

ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
for week of December 8, 2019
The Mission of St. Mary's School is:
To Grow Disciples of Christ



DATES to note: _____

This Week

Wednesday, December 11 Mass at 9:00 a.m.—Grades 4 and 5 are the prayer leaders. After Mass those running for Student Council office will be giving their speeches in the church. Then all the students will return to school to vote for the candidates of their choice. (*See note below regarding Student Council for names of students running.*)

Start of *Elves Workshop* (*See note below for more information*)

Friday, December 13: **Family Auction item is due today.**

Math Circle will **not meet** this afternoon due to the choir concert. Next meeting will be on Friday, December 20 for a Christmas Carol Codebreak Challenge.

U of I Christmas Concert starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Kibbie Dome. Our students are involved in this wonderful program. Students, under Nikki Crathorne's direction, are to be at the Kibbie Dom by 6:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday after all the Masses will be the Anointing of the Sick Sacrament. This sacrament of healing is for anyone who needs healing physically, emotionally, psychologically or mentally. Please consider receiving this beautiful sacrament.

STUDENT COUNCIL

SERVE

LEAD

INSPIRE

Speeches of candidates after Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 11

Voting occurs afterwards in homerooms.

PRESIDENT: Gianna Niehenke Anna Ristine

VICE PRESIDENT: Katelyn Swam Wyatt Thornycroft

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS: Sadie Newlan Cohen Hawkins

SCHOOL SPIRIT: Hannah Johnson-Leung (*unopposed*)

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Anna Linskey (*unopposed*)

NATURAL HELPERS: Mason Poxleitner (*unopposed*)



Student Council's *Elves Workshop* begins **Dec. 11**; ends when we run out.....

Each year St Mary's Student Council operates a Santa Workshop for the students.

Here they can purchase "gifts" for the family

(price for the items run from a *quarter to \$5.00*)

ALL proceeds will go to a local charity (St. Vincent de Paul) to assist families in need.

However, the elves need assistance for items to sale. *Do you have items that fit this "category"?* If yes, please send the "donated" items to the school office asap. The elves will appreciate your "gifts". Thank you!



- **Our Christmas Concert, Frozen**, will be **Tuesday, December 17** at 7:00 p.m. at the Nazarene Church. Please invite your neighbors and friends to this wonderful event put on by Nikki Crathorne and students PK through Gr. 8.
- DVD's of Frozen will be available for \$20. If you wish to order a copy, please call the office and place your order for it.
- **NOTE:** ALL classes and *ALL grades have earned a free pizza lunch and Bingo party* with prizes for doing such a GREAT job on the Jog-a-thon! All grades brought in 100% + in jog amounts!! Money prizes (money jar for those who brought in \$250 +) plus pizza for all grades for lunch (no cost) + Bingo party following the pizza. This will take place on **Wednesday, December 18**. Lunch menu for December 18 taquitos + rice will be on **Thursday, December 19th**.
- **Community Reconciliation Service (Sacrament of Forgiveness)** will be offered in a communal service on **Thursday, December 19** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church. Come experience God's healing grace!
- **Christmas Eve at 4:30 p.m. Mass** is for families and their children from the parish school, religious education and high school youth. If you are planning on coming to this Mass and would be willing to have a part as a family in the Mass (i.e. reading, bringing gifts to the altar, be an altar server, help with hospitality, etc.) Later this week there will be a sign-up sheet for this Mass. If you are going to this Mass would you please sign-up?



Monday, Dec. 9	Biscuit pigs in a blanket
Tuesday, Dec. 10	Spaghetti nests with meatball
Wednesday, Dec. 11	Baked quesadillas + ham + cheese, scrambled eggs, tots
Thursday, Dec. 12	Grade 3 choice: waffles + bacon + strawberries with whipped cream
Friday, Dec. 13	hot dogs + chips

Stress in Your Marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Retrouvaille is NOT just for couples whose marriage is on the verge of divorce or considered irrevocably broken; it is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit www.Retrouvaille.org for emotional testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the February 14-16, 2020, Spokane weekend call (509) 520-4118 or (800) 470-2230 or visit the web site at www.Retrouvaille.org



To the **Farley Family** who won the free room at the Best Western the night of the auction. They, among many others, turned in their family donation for the auction before Thanksgiving to be eligible for this drawing. Their name was drawn after using a random online name generator. *Congratulations to Steve and Emily!*

FAMILY PICTURE

Welcome
New Families

Reminder families whose picture is not on the wall, please send your picture via email to office@stmarysmoscow.com or bring a copy to the office. Thank you!

Special welcome to: **Kari Clark** and her son Jayce who is now in our PS
and **Diana Juarez** and her daughter Alina who is now in our PS



We have good news to announce! We have a couple who will be doing the janitorial work at school. Colin and Kirsten Meyer were looking for a part time job that worked in their schedule after their day jobs. This was perfect for them and for us. They have had experience cleaning hotels so St. Mary's School is blessed to have them. Plus, their grandchild is a student here too. ***Welcome Kirsten and Colin!***

Keep Christ in Christmas: The Knights of Columbus have religious Christmas cards for sale at good prices. They are displayed in the St. Mary's Church Family Center and can be purchased through the parish office.



Question was raised regarding tardies: school has begun once the students are gathered for morning assembly (8:15 a.m.) and the side door is locked for security. Once the side door is locked, persons coming to school need to enter through the front door. Students coming to assembly after 8:15 will be marked "late". We ask any students who are late to stay in the back and once assembly is finished to join his/her class, so they are not a distraction to those assembled.

Twitter is up and active on the school's website. Check it out for any announcements such as snow days, school closure, etc.



For reservations "Under the Big Top" Event on January 25 now available call the office (208-882-2121).



Recently I read a quote from Anthony de Mello, SJ, an Indian Jesuit of the mid-20th century: "*Behold God, beholding you and smiling.*" How reassuring to know that God beholds us and smiles upon us. How reassuring to know that God's radiance is ever present in the smile of another, in the relationships we have with our families, friends, and acquaintances. Just the other day two of our students (brothers) saw each other in the hallway and ran into each other's arms, giving huge hugs, and beaming with massive smiles – God's love ever present. God wants to be close to us and loves us infinitely, however we are human and at times we feel lost and distant from our God, yet God searches for us in our darkness, bringing us back home to God's infinite love. *In this season of Advent, God's light shines bright in the darkness; may we be beacons of God's love, as these two brothers showed, throughout this Advent season.*

