

SAINT MARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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CATHOLIC IDENTITY

LITURGY

Our next All-School Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 1. This liturgy is being planned by 7K.

Parents, grandparents, and parishioners are invited to join us at mass each week. Come celebrate Eucharist with us!

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please keep our second grade students in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation this week. On Wednesday, November 30th, the students who are members at St. Bernadette will receive the sacrament, and on Thursday, December 1st, the students who are members of Immaculate Conception will receive the sacrament for the first time. They have been preparing and studying for many weeks. What a beautiful way to begin this Advent season.



INFORMATION SESSION FOR INTERESTED FAMILIES

Tuesday, December 13th
8:00-9:30 a.m.

Our December Information Session for Interested Families will be conducted on Tuesday, December 13th, in our Media Center from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. This Information Session is for parents who may be interested in sending their son or daughter to Saint Mary Academy. We will provide an information packet, a question and answer session, and a tour of our beautiful building.

If you or someone you know is interested in attending SMA, please call the school office at 315-2555 to register for this session.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the many, many volunteers who worked during our Thanksgiving Luncheon. It was a huge success, serving almost 1,100 Turkey dinners on Thursday. What a wonderful turnout! We could not have done it without the volunteers who helped set-up, serve, and clean-up. Thank you to all of you!

We would also like to recognize our wonderful cafeteria staff! They did an awesome job preparing the dinners and cooking all the food themselves. Everyone said it was terrific! A HUGE Thank You to all our SMA cafeteria staff!



SECRET SANTA SHOPPE

Students, start doing such extra chores around the house to earn money for our annual Secret Santa Shoppe. It's nearly time to start shopping! The Saint Mary Academy Secret Santa Shoppe will be here on December 5, 6, and 7th so mark your calendars. More information will be coming home soon!



CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

On Thursday, December 15th, at 9:30 a.m., our Pre-school students will perform in their Christmas program for family.

On Thursday, December 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in our gym, our students in grades K-3 will have a Christmas Program for parents, grandparents, and parishioners of Immaculate Conception and St. Bernadette. Please mark your calendars now for these wonderful events!

LAST CALL FOR CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS

Late orders will be accepted for the Christmas Cards this week, as long as you mail them to Ann Blevin at 243 Edgewood Dr., Bardstown, KY 40004.



REMINDER:

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Saturday, December 11
9:00-12:30 p.m.
At all Archdiocesan High Schools

Students need to bring:
Elementary school code 060
Two #2 pencils
\$10.00 to cover the cost of the test

We wish all of our eighth graders much success and good luck on this placement test. We know you will do well!



KINDERGARTEN TOY COLLECTION

Kindergarten has chosen the Schuhmann Center for their Stewardship project this year. The Schuhmann Center is a non-profit organization that provides emergency food assistance, clothing and household items to men, women, children and families within our community.

Our Kindergarten students will be collecting new or gently used toys (ages 7-13) for the Schuhmann Center between November 30-December 7th. Please send toys to your child's homeroom teacher and thank you for your generosity and support. Merry Christmas!



SMA MEN'S OVER 30 BASKETBALL LEAGUE

St. Bernadette/I.C. Parishioners and SMA parents over 30 are invited to participate in our annual men's basketball league. Games are Sunday nights beginning January 15. Registration is \$70 per person which includes 8 games and playoffs as well as a jersey shirt.

To register or for more information please e-mail John Favier at coachfavier@yahoo.com. Deadline for registration is 12/27.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 30 ó First Reconciliation at St. Bernadette Church @ 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 1 ó School Liturgy at 8:15 a.m.
- Dec. 1 ó First Reconciliation at Immaculate Conception Church @ 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 5-7: Secret Santa Shoppe
- Dec. 6 ó St. Nick Day
- Dec. 6 ó Chick-fil-A Night
- Dec. 7 ó PTO Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 7 ó Board of Directorsø Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 8 ó Liturgy for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 8:15 a.m. in the gym
- Dec. 10 ó High School Placement Test for 8th graders
- Dec. 12-14: Domino Dough Nights
- Dec. 13 ó Information Session and Tour 8:00-9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 15 ó Reconciliation for Grades 3-8 after our school liturgy
- Dec. 15 - Pre-school Christmas Program @ 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria
- Dec. 15 ó Christmas Program for grades K-3 at 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 16 ó Class Parties
- Dec. 16 ó Early dismissal @ 11:30 a.m. for Christmas Break
- Dec. 19-Jan. 2 ó Christmas Break
- Jan. 3 ó School Resumes

DON'T FORGET SMA SPIRIT WEAR

SMA Spirit Wear makes great Christmas gifts. There are chairs, umbrellas, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies and hats. If you would like to purchase something contact Lynn Tencza at lynntencza@insightbb.com or Laura Powell at apowell13@insightbb.com.



**INCLEMENT WEATHER
(PLEASE POST THIS ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR.)**

The Office of Lifelong Formation and Education does not always follow Jefferson County's announcements about weather related school closings. The Superintendent of Lifelong Formation and Education will make an announcement on the major radio and TV stations. One of the following announcements will be made:

1. All Catholic elementary schools in Jefferson County are OPEN. (This means that Saint Mary Academy will be open.

2. Catholic elementary schools in Jefferson County will be OPEN BUT ON A DELAYED SCHEDULE. (In this case, Saint Mary Academy, will open at 10:00 a.m.)

3. All Catholic elementary schools in Jefferson County are CLOSED. This will mean that Saint Mary Academy is CLOSED.

The decision for early dismissal due to inclement weather will be made only in an EXTREME emergency. Under no circumstances will children be dismissed early without parental notification. Our REACH ALERT will be used to inform parents of the emergency closing.

Parents are asked to refrain from calling the school during early dismissal so that the phone is clear for emergencies. If conditions worsen, parents may come early, report to the office, and take their children home.



PRINCIPAL POINTS

Dear Parents,

This weekend we celebrated the beginning of a new church year. We also celebrate a time of new beginning. Each Advent opens the door to a time of new hope and new transformation of heart. It is a time

of trying to keep our focus on being more open to the love of God in our lives and prepare for the real reason for the season: Jesus.

The word Advent means "coming." What is coming into our lives? Is it the dash to the mall for a multitude of presents or is it the dash to help others less fortunate than ourselves?

Who is coming into our lives? Is it the jolly old elf with eight tiny reindeer or is it the joyful birth of a child that changed the world?

When is this "coming" taking place? Is it the one day a year we call Christmas or is it "Christ likeness" we live all the days of our lives?

As we begin the transformations of our homes with evergreens and lights, may we remember what is really coming, Jesus, the Word who became flesh, the Light who came into the world, the Prince of Peace.

Pray the Wait!

God bless,
Julie Tobbe, M.Ed.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

First Reconciliation Celebration

Dec. 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas at Immaculate Conception *Music for the Christ Child*

Sunday Afternoon, December 11, 2011, 4 PM
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
502 North 5th
LaGrange, KY 40031

Tickets:

\$6 Student, \$15 Sr Adult, \$18 General Admission
LouisvilleChorus.org
502-968-6300

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Immaculate Conception

Saturday ó 5:00
Sunday ó 8:00 and 10:30



ST. BERNADETTE PARISH

First Reconciliation Celebration

Nov. 30th at 7:00 p.m.

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