



St. Mary's Bell

Mission Statement: St. Mary's Catholic School is a parish ministry that actively assists families by fostering community while providing Catholic formation within a strong academic program.

Prayer of the Week:

"Here comes with power the Lord God, who rules by his strong arm."

Isaiah 40:10

Dec 1, 2011

Weeks at a Peek
12/4/11



Sun, 12/4
1st Eucharist @ 11:15am

Mon, 12/5

Tue, 12/6

Wed, 12/7
SAC Mtg @ 5:30pm

Thur, 12/8

Fri, 12/9
St Mary's
School Dance
7&8th Gr only
7-9pm



SAFETY FIRST:

Parents...we can't say it enough. **Please, please, please** use the crosswalk through the parking lot along with the crossing guard. We have had a couple of close calls this week.

NAUDITT'S NOTES:

Dear Families,

I hope that you all had a wonderful celebration of Thanksgiving last week! One of the greatest blessings for me is the wonderful community of St. Mary's.

As you know, one of the most wonderful and enduring traditions of the Catholic Church is the celebration of **Advent** during the four weeks that precede Christmas. **Advent** is a work that means 'coming' and during **Advent** we focus not on just the historical birth of Jesus so many centuries ago in Bethlehem, but on his coming into our lives more fully here and now. In our gospel reading from Mark that we heard last Sunday, Jesus reminded us to "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." These are great words to keep in our hearts and minds as we journey together this **Advent**.

Last weekend marked the official start of the translations of the New Roman Missal. There has been quite a bit of information available on the changes in the last few months. At school, we actually began learning some of the responses earlier this fall. The changes in the words will bring us closer to the original prayers that were translated into English after the Second Vatican Council. One way of looking at the changes in responses is that they bring recovered meaning to the words that we speak and hear at Mass. The important thing to remember is that there has been no change in the fundamental tenets of our faith- that we are one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. There is a great deal of information on the changes of the New Roman Missal available on the Diocese of Spokane website (www.dioceseofspokane.org) and the United States Council of Catholic Bishops website (www.usccb.org).

One way that the community of St. Mary's Catholic School has celebrated **Advent** is through service to others. We will, once again, ask for gifts to support families in our own community. In addition, though, we will be collecting items to support our mission parish in Guatemala. Each class will be collecting a specific kind or item for Guatemala (no iron children's vitamins, matchbox cars, coloring books, crayons, antibiotic ointment, etc.) or gifts for families. Watch the teacher newsletters for more specifics.

One final note is to let you know that a film called '*The Mighty Macs*' premiered recently in Philadelphia. Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia attended the film and this is what he commented, "This story of faith and determination is inspirational. The family friendly film reminds us of the power of believing that we can achieve against seemingly insurmountable odds." I do not believe that this film is in Spokane, yet, but I wanted to let you know that it might be something to consider choosing to see.

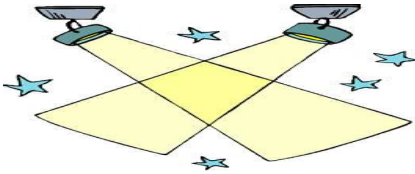
Wishing your family the peace and joy of this season,
Lauri Nauditt

"Rejoice in the Fruits of the Spirit"

St. Mary's Catholic School



THE SCHOOL HOUSE THAT GIFT CARDS BUILT!!!



This week we are featuring **SAFEWAY** and **Black Angus** cards... **SAFEWAY** is available in \$20 & \$10 cards. **Black Angus** is available in \$10 cards. Both cards make great gifts for the ones you love!

YES, it's TRUE! CHRISTMAS IS COMING...



We have **Cabelas & Regal Cinemas**



gift cards for the family and friends in your life! Stop by the office to order/pick-up yours. They come in \$25 cards.

GIFT CARD CORNER:

*Don't forget to **set up** your **STANDING ORDER** for the school year. Forms are available online and in the Office* If every family purchased \$200 total, a month, for groceries and gas, the school would receive approximately \$10,000 in profit a year!



GIFT CARD BLITZ!!!

