



St. Mary School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC. 8

Mass 10:00 AM

DEC. 13

Mass 10:00 AM

DEC. 15

Spirit Day!

DEC. 20

Mass 10:00 AM

DEC. 22

Christmas Program
10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

DEC 25-JAN 1

Christmas
Break NO
SCHOOL

JAN 2

School Resumes

JAN 3

Mass 10:00 AM

JAN 10

Mass 10:00 AM

JAN 15

NO SCHOOL

JAN 17

Mass 10:00 AM



Dear St. Mary Families,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, especially if you joined us for the Hometown Holiday Parade last night! Thank you to all of the members of the parade committee, the students who participated, and the parents who showed their support for St. Mary School and ICC by walking with our float. We couldn't have done it without you!

Please join us for our Christmas Program on Friday, Dec. 22nd here in the St. Mary School gym. The 1:00 PM show is full and the 10:00 AM is also nearing capacity. If you haven't reserved a seat, please contact Mrs. Moore in the office. Please note that students need to be at both shows on Dec. 22nd. Students may leave with their parents after the 1:00 PM show. There will be Christmas cookies, Scrip, and Gala tickets for sale after the show in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Thursday, Dec. 21st will be ugly Christmas sweater day for students and staff. Students may wear any Christmas sweater/shirt with uniform bottoms. Friday, Dec. 22nd (program day) students should wear dress clothes. Please no jeans, printed t-shirts, or spaghetti strapped dresses. If students want, they may wear their uniforms if they do not want to wear dress clothes. Due to Christmas Vacation, the December spirit day this month will fall on Friday, December 15th.

This past Monday, teachers participated in the Franciscan at Home online program during our PLD day. The intent of these sessions are for our teachers to grow in faith and discipleship with this month's focus being on *Introducing the Liturgy to Children*. An important takeaway from this particular topic was the significance and history behind why and when during mass we kneel, stand, and make the sign of the cross. Please check our social media sites during Advent for the reasoning behind these important signs and symbols during the liturgy.

Wishing all of you a wonderful Advent season starting this Sunday!

Joyfully Serving,

Mrs. Engelhart

Hometown Holiday Parade 2023

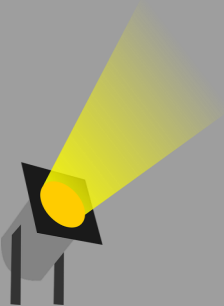


STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This week's Staff Spotlight is on Mrs. Jami Engelhart, our Principal Extraordinaire! I began my journey here at St. Mary teaching 4K in the fall of 2012 and was then given the opportunity the following year to teach my favorite grade of 1st for 11 years. I am now honored to be principal of St. Mary School. I am married to my husband, Benjamin of 16 years and we have two wonderful children who are currently attending New Richmond High School. Our son, Benjamin, is in 10th grade and our daughter Anna is in 9th. Both of our children attended St. Mary preschool—8th grade before transitioning to high school. So

SMS has felt like a family, home away from home, for me for quite some time. My hobbies include attending my children's many athletic events, walking my beloved basset hounds, and visiting state parks when I have the time!

1. You have a late night talk show, who would you want as your first guest and what question would you most want to ask them? Tom Hanks—Can I be the leading lady in your next movie?
2. You have to move to another country, which one would you choose and why? I would love to move to Fiji! Fiji seems like such a beautiful place and I have heard the people who live there are known for their kindness and hospitality. Also, it is really cold out today so it seems like a good choice to me!
3. What's one fun fact about you that people would be surprised to know? I played the tuba in my high school marching band!



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Scrip shopping/gift cards are available at the school and church offices and after masses.



St. Mary School Christmas Program

FRIDAY, DEC. 22nd

10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

The 1:00 Show is FULL, 10:00 still
has availability. Email Mrs.
Moore to save your
spot.



BAKERS NEEDED!!

Annual Cookie Platter Fundraiser

We are holding the cookie platter fundraiser again this year! We will be preparing our cookie platters to be sold after both Christmas Programs on December 22nd and by pre-order for the Parish. It will take a lot of generous bakers and volunteers to assemble and sell to make this fundraiser successful.

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

1. We need about 30 bakers to bake and donate 6-12 dozen of one type of Christmas cookies or candy. Cookies need to be in containers with name and quantity dropped in the multi-purpose room on Dec 22nd by 8 am. Empty containers can be picked up after the programs.
2. Help assemble the cookie platters at 8:00am on December 22nd. The more helpers we have the quicker we will get done. Our goal is to be finished before the 10 am program. It is a lot of fun and a great way to connect with other parents!
3. Volunteer to sell the platters after each Christmas program at 10 am & 1 pm.
4. If you have cookie trays from last year you would like to donate back, please bring them into the office.
5. Pre-Order information for cookie platters will be sent out at a later date.

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at the following link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49ABAB2CA3FCC70-39292843-cookie>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Alicia Powers at <mailto:apowers916@outlook.com> or Jessica Brotzler at jbrotzler626@gmail.com

Looking forward to a successful fundraiser!
Alicia Powers, Jessica Brotzler, Jennifer Gibson & Bridget Larson