St. Mary School is so very thankful for all the things the men and women of the armed forces do for our country!



STUDENT COUNCIL



Student Council members went to the 5 Loaves Food Shelf to pack meals for the Happy Backpack Program. Before leaving Council President Hattie said a beautiful prayer over the backpacks!!! Our kids really do Follow their Faith and Serve in Harmony!



Thanksgiving Money Drive

Every year during November the students at St. Mary School work together to raise money for The Five Loaves Food Shelf and Grace Place. Students can bring in coins or bills that they wish to donate. Money will be placed in the collection jars located in each classroom. The money drive starts November 20, 2017 and goes through December 15, 2017. This is our opportunity to give thanks for what we have and to share with those who do not have what we do.



**Feeding the
Community**

BAKERS NEEDED!!

11th Annual Cookie Platter Fundraiser

We will again be preparing our cookie platters to be sold after the Christmas Program on December 21st and by pre-order for the Parish. Last year we had a profit of \$1500, but it took a lot of generous bakers and assemblers to make it happen!

Please consider helping with this fundraiser in whatever way you are able. Here are some ways you can help:

1. Bake and donate 6-12 dozen of one type of Christmas cookies or candy. Of course, you are welcome to make more!! We need about 30 bakers, so please share your talent of baking if you are able.
2. Help assemble the cookie platters at 8:00am on December 21st. The more helpers we have the quicker we will get done. It is a lot of fun and a great social time!
3. Volunteer to sell the platters after the Christmas program.

If you have cookie trays from last year you would like to donate back, please bring them into the office.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact Christine Charbonneau at lccharb@frontiernet.net or 715-222-4218.