From **Nov. 7th—Dec 16th**, we will be having a **GIFT CARD BLITZ!** The class with gift card orders totaling the most dollars during the blitz will receive a **SNACK PARTY**. If we reach \$1000 in profit, the whole school will have **FREE DRESS!!** So before you go shopping, buy **GIFT CARDS!!!**

- Donate Gift Cards to the Auction Basket Committee.
- Buy food for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner.
- Gift Cards make great presents and they're also perfect to use for buying gifts.
- Start a Standing Order—it will count towards the **"BLITZ"** total.

BUSINESS HOLIDAY GIFTS:

Do you know a business preparing a Holiday Party? Please consider asking them if they'll purchase their Gift Cards through St. Mary's. They can save a tremendous amount of shopping time by using our one page order form. There are no additional fees or charges.



BASKETBALL COACH NEEDED:

We are in need of a 5th Gr basketball coach. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Lafferty at 924-4300, ext. 301.



SORRY FOR THE DELAY:

The winners from the **Halloween Carnival** for the best car were the Martin Family and the Schwiertert Family. The 8th grade class won for the best decorations in the gym. Thanks to all of you for coming and making the carnival a success.



LOOKOUT PASS SKI TICKETS:

Lookout Pass Ski tickets will once again be available through St. Mary's School. Cost is \$26 (regular rate is \$37). If you turned in any unused tickets from last spring you are able to receive a new ticket for \$3. Order and money must be turned in to Sharon by **Friday, December 9th**. Tickets are non-refundable.



Thank You to all who attended Grandparents & Special Friends Day, we celebrate you!

IMPORTANT SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION



Parents, now with the snow falling, we would like to remind you about school closures. If or when we have to close the school due to weather, emergency alerts, etc, we will notify you in several ways. First, it will be listed on our website under the "News and Events" tab. Second, we will have it announced on the news channels, KHQ, KREM and KXLY. Finally, we have the "IRIS" emergency notification system which will notify you by email unless you do not have one. All of our notifications will be posted by 6am in the morning. **Please note: We are listed on the news stations as "St. Mary's Catholic School in Spokane Valley", not in Idaho.**

Auction Update: December 1st



40th ANNUAL ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL AUCTION | MARCH 24, 2012

Upcoming Meetings:

December 5 Procurement 6:30pm
December 7 All Committee Chairs 6:30pm

December 12 Procurement 6:30pm
December 14 All Committee Chairs 6:30pm

These meetings will be held in the school basement.

Volunteers Needed:

Ads Committee Chair
Graphics Chair
Procurement Chair



Auction Wish List

Items:

Autographed Sports Ball
GU, WSU, EWU, John
Stockton
Disney on Ice Tickets
Best of Broadway Tickets
Guided Hunting Trip
Winter Ski Weekend
New Set of Tires
RV Winter Storage

Gift Cards:

Home Improvement
Restaurants
Movie Passes
Costco
TJ Maxx
Pier One

\$CRIP/GIFT CARDS:

Please consider donating \$crip/Gift Cards to the Auction. The forms are available online and in the main office. They provide much needed materials for our Basket Committee and count toward donations for free dress passes.




“Reflections of God’s Children” Auction Free Dress

Turn in **3** Auction Donation slips by Dec. 6th and your kids get **FREE DRESS** on Friday, Dec. 9th.

Annual Christmas Raffle | Nov 23, 26, 27 & Dec 3, 4

Come see the Christmas baskets at the back of the church. The proceeds generated from the raffle will support the Auction. Tickets will be sold after all Masses.



Questions?

Contact the Development Office at:
development@stmarysspokane.org
509 / 924-4300, ext. 206



HUSKIES SPORTS RAP:

2011 BASKETBALL PRACTICE SCHEDULES



ALL PRACTICES START THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5th

Girls

5/6 Gr will practice Mon, Tues, Thurs from 6-7:30pm at St Mary's. The coach is Allen Laird.

7th Gr will practice Mon 3-4:30pm, Tues & Thurs 4:30-6pm at St Mary's. The coach is Tom Metzger.

8th Gr will practice Mon, Wed, 4:30-6pm at St Mary's, Thurs 4:30-6pm at St John's and Friday 3-4:30pm at St Mary's. The coach is Robert Bahr.

