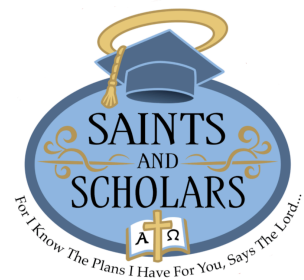


# St. Mary's Catholic School

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM SMS!

**May the Light of the New Born King shine in your hearts and in your homes!** We hope that you have a blessed Christmas break and a safe and wonderful 2026! We look forward to seeing you when school resumes on **Tuesday, January 6th.**



## A VISIT FROM OUR SEMINARIAN, GRANT

Tomorrow (Wednesday) Grant Fender, a seminarian who is studying for and discerning the call to priesthood for our diocese, will be visiting St. Mary's School. Please continue to pray for Grant, our current seminarians and all who God may be calling to serve the Church as a priest!

## REMAINING CHRISTMAS DRESS UP DAYS

Wed. 17th: "Falalalannel": Wear flannel

Thurs. 18th: "Dress like a Christmas character": Santa, elf, Rudolph, Grinch, etc.

Fri. 19th: "Holiday Cheer": Wear an ugly Christmas sweater

## SAINT OF THE WEEK



ST. LUCY

### Meet St. Lucy

- My Feast Day: December 13
- I am the patron saint of the blind.
- I was born to a wealthy family in Syracuse, Sicily in 283.
- My father died when I was young.
- I consecrated myself to God like St. Agatha, but my mother arranged for me to marry.
- My rejected suitor denounced me for my Christian faith and I was tortured by having my eyes gouged out.
- I was martyred in 304.
- On my feast day, one tradition is for the eldest girl in the home dress up in white with a crown of candles on her head and serve eye-shaped "St. Lucy's buns" to all in her family early in the morning.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FOR A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!**

All of our students did an excellent job! Special thanks to the teachers who worked hard and put in many hours to make this a success!

**K - 8 SCHOOL DISMISSAL TIMES FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK**

Wednesday: 1:30 P. M. - BUS IS AVAILABLE

Thursday: 1:30 P. M. - BUS IS AVAILABLE

Friday: 1:30 P. M. - BUS IS AVAILABLE

**NO AFTERCARE AVAILABLE THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th**

SMS K - 8th Grade will close at 1:30 P.M. this Friday. Please make arrangements to have students picked up by this time.

**KC'S SMS FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th - 5:00 P.M.**

KC's is hosting a Christmas Dinner Party for our SMS students and families beginning at 5:00 P.M.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS PRACTICE - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23rd @ 10 A.M.**

For the students and families that have signed up, there will be a rehearsal on Monday.

**CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th @ 4 P.M.**

**\*ONE ADDITIONAL SERVER NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

Contact Brian @ (618) 708-1381

**SCHOOL RESUMES ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6th**

**NEXT YEAR: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - JANUARY 26th - 31st**

**MONTHLY QUILT RAFFLE - \$20**

The St. Mary's CCW is selling raffle tickets for a quilt drawing/or \$100 that benefits SMS. Please contact the school office to get your tickets!