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Parent Newsletter

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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.

Thanksgiving: The Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held in the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church at 109 Elm Street, on Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving Day) from 12:00-3:00pm. Sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association.

Wreaths: Reminder: Wreaths will be delivered on Monday, November 20th after school.


Cookie Walk: Our annual Cookie Walk will be December 16 & 17 after all Masses. **We need each family to make 4 dozen cookies.** Please avoid jellied icings, meringues and lace cookies. Also, chocolate chip cookies are easy, but too many are hard to sell. Holiday-themed cookies are the most popular. Fundraisers require participation from all parents to be successful. We keep our tuition down by doing fundraisers. We will be looking for volunteers to help out after Masses. Please let us know if you are available. Cookies can be dropped off all day Friday or Saturday.

Home and School Meeting: We will be having a Home and School family day on Sunday, December 10, at 11:00am. Please join us to decorate gingerbread houses and enjoy a light lunch. We are asking each family to bring in a bag or two of candy to share. More information to follow.

Christmas Program: Please mark your calendars for the School Christmas Program at 6pm on Thursday, December 14.

Youth Group News: St. Mary Youth Ministry program for **grades 6-12** meets **this Sunday, Nov. 19 from 6-8pm**. This Sunday will be a **"CHRISTMAS IN BAVARIA WORK-BEE"!!!** We need everyone's help in preparing the Christmas Crafts for our Christmas Market!

St. Mary's Youth Ministry is hosting **"Christmas in Bavaria"** - a Celebration honoring the life of Pope Benedict XVI on **Saturday, Dec. 9 at 5:00pm at St. Mary Parish in Charlevoix**, which features a presentation from Fr. Christopher Jarvis on the life of Pope Benedict XV, a Christmas Market, Bavarian cuisine, as well as a musical performance from St. Michael High School Choir. Cost is \$50 a ticket. Tickets are available for purchase online at <https://www.osvhub.com/stmarycharlevoix/forms/christmas-in-bavaria-dinner-1> and at St. Mary's Parish office. Proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Youth Ministry Program. Contact Liz Gengle at egengle@stmaryschoolcharlevoix.org for more information.

Week at a glance.....				
Monday, November 20	Tuesday, November 21	Wednesday, November 22	Thursday, November 23	Friday, November 24
7/8 Grade to Visit American House	Hot Lunch: Sloppy Joes P.E.	No School	No School 	No School
Pray for Ruby	Pray for Mr. Solomon			
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Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, November 20: 7/8 Grade to Visit American House
- Monday, November 20: 3:20pm Wreaths available for pick up
- Wednesday, November 22: No School
- Thursday, November 23: Happy Thanksgiving! No School
- Friday, November 24: No School
- December 2: Advent Soup Dinner at 5pm and Evening with the Heart of Jesus at 6pm
- December 3: First Sunday of Advent
- December 14: 6pm School Christmas Program
- December 21: ½ day school Dismiss at 11:20am