



UPCOMING EVENTS.

- DEC 5
Mass 1:45 P.M.
- DEC 7
Adoration 1:30 PM
- DEC 12
Mass 1:45 PM
- DEC 17
Spirit Day
- DEC 19
Mass 1:45 PM
- DEC 21
Christmas Program 1:00 PM
- DEC 24-JAN 1
Christmas Break
- JAN 2
School Resumes
- JAN 2
Mass 1:45 p.m.
- JAN 4
Adoration 1:30 PM
- JAN 9
Mass 1:45 PM
- JAN 16
Mass 1:45 PM



Dear Students & Parents,

With the Advent season approaching on Sunday, I hope that everyone has time to slow down and enjoy this blessed season. Each of the classrooms received as a gift, a new Advent wreath, and on Monday mornings the teachers and students will be doing a special Advent prayer.

Did you know: Here are four ways to expand your celebration of Advent as a family.

1. Celebrate the Catholic New Year: This year, the first Sunday of Advent is December 2. Host a gathering of friends and family the night before and begin the new liturgical year in style. Bonus points if you make a resolution.
2. In addition to keeping an Advent wreath as part of the tradition, incorporating a daily calendar with a small treat or regular ritual is a great way to build excitement about the greatest present ever given—the son of God coming into the world.
3. Decorate a Jesse Tree. Advent is all about anticipating the arrival of Jesus, and perhaps the best way of all to prepare for his arrival is to remember and reflect on the years where God prepared the hearts of the Israelite people. This is what the tradition of the Jesse Tree aims to do: help us reflect on Salvation History by telling the story of God's people as they waited for the Messiah. Each day of Advent has an assigned ornament, which tells the stories of the Old Testament that culminate in the birth of Christ.
4. Celebrate the Advent Saints. The season of Advent is filled with beautiful feast days. St. Francis Xavier on December 3, St. Nicholas on December 6, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 9, Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, St. Lucy on December 13, St. John of the Cross on December 14, and St. Peter Canisius on December 21.

Recycling: Please note that the school's aluminum recycling trailer is still located on the north side of town on the empty lot by Snap Fitness. The trailer is just moved to the west side of the lot but is open for donations.

Amazon Smile: Please keep St. Mary School in mind when you are shopping online this Christmas season. An easy way to give back is to order through Amazon Smile.

By choosing the school when purchases are made on Amazon Smile a percentage will come back to the school. Here are the steps to get set up to give:

1. Go to smileamazon.com and sign in using your username and password for your amazon account.
2. There is a tab to pick your organization. This will lead you to a search organization page.
3. Type in: Immaculate Conception Parish (There are a few so make sure you pick New Richmond, WI) and choose this as your recipient.
4. Start giving—it is an easy way to support the school and it will cost you nothing.
5. For the school to receive a percentage you must always purchase through smileamazon.com. If you use the regular amazon.com the giving will not take place.

Please contact me with any questions, or if you need help setting up your smileamazon.com giving selection. Please share this information with all family and friends who would like to support the school.

Living Our Mission: Students and staff have been living the mission this past month of November. They have been **serving in harmony** through many different ways. Ms. Alexander's 2nd grade class collected items and filled Boxes of Joy to be sent to children in need. Members of the faculty worked at Ruby's Pantry, students in grades 4th through 8th made turkey centerpieces for the Thanksgiving Day Dinner and placemats for the Senior Center's Thanksgiving Dinner, and Student Council also served at the Catholic Formation Dinner in November. I love seeing our teachers and students giving back to those around them.

Happy Advent,

Mrs. J

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY PARADE 2018

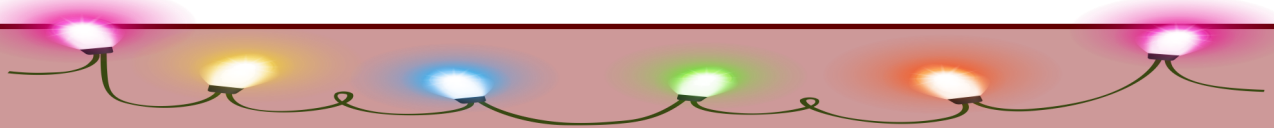


Beautiful weather, a live nativity on the float, lots of friends gathering together, and a bonfire and fireworks after the parade made for a fabulous night at the Hometown Holiday Parade on Thursday night. A big thank you to everyone that was able to join in and help!



All School Christmas Program
Friday, Dec. 21st 1:00 P.M.
Gym doors will open at 12:30 PM
(Please no arriving early to reserve seats)

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!



As you continue your Holiday Shopping—
don't forget to buy Scrip! We have all of your
favorite retailers at the School, and
many, many more online. Gift Cards
are the perfect gift for everyone!



**These cost you nothing extra and St. Mary School funding is supported
by your participation:**

- *Shop on AmazonSmile**, *smile.amazon.com* choose *Immaculate Conception Parish*
- *Recycle aluminum cans** at our center near Snap Fitness on N. Knowles Ave.
- *Collect Box Tops** for Education labels. Drop off at school.
- *Recycle printer cartridges**. Drop off at school.
- *Collect Kwik Trip Milk Moola** labels. Drop off at school.
- *Save Family Fresh receipts**. Drop off at school.