Boys

5th Gr we have a coach and six players and are looking for 2 more to make a team. We will practice Wed and Fri, 3-4:30pm at St John's. The coach is Jim Carter

6th Gr will practice Mon and Tues, 6-7:30pm at St John's and Fri, 4:30-6pm at St Mary's. The coach is Steve Sebert.

7th Gr—none

8th Gr will practice Tues, Wed and Thurs 3-4:30pm at St Mary's (during Christmas play practices the Wed time will be 4:30-6pm. The coach is Lynnae McGillen.

The 8th Grade Students are pleased to be selling lovely poinsettia plants from The Plant Farm again this year. They are in a 6.5 inch pot and the cost is \$12 and will be available at the following upcoming events to parishioners & families.



Saturday December 10: following the 5:30 Mass

Sunday, December 11: following all 3 masses:

7:30/9am/11:15 Mass



Stocking Stuffers? Contact an 8th grade student for all your holiday gift needs as they are also selling Megawash car wash booklets for \$25 and Mary Kay makeup!



**SAVE
THE DATE**

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Barnes & Noble Bookfair

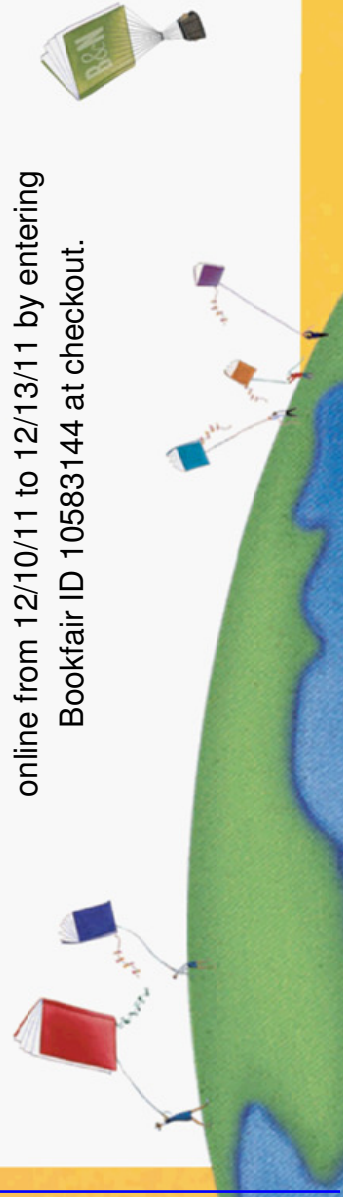
Saturday, December 10th

St. Mary's Catholic School is once again doing a Barnes and Noble Store Book Fair on Saturday, December 10. Support the school by coming in and shopping, just mention St Mary's at the register.

Café purchases and orders placed online will also help us reach our goal. Go to BN.COM/bookfairs from 12/10/11 to 12/13/11 and enter Bookfair ID 10583144 at checkout and St. Mary's will receive credit for your purchase. Thank you for your support!

Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online from 12/10/11 to 12/13/11 by entering Bookfair ID 10583144 at checkout.



Barnes & Noble Bookfair Supporting St Mary's Catholic School

Saturday December 10th

Barnes & Noble

10 am to 7 pm

Bookfair ID 10583144

Please present this voucher prior to making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be contributed to your school/organization.*

*The purchase of gift cards, Barnes & Noble memberships, textbooks, magazine subscriptions, video games, purchases made at Cafés owned and operated by Starbucks, and other items Barnes & Noble may exclude from time to time in its sole discretion are not eligible for bookfair sales. Institutional discounts may not be applied. See BN.COM/bookfairs for more details and to shop online.

