



Father Adam Cesarek, Pastor
Karen Jones, Principal

REMINDERS

- Our all school Mass will be held on Thursday's at 8:15.
- Mrs. Gregory will be out of the office Dec. 5th- 9th. Please email Mrs. Jones or call the office with all questions and absences. Jones.karen@stmaryspontiac.org or 815-844-6585.
- Students will continue to go outside for recess as long as the real feel temperature is 20 or above. Please make sure your child has weather appropriate gear.

NATIVITY WALK

We are preparing for an ADVENTure. The birth of Jesus is coming soon! In anticipation of this glorious day, we are inviting you to share your family Nativities with us. We will have a Nativity walk on Saturday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 4th. Please use this link to sign up to bring your Nativity <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4CAAAA28A2FF2-nativity>

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christmas Program will be held on December 13th in the church. Preschool through 3rd grade will begin at 6:15 and 4th – 8th grade will begin at 7:00. More details to come.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Through the Invest in Kids Act, K-12 students have the opportunity to receive Illinois tax credit scholarships to attend private schools. This scholarship opportunity is available to all income-eligible St. Mary's families. Scholarships cover up to 100% of private school tuition and are awarded on a first-come, first served basis. Applications for the 2023-2024 school year will be accepted beginning January 18 @ 6:30 p.m. Visit the Empower Illinois website for more information or contact Danielle Gill at gill.danielle@stmaryspontiac.org

NEXT WEEK'S PREVIEW

November 27 – December 3	
28	7/8 BBB @ Epiphany 5:30 8 th Grade GBB Regionals TBD
29	7/8 BBB vs Saunemin 5:30 8 th Grade GBB Regionals TBD
30	TAPS Meeting 6:30
3	5/6/7/8 BBB @ PJHS 9:00

SAVE THE DATE

- Dec. 5 – Kindergarten and 4 yr. old PreK registration begins for current families
- Dec. 13 – Christmas Program
- Dec. 16 - End of 2nd QTR
- Dec. 19 – Snow Date for Christmas Program
- Dec. 20 – Report Card Day
- Dec. 21 – Jan. 2 – Christmas Break
- Jan. 3 – NO SCHOOL Faculty In Service
- Jan. 4 – School Resumes
- Jan. 4 – Kindergarten and 4 yr. old PreK registrations begins for new families

ONLINE USBOURNE BOOK FAIR

St. Mary's online book fair will end on November 29th. These excellent books focus on education while being exciting and fun for kids. SMS will receive a percentage back from all sales! All book orders will be shipped directly to you within 3 – 5 days! These books make great Christmas gifts! <http://d4887.myubam.com>

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Greetings,

T-Thankful for family and friends
H-Harvest is complete
A-All Gather together
N-Nice weather
K-Kindness is contagious
S-Safe travels to all
G-God-pray daily
I-Intentions-praying for those that need extra prayers
V-Variety of pies
I-Include others to pray with you
N-Nativity walk coming soon
G-Glory and thanks to God for all of the blessings he has given us.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

With prayer,

Mrs. Jones

