

Advent at ST. MARY'S

EXPECTANT WAITING. HOPEFUL ANTICIPATION. CHEERFUL PREPARATION.



St. Mary's Parish School Newsletter
Week of December 13, 2021



Items to note:



Last piece of news from Jog 2021 from our Fundraising Coordinators (Dianna Spellman and Natalie Johnson): The class who brought in the most pledges (% wise) is Grade 2 and the mystery prize they won was a trip to Planet 3! Congratulations Second Graders!

Classes with 100% of pledges/money turned will have a Bingo/Pizza Party. Deadline was extended to Friday, December 17. Classes who have 100% by that date will have the Bingo/Pizza Party in January.



The Elves Workshop will take place this week Monday through Wednesday. this week: prices range from \$. 25 to \$5.00. *If any parent would like to volunteer to assist the students at lunch recess, please call the office to let us know. Thank you.*

ALL proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul (local charity) and to Ursuline Sisters in Mexico and their missionary work.

A huge *thank you* to those who donated items for our Elves Workshop---all is truly appreciated!

Are you going to the Family Mass at 4:00 p.m. on December 24th? If you are, please email Sister Margaret at sisterm@stmarysmoscow.com or call her at 208-882-2121 to let her know. Thank you!!



A huge *thank you* to Dianna Spellman, who organized our participation in this year's Moscow's *Holiday Lights Parade*. It was so wonderful and beautifully done!



And the float won BEST YOUTH ENTRY!! Congrats to Dianna and to all involved for a job well done!

Hope you were able to watch the U of I Christmas Concert on Friday....it was so good to see our students singing, playing their instruments (outside!) with their wonderful voice, smiles and performing so well. Thank you, Nikki Crathorne, for helping them perform at the concert virtually!

This Week

Monday, Dec. 13: *Give a gift of yourself by doing something nice for another without telling them!*

Lunch: Cheesy Chicken Enchilada Casserole
Elves Workshop starts during lunch recess

Tuesday, Dec. 14 *Give the gift of joy today!*

Lunch: Chili dog casserole
Elves Workshop continues during lunch recess
School Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the school

Wednesday, Dec. 15 *Jesus is the Light of the World! Wear Christmas "lights-up" today*

Lunch: Pizza muffins with cheese and pepperoni
Elves Workshop ENDS today!

Thursday, Dec. 16 *Give the gift of time to your family!*

Lunch: Waffles and sausage patties (NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE TO THE MENU)
Adoration at St. Mary's Church 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.—all are invited

Friday, Dec. 17 *Give the gift or your time to someone today!*

*School Mass; prayer leaders are Gr. 3 and UNIFORMS **are required** today*
Lunch: Spaghetti with tomato butter creamy sauce with little smokies and garlic bread
Christmas parties today
School is out till January 3, 2022

Friday is the LAST day for Raffle tickets...they are DUE today! Thank you so much for your wonderful work in selling the tickets.

Also, Friday is the very last day for JOG money for classes hoping to be at 100% participation....

Parents please note from our school librarian, Mrs. Carson: Parents please know that it is never necessary for you to try to mend any library books at home. Why? Scotch tape does not mend the books correctly. I have the correct materials to fix the books here at school. Thank you for wanting to fix them, but it is totally not necessary. Just send the book back and I'll fix it. Thank you!

Also note: at the weekend Masses at St. Mary's Church on Dec. 18/19, there will be the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation at the Masses: 5:00 p.m. (Saturday) and 9:30 or 11:00 (Sunday)

IGNITING faith, knowledge, creativity and service



*We, Father Joe, and the Faculty and Staff, at St. Mary's Parish School want to thank you for allowing us to work with your children. It is truly a **blessing** for each of us. And, we want to extend to you and yours our hope and prayers for peace and a most joy-filled Christmas and a wonderful New Year 2022.*

Blessings, Peace and Love!

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
Then the **work of Christmas begins:***

*To find the lost,
To heal the broken in spirit,
To feed the hungry,
To release the oppressed,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music with the heart.*

And to radiate the Light of Christ,

*Every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say.
Let the work of Christmas begin! Let's begin it together!*

Then the work of Christmas begins.