

St. Mary School

Parent Newsletter
December 8, 2016

We will come to know God, to love God, and to serve God and His people

Mark your Calendars:

- ✓ Dec. 13-Out of Dress Code
- ✓ Dec. 16-Student confessions 3-6 gr
- ✓ Dec. 19-All School Mass 8:15 am
- ✓ Dec. 20-Vacation begins 3:10 pm
- ✓ Jan. 3-School resumes at 7:55 am
- ✓ Jan. 16-NO SCHOOL
- ✓ Jan. 20-End of 2nd quarter-1/2 day dismissal at 11:30 am

Coming home today:

Kids' World News

Jenna Keilen won the Kids World News Poster contest. Look for her picture in next months edition. Congratulations!

Playground:

Monday- Adalyn Kohagen
Caleb Kowatch
Tuesday- Daniel Kramer
Gabriel Lyons
Wednesday- Braiden Martin
Eve Martin
Thursday- Makayla McRae
Alivia Miller
Friday- Anna Miller
Laney Miller

Help- We have become aware of several families in our community, that are in desperate need of some help. We have declared an ***Out of Dress Code day on Tuesday, Dec. 13***, for students who bring in any non-perishable food items. We will also take gift cards or cash, to help purchase the perishable items they will need for a holiday meal.

Confession- Students in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6, will be going to confession on Friday, December 16.

Thanks- Thank you for your wonderful response to the Giving Tree Project. We were able to help two different agencies with your gifts: Clinton County Capital Area Community Services and Wedgwood Orphanage. Your generosity has helped these families have a brighter Christmas. Maranda from WOOD TV will be here on Monday as Wedgwood picks up the gifts.

Christmas Eve Liturgy- Just a reminder, our children will be participating in the 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Shepherds and angels should sit with their families in the pew until called to the altar. The 6th grade pageant participants should meet Ms. Kramer in the back of church by 4:00pm, dressed in their "Sunday Best" clothing, no gym shoes. If a pageant participant is ill, please call Ms. Kramer, [989-292-0205](tel:989-292-0205). The children's choir should also be in church by 4:10pm. All others should try to arrive early. **The only reserved seating is for the family of Joseph, Mary, Baby Jesus**, and dinner raffle reserved pew winners.

*If this is your first time joining us for the Christmas Eve Liturgy, plan to arrive early. The church is usually full by 4pm.

TAB- Checks only for TAB orders (NO CASH PLEASE). Last day to order TAB before Christmas is Monday.

KC Poster Contest- We had some beautiful and inspiring entries in our contest. The judges have made their choices and the winners are:

In November, three students won an

essay competition sponsored by the VFW called "Patriot's Pen". The theme for the essay was "The America I Believe In". Winners are:

First place - Brandon Goerge
Second place- Caleb Pohl
Third place- Jake Thelen

Congratulations!

7: 1st-Mason Pohl, 2nd-Tyler Huhn, 3rd-Audrey Hengesbach

10: 1st- Tessa Thelen, 2nd-Jenna Kramer, 3rd- Alyssa Kramer

14: 1st-Katelyn Kramer (7th grader), 2nd-Grace Fox,
3rd-William Lyons

The winner's poster, will advance to the competition!

Christmas program- "Special Delivery: Wrapped in the Father's Love" was a great success. Thank you to Miss Kramer, Mrs. Olson, Mr. Skeels, the staff, volunteers, and especially the students who made this production the best ever.