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7TH & 8TH GRADE BEGINNING WOODSHOP CLASS

- **16 HOURS OF WOODSHOP CLASS**
 - **8 HOURS PER DAY, 2 SATURDAYS OR 2 SUNDAYS**
 - **JANUARY 21 AND JANUARY 28, 2012**
 - **9 A.M. – 4 P.M.**
 - **JANUARY 22 AND JANUARY 29, 2012**
 - **9 A.M. – 4 P.M.**
 - **LUNCH INCLUDED**
- **SIX STUDENTS PER CLASS**
- **YOU WILL MAKE (3) PROJECTS**
- **COST \$75.00**

SOME OF THE PROJECTS YOU CAN LEARN TO MAKE

- Ballpoint pen
- Box
- Cutting board
- Desk set
- Cribbage board
- Bottle stopper
- Ice-cream scoop
- Picture frame
- Inlay project
- Whistle
- Dovetailing
- Spline box
- Bowl
- Cup
- Letter opener
- Wood butter knife
- Plate
- Key rack
- Vase



**CONTACT ME FOR CLASSES
MR. CARTER 226-2120**



KIDS PAGE

Advent Word Search Puzzle

See if you can find the Advent words in the puzzle below!



s	b	c	v	c	a	d	v	e	n	t	g
h	n	a	c	a	r	o	l	s	z	z	u
o	n	r	b	a	x	g	i	f	t	s	r
p	i	d	u	e	l	s	q	v	b	c	d
p	s	s	d	d	l	e	a	u	m	v	e
i	c	t	k	l	u	l	n	n	y	e	c
n	c	o	o	k	i	e	s	d	t	h	o
g	c	o	o	k	i	n	g	m	a	a	r
x	y	l	i	g	h	t	s	m	v	r	a
f	r	i	e	n	d	s	y	q	l	x	t
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h	i	c	h	r	i	s	t	m	a	s	h

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| advent | christmas | gifts | calendar |
| decorate | cards | shopping | cooking |
| cookies | friends | snowman | santa |
| tree | lights | bells | carols |



What is Advent?

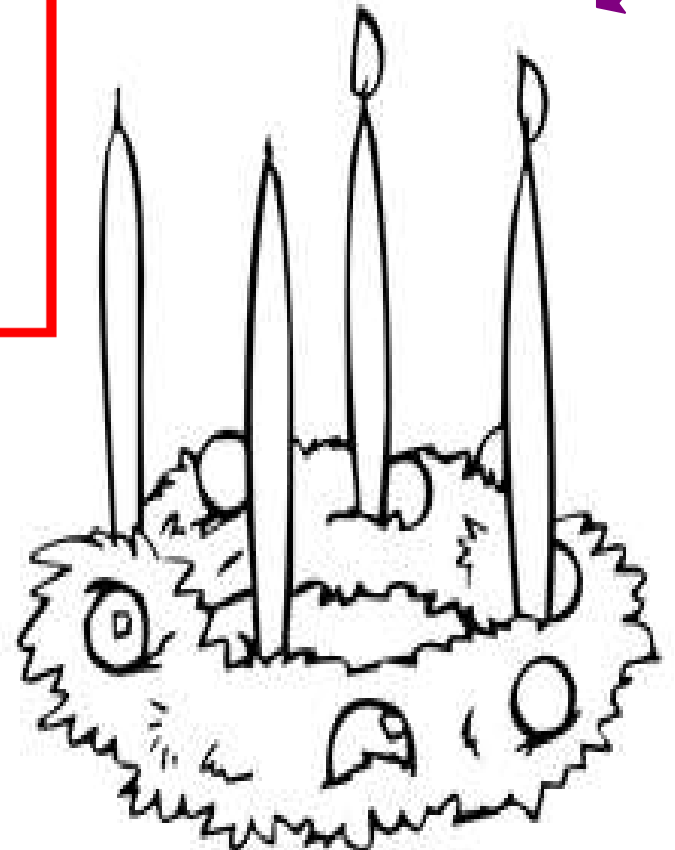
Advent is a season of four weeks of preparation before Christmas.

The word **Advent** means "coming" and refers to the coming of Jesus Christ...

Prayer of the Week:

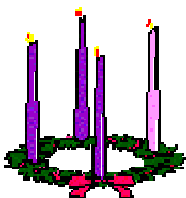
Father, today we begin our time of preparation for the birthday of your Son. We ask you to bless this wreath, and grant that as we use it we may receive abundant graces. **Amen**

Color Me



FAMILY ACTIVITY: Making an Advent Wreath

You can make an Advent Wreath in many ways:



Use real holly or evergreen and form into a wreath and purchase a metal 4 ring candle holder and insert the three purple candles and one pink one.

You can also use silk holly or plastic evergreen to form the base wreath and use 4 sturdy candle holders.