



ST. MARY SCHOOL

FAMILY NOTES

November 26, 2018

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The children's Christmas Program, "**Dude, You Hear What I Hear?**," will be presented in our church at 1:30 on Wed., Dec. 12, & again in full costume at 7:00 that evening. The afternoon performance may not have full costuming; it is for those who prefer to attend during the day, and it gives our children one last opportunity to practice for the full evening production.

Our Band will play carols of the season at 6:30 pm, prior to the evening show. Please join us!

St. Mary's received one scholarship from Empower Illinois! Watch for information about the 2019-2020 application cycle. I will share as it becomes available. Families requesting CAPE assistance from our school will be required to apply for Empower Illinois funds first. CAPE funds are reserved for Catholic families, but Empower Illinois scholarships are available to all families based on financial need.

Second Tuition Payment
For those making 2 tuition payments, the 2nd installment is due Jan. 15. Statements will be sent before Christmas.

Scrip Cards

It's not too late to order gift cards for Christmas. We'll send orders on Wed., Nov. 28, and again on Tues., Dec. 11. Thanks to all who have ordered. Participation is growing! Scrip Retailer List is at shop-withscrip.com. Just send us a list of the stores and amounts you want. Payment to St. Mary's School must accompany order. Please include a phone number in case there is a question about your order.



POINSETTIA PICKUP DON'T FORGET!

Pick up for poinsettias is Thursday, December 6th in the school cafeteria from 3:00pm – 6:00pm. If you're unable to pick up your order please arrange for someone to pick them up for you. Any questions, please call Vanessa Wiseman at 622-4304!



Children's Mass

On Thurs., Nov. 29, Grade 5 will lead Mass at 9:00 a.m.
Please join us!

Christmas Gift for Monsignor

The children will present the Monsignor's Christmas gift at the program on Wed., Dec. 12. Any amount you can contribute would be appreciated. Please send the money in a labeled envelope. Thank you to all the families who have already given.

Santa's Workshop



Students in our Parish Youth Group will host their annual Santa's Workshop toy giveaway on Sun., Dec. 16, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Any family experiencing financial difficulty is welcome to select Christmas gifts for their children. Families must register in advance on Tues., Nov. 27, from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Contacting the parish office at 824-8178 for more information.

A second collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend in support of Santa's Workshop and school families are invited to donate a new toy at the Children's Mass on Thursday, December 13.

Coming Events...

- *Picture Retakes—Tuesday, Nov. 27
- *Sign up for Santa's Workshop—Tuesday, Nov. 27, 4:00-6:00 in parish office
- *Scrip Order due—Wednesday, Nov. 28, by 3:00
- *School Mass—Thur., Nov. 29, 9:00, Gr. 5
- *1st Sunday of Advent—December 2
- *Nursing Home Mass—Tuesday, Dec. 4, Gr. 3, Hickory Estates, 10:30
- *St. Mary's Night at Florinda's—Wed., Dec. 5
- *School Mass—Thur., Dec. 6, 9:00, Gr. 4
- *Eucharistic Adoration—December 7
- *Parish Penance Service—Sunday, December 9 at 5:00 p.m. in church
- *Nursing Home Mass—Tuesday, Dec. 11, Gr. 4, Taylorville Estates, 10:30
- *Christmas Program, Wed., December 12 at 1:30 and 7:00 in church
- *School Mass—Thur., Dec. 13 9:00, Gr. 3—Toy Collection Mass
- *Board of Education Meeting—Thurs., Dec. 13, at 6:00
- *Santa's Workshop—Sun., Dec. 16, 1 to 3
- *Nursing Home Mass—Tuesday, Dec. 18, Gr. 6, Taylorville Care, 10:30
- *School Mass—Thur., Dec. 20 9:00, Gr. 2
- *2:15 Dismissal w/ bus service—Thurs., Dec. 20 and Fri., Dec. 21
- *School Reconvenes—Mon., Jan. 7



Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!



It's hard to realize that we are at the end of our 3-year pledge commitment to the We Believe building fund.

If you paid a monthly pledge that was deducted from your bank, the debits will stop automatically following the final payment.

If you have not finished paying your pledge, you will receive a letter with an updated balance.

We ask that all who pledged please fulfill this obligation as soon as possible. The longer it takes the parish to repay the loan for the building, the more we owe in interest.

If you or a family member would like to make a donation toward cost of the new school, contact me.

Mrs. Robertson

Attention, 4th Graders!! As part of our nation's commitment to protect its unique outdoor spaces and ensure that every American has the opportunity to visit and enjoy them, the [Every Kid in a Park](#) initiative continues to provide all 4th grade students and their families with **free admission to national parks** and other federal lands and waters for a full year. The pass grants free entry for 4th graders along with up to three accompanying adults as well as other children under the age of 16 (or an entire car for drive-in parks) at more than 2,000 federally managed sites, including national parks, national forests, national wildlife refuges, and more! Students who are currently in 4th grade can obtain a paper pass that grants them free entry through **August 31, 2019** into all federal lands and waters. To receive the pass, students should visit the Every Kid in a Park website and participate in an educational activity. Then, they can print a paper pass to bring with them to visit public lands. Fourth graders must be present for free entry into parks. For more [information](#), please visit the [National Park Website](#).

