

Rooted in Gospel principles and Catholic tradition, we motivate students toward academic excellence and generosity of spirit.

For Your Information

SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

www.schoolofsaintmary.com

December 06, 2024



December 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
December 1	2	3	4	5	6 9am Mass-8th 2:15-3pm Marian House Mtg. 5:30-7:30pm Parish Family Advent Night	7 Middle School Basketball Tournament
8 Middle School Basketball Tournament	9	10 6:30-7:30pm Advisory Council Mtg.	11	12 5th to BK Leadership Workshop	13 9am Mass-7th 1:30-2:30 Christmas Book Club 5:30-6:30 Parish Eucharist Adoration	14 8th Grade Bake Sale
15 8th Grade Bake Sale	16	17	18	19 8:30-9:30 Christmas Program	20 <u>No ASC</u> End 2nd Qtr 9am Mass-6th 2:30-3:00 Class Christmas Parties	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Christmas Break/No School						
29	30	31	January 1	2	3	4
Christmas Break/No School						



PRAYER FOR NEW PRINCIPAL

HEAVENLY FATHER

We come before you with open hearts and minds as we seek a new principal for our school. We ask for your wisdom and guidance in this important decision.

Help us to identify a leader who will inspire, nurture, and uplift our students and staff. May this person embody integrity, compassion, and a commitment to excellence in education.

Grant us clarity in our discussions and discernment in our choices. Surround us with your peace as we navigate this process, and help us to trust in your perfect timing.

We thank you for the individuals who have served us in the past and for the future leader you have in store for us.

We trust in your plan for our school and look forward to the growth and success that lie ahead.

Amen

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MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 9:45am

Maria Goretti Youth Space
Church of Saint Mary, 1347 E. 49th Pl.

Feel free to bring a tasty treat to share!

Please reserve childcare by Friday, Dec. 6.
Email chassink@churchofsaintmary.com

SUPPORT THE
SOSM
class of
2025

BAKE SALE

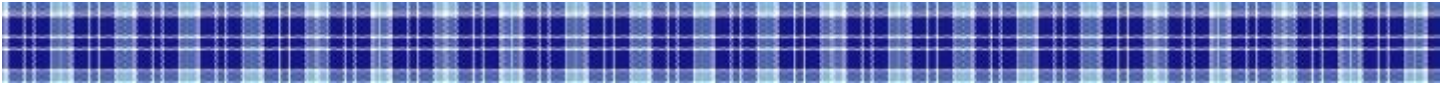
AFTER ALL MASSES

12/14 & 12/15

Proceeds will offset costs associated graduation activities.
Contact us with any questions on how to participate.

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

12/06/2024

To assist in the monumental mission of protecting children from abuse, the School of Saint Mary is partnering with you to present a safe environment lesson to your youth within the youth program. It is our cherished role as adults to fully protect children. In addition, we must also teach children about their safety rights and boundaries, so that they have tools to protect themselves. This year, your child will experience one of the following age-appropriate lessons:

Empowering God’s Children Program Information:

A program for children presented by Lesson Leaders, each lesson includes an age-appropriate video component along with engaging learning activities. The material is designed to better equip your child to know their safety rights, recognize their boundaries, and to empower them to protect themselves when safe adults are not immediately available—and ultimately be safer from people who might want to harm them.

Lesson 1: *Physical Boundaries: Safe and Unsafe Touching Rules*
Lesson 2: *Safe Adults, Safe Touches and Special Safe Adults*
Lesson 3: *Boundaries: You Have Rights!*

Lesson 4: *Secrets, Surprises and Promises*
Lesson 5: *Being a Safe Friend*
Lesson 6: *Boundaries: Feelings and Facts*

Research shows that child sexual abuse prevention is most effective when there is a partnership between parents and Lesson Leaders, when material is reiterated in a school setting, and when the training is interactive and activity based. As the primary educators of your children, parents and guardians are encouraged to review these materials ahead of time. Please review the lessons on your own to start these vital safety conversations at home. Two additional resources may be available to you for review through this location upon request: *The Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide*, and *The Lesson Leader Orientation and Certification Module*. Thank you for your partnership with us to protect youth.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Lessons 5 and 6 will be taught on Wednesday 12/11/2024—6th will teach the lessons on Monday 12/9/2024

For questions, or to obtain access to the specific lesson and related activities, please communicate with: Pat Kimmel at 918-749-9361 or email pat.kimmel@schoolofsaintmary.com

Please note: Parents and Guardians may “opt out” youth from formal in-program safety lessons. *Please complete, detach and submit the form below only if you plan on offering the safe environment education at home and do not want your child to receive information via their youth program about ways to protect themselves. Your coordinator will reach out to you regarding relevant accommodations.*

TO OPT-OUT THE CHILD FROM THE SAFETY LESSON, RETURN THIS PORTION TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY TUESDAY, 12/10/2024 or 6th grade should be in by Monday at 8am, 12/9/2024

I, *(printed name of parent or guardian)* _____, have reviewed the actual safety lessons and DO NOT give permission for this location to present the *Empowering God’s Children* Safety Lesson to my child *(printed name of child(ren))*

_____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____