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**Parent Newsletter** 



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## December 17, 2021

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The St. Mary Catholic School community empowers students to grow spiritually, academically, creatively, and physically so they may experience, understand and live their responsibilities to God, family, community and self.

**Home and School Meeting**: Thank you to everyone who made soup and helped with the Gingerbread house event. We appreciate all the families who came out to decorate and enjoy the fun!

**Christmas Program**: What a wonderful performance! The students did an amazing job. A big thanks to Mr. Luebke and all of our teachers who helped. Mr. Luebke worked very hard to bring out the best in each of our students.

**O Antiphons:** For each day of Advent from December 17 to 23, the Church has special prayers that tell us who Jesus is. Each prayer starts with an O and a name for Jesus. The O Antiphons are best known as the inspiration for the Advent Hymn "O Come O Come Emmanuel". We can make them a part of our Advent preparation by including them in our prayers or Advent Scripture readings on the appropriate day.

December 17 O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18 O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19 O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 21 <u>O Radiant Dawn</u>, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22 O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23 O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

**Jean Day:** Thank you to all who donated for our jean day – we are raised over \$900 to send to Phoebe, one of the victims in the Oxford High School shooting. She is now home but will have many medical appointments along with physical therapy. Please continue to keep her and all others involved in your prayers.

**KEEP UP TO DATE**: Check out our website: at <u>www.stmaryschoolcharlevoix.com</u> to keep up to date on events and other news. Please join St. Mary School Families for notifications. Sign up <u>https://www.remind.com/join/1005bridge?utm\_medium=ios</u> or on your phone: Enter the number 81010 and text this message: @1005bridge.

Week at a glance				
Monday, December	20 Tuesday, December 21	Wednesday, December 22	Thursday, December 23	Friday, December 24
	Hot Lunch: Breakfast			Christmas Eve
STEM	ART			5:oopm Mass
	8:30am Student Mass			10:00pm Mass
Pray for Sheriff Chuc	k Pray for Everett	Pray for Father Peter	Pray for those	Pray for Peace on
Vondra			traveling	Earth
Olson; Potter	Browe; Scheller			
Upcoming Dates:				
December 21:	8:30am School Mass			
December 22:	No School – Christmas Break begins			
January 3:	School Resumes			
January 14:	Half Day of School – End of Marking Period			
January 14:	No Bussing			
January 20:	Full Day of School – No Bussing			
January 21:	Full Day of School – No Bussing			
January 31:	Catholic Schools Week Begins			
February 18: Half Day of School – No Bussing				

December 20 O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!