



# 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:

"I the Lord, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go."

*Isaiah 48:17*

**Dec 8, 2011**

**Week at a Peek**  
12/11/11



**Mon, 12/12**

**Tue, 12/13**

**Wed, 12/14**

**PROGRESS RPTS**

Day of Giving @ 10am  
Christmas Performance  
Practice in Church  
Parents Club Mtg @ 6pm

**Thur, 12/15**

**NO MASS**

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

In Church @ 6:30pm

**Fri, 12/16**

**RED & GREEN Free**

**Dress**

**Rosary @ 8:15am**

## **Come and get some volunteer hours!**

Annual Report Mailing  
Tuesday, December 13th  
Starting at 6pm until we are done  
In the school basement  
Contact the Development Office  
with questions

## **DAY OF GIVING**

The **CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** Dress Rehearsal is on Wednesday, December 14 at 10am in the Church. Come and see what we have been working on and help us to prepare for the big performance on Thursday night!

## **NAUDITT'S NOTES:**

Dear Families,

This is the second week of Advent. We heard the Gospel reading this week telling about John the Baptist who prepared the way of the Lord. We are focusing on preparing our hearts and minds for Christmas. We are focusing on the SLE this week of J- 1.1. The J stands for J (Jesus)

Students will show love and serve God by..... participating actively in liturgy and prayer. Each grade is discussing examples of this SLE. (SLE stands for Student Learning Expectation and they are a list of goals that we strive to foster in each child who attends St. Mary's.)

Give the gift of safety this holiday season. As your family begins holiday shopping, take a few minutes to discuss these important safety tips from the National Council of Missing and Exploited Children:

Make certain your children know to stay with you at all times while shopping and always to check in with you or a trusted adult before they go anywhere.

If older children become separated from you while holiday shopping, have them meet you in a pre-designated spot such as the sales counter of the store or the mall information booth. If separated, teach younger children to look for people who may be sources of help within the store or mall such as a uniformed law-enforcement or security officer, store salesperson with a nametag, person with a nametag who is working in the information booth, or mother with children.

Make an outing to a mall a "teachable" experience in which children practice checking with you; locating the adults who may be able to help if they need assistance; and, for older children, going to the restroom with a friend.

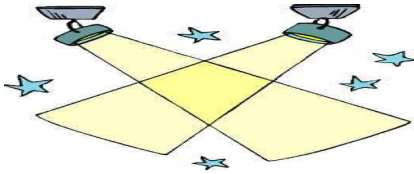
Make certain to never leave children alone at public facilities such as video arcades, movie theaters, or playgrounds as a convenient "babysitter" while they are holiday shopping.

As you know the Christmas program is coming on December 15. The title of the program is 'Christmas in the Country.' It is a little departure from our usual programs that have been set back in Biblical times. This one is set in the present and features some really upbeat music with a country flair. I know you will enjoy the performance. Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade actors have been working with Mr. Schultz, Mrs. Clift, Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Cooley, and me since the first of November on the program. Ms. Thomas has been working with all of the music classes on the songs. Mr. Heath, our band director, has been working on music with the various bands for several months, and our pre-school classes each have a song. The program will begin at 6:30 on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The doors of the church will not be opened until 6:00. We will do our Day of Giving – premier performance on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. It is far less crowded than the night time performance and a really good chance for grandparents or parents who want to take a lot of pictures to see and enjoy the show.

Blessings,  
Lauri Nauditt

"Rejoice in the Fruits of the Spirit"

**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.

**REMINDER:**

**Lookout Ski Pass ticket orders must be received by 8:00am Monday, Dec 12th!!!**



**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.



**DON'T MISS THE BARNES & NOBLE FUNDRAISER | Dec. 10**

**Buy your Scrip before you go!** Be on the look out during drop off on Thursday and Friday for volunteers selling Barnes and Noble Scrip and handing out flyers, it should be all that you need to support the Bookfair!

**BARNES and NOBLE GIFT WRAPPING:**

We will have a gift wrapping table Saturday, December 17th from 12 to 7 pm. The proceeds will support the Auction, if you are willing to help staff the table please contact the Development Office.

**Note:** Please make your purchases during the Bookfair on December 10th, and Items to be wrapped must be purchased at Barnes and Noble.

**FUN RUN T-SHIRTS:**

There are Fun Run T shirts still available for \$5...sizes are limited. Contact the Development Office if you are interested in purchasing an extra.

**EVENT PICTURES:**

If you have pictures (digital only, please) from the **Fun Run, Halloween Carnival, Auction Kick Off or Grandparents/Special Friends Day** that you are willing to share please email them to Nicole in the Development Office at [nheimbigner@stmmarysspokane.org](mailto:nheimbigner@stmmarysspokane.org). Thank 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.**



# Fun Run Awards

## Top Laps by Class



Gr.	Boy	Girl
PK3	Wyatt Broach Benjamin Race	Tearstin Adamson Catherine Gibbs Kate Larson Alexandra Turnbow
PK4	Hunter Lloyd	Addison Reidt
K	Emiliano Torres	Abigail Itveldt Anabelle Frazier
1	Giovanni Ferraro	Trinity Frazier
2	Isaac Waxman	Haley Urbanick
3	Trevor Ray	Kiah Thorson
4	Maria Jose Torres	Kolbe Cammack Jack Findlater Virgil Bays
5	Mathew Holden	Kayla Swavely
6	Cameron Cavanaugh	Kaitlin White
7	Patrick Parelus	Abigail Horton
8	Brant Schultz	Emily Bahr

