



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. Duncan and all of our teachers who helped. Mr. Duncan worked very hard to bring out the best in each of our students. In case you missed it or just want to watch it again - here is the link to our program [St. Mary School Christmas Program](#)

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

December 21 O Radiant Dawn, 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!

St. Michael Ski Team: St. Michael High School is inviting all middle school students from St. Mary Parish and School to join their ski team. Practices are at Nubs Nob from 4:00-5:30pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Meets are usually on Tuesdays. When you ski with the SMHS coaches you will not need to have a ski pass. Skiers will need their own gear/equipment. For more information, please contact Dave or Shelby Kolka at (231)944-6051 or shelby33002@yahoo.com.

Week at a glance.....				
Monday, December 19	Tuesday, December 20	Wednesday, December 21	Thursday, December 22	Friday, December 23
K-7 Computers 2/3 and 6/7 Art	Hot Lunch: Pizza K/1 Art NO P.E. Pickleball 3:15-5	Hot Lunch: Quesadillas 8:30am Student Mass 2/3, 4/5 and 6/7 Art 11:30 Builders Club – caroling to American House	NO BUSSING Half Day of School Dismiss at 11:15am	Christmas Break Begins
Pray for Sully	Pray for Rowin	Pray for Everett	Pray for those traveling	Pray for Peace on Earth
Berarducci; Hopkins	Browe; Scheller; Bernier	Jess; Peak		

Upcoming Dates:

December 16: Evening with the Heart of Jesus (adoration, praise and worship)

December 18: 6pm Lessons and Carols (Scripture and Song)

December 21: 8:30am Student Mass

December 22: Half day of School – Dismiss at 11:15am

December 22: NO BUSSING

December 23-January 2: No School – Christmas break

January 3: School Resumes

January 12: End of Second Marking Period

January 16: NO BUSSING

January 16: 10:30am Spelling Bee grades 5-7