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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.

Happy Thanksgiving! As a reminder, we will not have school for the rest of this week. May you and your family have a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving holiday and may this week filled with many blessings!

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

Hot Lunch: Thank you to all who have signed up to help! We can use help on any day with only one parent.

December: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA8AB2BA7FFC16-60279304-lunch>

January: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA8AB2BA7FFC16-60279346-lunch>

Christmas Program: Please mark your calendars for the School Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 10, at 6pm. Details to follow on what your student should wear. Sign up here if you are interested in helping with the social <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CA8AB2BA7FFC16-60571320-christmas>

Gingerbread House Decorating: We will be having a Home and School family day on Friday, December 12, at 5:30pm. Please join us to decorate gingerbread houses and a light dinner. We are asking each family to bring in a bag or two of candy to share. We are also looking for a few people willing to bring your favorite soup.
<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarycharlevoix/forms/gingerbread2025>

Cookie Walk: Our annual Cookie Walk will be December 13 & 14 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 that weekend all day Friday or Saturday.

Camp Sancta Maria (CSM) is a Catholic summer camp located in Gaylord, Michigan, where they **have spent the last 90 years helping young people build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ** and His Church. CSM's mission is to help young people unplug from the distractions of this digital age and encounter the Lord through authentic discipleship, sacramental life, and the beauty of His creation. [Here is a short video that tells a little more about them and their mission.](#) They offer: Daily Mass, Confession, and Weekly Adoration; Adventure activities such as high ropes course, archery tag, waterfront fun, canoe trips padded weapon battles; Equestrian program with Horseback riding and care; Technology-free with close to 100 acres of woodlands and natural beauty; Infused into all of our adventures and activities is an atmosphere of faith and fun. Financial aid is available for those who are in need.

Week at a glance...

Monday, December 1	Tuesday, December 2	Wednesday, December 3	Thursday, December 4	Friday, December 5
	P.E. Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs in a Blanket	Hot Lunch: Spaghetti and Meatballs	MUSIC Hot Lunch: Turkey Noodle Soup/Grilled Cheese	ART 12:30pm Mass
Pray for Caroline	Pray for Mr. Solomon	Pray for Morgan	Pray for Lillian	Pray for PHaelynn
Potter	Jess; Brief	Olson	Snider	Cuca

Upcoming Dates:

11/26-28 Thanksgiving Break
12/5 12:30pm Student Mass
12/8 8:30am Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception
12/10 6pm Christmas Program
12/12 5:30pm Gingerbread House Event
12/13-14: Cookie Walk
12/20-1/4 Christmas break
1/5 School Resumes
1/14 End of 2nd Marking Period