## "Over 25" Laps Club

Addison Reidt  
Kate Mulligan  
Emiliano Torres  
Abigail Itveldt  
Anabelle Frazier  
Josh Willard



## Ryan O'Dea Award Winners:

Bill Bays  
Virgil Bays  
*They wrote 246 letters each,  
thank you for your hard  
work!*

## "Over 40" Laps Club

Trinity Frazier  
Giovanni Ferraro  
Owen Valdez  
Ian Kennar  
Haley Urbanick  
Tyler Newcomb  
Kiah Thorson  
Genevieve Kienbaum  
Ethan Bays  
Clemson Thomas  
Abby Fried  
Kaden Kautzman  
Julio Sanchez  
Riley Savage  
Cyrus Cannon  
Maria Jose Torres  
Kolbe Cammack  
Carson Judd  
Jordan Boehm  
Spencer Curnow  
Nicholas Horton  
Virgil Bays  
Madelyn Newcomb  
Joseph Thomas  
Katelyn Bahr  
Nathan Ness  
Malia Carlson  
Athlyn Hose  
Noemia Correia  
Mitchell Kolb  
Larkin McLean  
Nathan Huettl  
Kayla Swavely  
Jesse Warnecke  
Andrew Kautzman  
Noah Waxman  
Grace Kienbaum  
Maria Carter  
Brogan Clemson



Blake Gibson  
Kailee Kinney  
MacKenzie VanZyverden  
Sydney Fergen  
Christopher Walsh  
Zachary Godfrey  
Lindsey Chermak  
Ryan Malarkey  
Bill Bays  
Olivia Miranda  
Trevor VanDriel  
Sofia Shaurette  
Grant Geil  
Eva Kennar  
Christopher Tamayo  
Zachary Thorson  
Daniel Wadhvani  
Katherine Joy  
Abigail Horton  
Scott Brown  
Mathew Brown  
Kellie O'Dea  
Samantha Cook  
Sean Self  
Rafe Rector  
Cole Dolsby  
Samuel Carter  
Olivia Fielding  
Jacob Ness  
Brayden Fergen  
Dylan McGillen  
Gorky Gonzalez  
Joshuae Borja  
Mary Kienbaum  
Andrew Ullrich  
Nathaniel Burrington  
Erin Kinney  
Annie Clark



## "Over 50" Laps Club

Isaac Waxman  
Trevor Ray  
Mathew Holden  
Cameron Cavanaugh  
Rachel Valdez  
Jacqueline Ullrich  
Kaitlin White  
Brodie Savage  
Cal French  
Joseph Campanella

Aurelio Correia  
Sophia Esquivel  
Timothy VanDriel  
Patrick Parelus  
Conner Giannini  
Griffen Thorson  
Emily Bahr  
Elijah Waxman  
Brant Schultz

## Creativity Awards



Ryan Findlater  
Oliva Jolie  
Madison Jolie  
Annabella Mueller

Elizabeth Persons  
Colleen Talkington  
Lindsey Chermak  
Aurelio Correia

**We have collected \$33,400 so far...thank you  
to all who helped make this event a success!**

# Auction Update: December 8th



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

## Volunteers Needed:

Ads Committee Chair  
Graphics Chair  
Procurement Chair



## \$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.



## 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.

## 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

## “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.

## Questions?

Contact the Development Office at:  
[development@stmarysspokane.org](mailto: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.



Still looking for that perfect little stocking stuffer or hostess gift? **See's** chocolates are the ideal surprise for that special someone! Plus, you will be helping the St. Mary's 8th grader's fund their OPI trip.



**See's** chocolates will be available after every Mass on Dec. 10th, 11th and Dec. 17th and 18th. They also will be sold at the Knights of Columbus breakfast.

Go ahead. Indulge your sweet tooth. Buy **See's** chocolates.

Thank you to all who supported the 8th grade students in their efforts to raise money for their outdoor schooling adventure, OPI, by purchasing our "Plant Farm" poinsettia plants, Mary Kay makeup, Mega Wash car booklets, or scrip gift cards! We appreciate your help and wish you a very Merry Christmas and enjoyable holiday break!



\*Stocking Stuffers? Contact an 8th grade student for your holiday gift needs as they are also selling Megawash car wash booklets for \$25\*



**SAVE  
THE DATE**

St Mary's Catholic School

# Barnes & Noble Bookfair

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

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](http://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?**

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**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](http://BN.COM/bookfairs) for more details and to shop online.

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# KIDS PAGE



Christmas Tree Maze

### Prayer of the Week:

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*Isaiah 48:17*

### FAMILY ACTIVITY: Writing a Prayer Request

*Baby Jesus Feeding His Sheep!*



Prayer Request  
"Merry Christmas"

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### Christmas Words - Fill in the Vowels

Look at each Christmas picture and fill in the missing vowels for each Christmas word.

 pr__s__nt	 st__ck__ng
 __rn__m__nt	 s__nt__
 sn__wm__n	 __ng__l
 c__ndl__	 tr__

## Color Me

