

# St. Mary's Catholic School Newsletter December 19, 2025

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**PLEASE NOTE: NO BUS SERVICE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH**

## **December 19**

Report Cards Sent Home  
**No Bus Service after school**

## **December 22- January 2**

Christmas Break  
**NO SCHOOL**

## **January 5, 2026**

School Resumes  
**NO BUS SERVICE**

## **January 19**

MLK Day – **NO SCHOOL**

## **January 24**

School Carnival!!!!

## **January 25-31**

Catholic Schools Week

**PTO Meeting: January 12 at 6:30**

## **Lunch Menu!!**

### **January 5**

Chicken Noodle Soup, Carrots,  
Crackers, Fruit

### **January 6**

Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Fries, Fruit

### **January 7**

Hamburger on Bun, Fries, Corn, Fruit

### **January 8**

Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes &  
Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit

### **January 9**

Pizza Boat, Peas, Fruit



## **St. Mary's Carnival!**

Want to help plan this family fun-filled night! Everyone loves the Carnival, so jump on in and help make it special. If you are interested in helping plan this event, call Chrissy Grebner at (309) 369-1836.

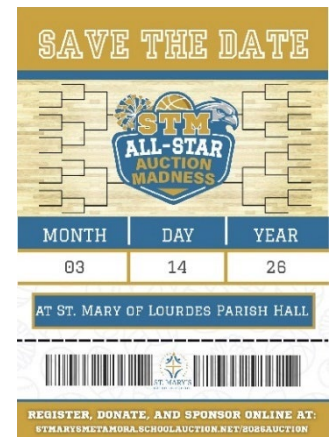
## **Support St. Mary's Dinner Auction!**

We are seeking sponsorships and item donations for our upcoming school auction. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and every dollar goes toward the benefit of our school! Sponsorships provide great visibility for businesses and families, and donated items or experiences make our auction a huge success. Item donations can be taken to St. Mary's Church office.

To learn more, please visit:

<http://www.stmarysmetamora.schoolauction.net/2026auction>.

**Thank you for supporting our school community!**



## **Parent Volunteers Needed for Pre-K Story Library Time**

If you would like to come in and read to our preschoolers, there are still times open for 2026. Volunteers will spend a few minutes reading books to our preschool children.

- Tuesdays, 10:30–10:45am in the library.
- Option to stay afterward and help with Pre-K lunch.
- Books and materials provided (or bring a favorite from home).
- If you'd like to volunteer, please contact the school office.

## **You belong in our American Heritage Girls Troop!**

American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls ages 5-18. Together, girls and volunteers of all ages meet monthly in the St. Mary's School cafeteria to enjoy faith, service and fun as a troop. Our troop, IL 5213, loves outdoor adventure, earning badges and serving in our community.

## **Upcoming Sporting Events!**

### **Boys Basketball**

**January 8**

Away at Roanoke/Benson at 5:30

**January 12**

Away at South Pekin at 5:00

**January 14**

Away at Georgetown at 5:00

**January 26**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Regional Game 1 TBA

**February 2**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Regional Game 1 TBA

### **Girls Volleyball**

**January 8**

Away at Pekin Rankin at 4:30

**January 10**

Away at Peoria Christian at 2:00

**January 13**

Away at Georgetown at 4:30

**January 15**

Away at Blessed Sacrament at 5:00

**January 23**

Away at Peoria Academy at 5:00

**January 27**

Away at St. Pat's at 4:30

**January 29**

Away at Washington Central at 4:15

Please join us for an informational meeting on Thursday, January 8th from 3-3:45pm in the St. Mary's School cafeteria to learn what it means to be an American Heritage Girl and the adventures we are going on!

Unable to join us? Contact Sara Strong at 309-361-1990 or Shay Obery at 309-678-3381 for more information.

### **Looking for the perfect gift?**

Give her an experience she'll remember — a faith-filled and fun evening to celebrate Christmas and welcome the New Year!

**Magnify the Night** with Catholic author **Kaylene Brown**

**January 2 | 6:30 PM**

**St. Mary's School, Metamora**

Enjoy wine, desserts, an inspiring talk, and book signing. All women are welcome even if you're not participating in **Magnify 90**. **Tickets \$10** — at the parish office, or by contacting:

Sara 309-361-1990|April 309-369-5110, apriladams460@gmail.com

Perfect for mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends — a meaningful gift and a joyful way to start 2026!



**We wish all our  
St. Mary's families  
a beautiful, lovely  
Christmas!!**

**Mrs. Fitzgibbons' 7th grade Language Arts students sleighed it with their first movie review of *Arthur Christmas*!**

Getting into the holiday spirit, they used this animated favorite as their mentor text to explore the story, uncover its lessons, and share why it's a must-watch. Check out their review—and catch the movie streaming on Amazon Prime!

***Arthur Christmas***

*Arthur Christmas* is a movie about Santa's sons both playing different roles in the Christmas magic. Steven, the older son, tells the elves what to do and leads them in delivering presents, and then there is Arthur. Arthur sends letters back to the children telling them about how Santa will deliver the presents they all want. After they finish delivering all the presents, they realize they missed a little girl. Arthur was heartbroken and told Steven they had to go back. Steven said it was just a little girl and that it doesn't matter. Then Arthur went to his grandfather, grand Santa, and he told him everything. Santa also didn't want to give the present to the little girl. So, Arthur and grand Santa took the old sleigh and traveled around the world looking for the house. All the Santas met up since they all had tried to go to the girl's house after they found Arthur left. They flew trying to get to the girl's house, but they hit some roadblocks. However, grand Santa accidentally crashed the sleigh into an alleyway in Mexico. The Santas thought they had arrived at their destination, but it was the right address, wrong country. Then they get ejected from the sleigh and get stranded in Cuba. They went out on a rowboat and Arthur got control of the sleigh again. Will they make it in time?



This movie was so good that you would not get bored watching it with all the interesting scenes. For example, when they had to think of a way to escape Cuba. *Arthur Christmas* showed Arthur's sacrifice, and love for others. The whole movie was about caring for others even when it was hard. We can relate this to the Bible when Jesus showed selflessness when he died on the cross for us. Being kind to everyone is always worth it. Another lesson of *Arthur Christmas* is to always have faith in yourself and others. We feel anyone who is a good person, who likes Christmas should watch this movie. We recommend this movie to all ages, and give this movie five stars on Amazon Prime. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

# THE RUSTMAN RECAP

The focus these past few weeks has been on comprehension and helping everyone build confidence in reading and interpreting Spanish!

**Junior High**-5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades read about a group of animal friends and then put the story in order. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades read about a soccer player and then answered T/F questions. This week they read short Elf bios and had to figure out which elf fit the description! ALL in Spanish!



**3rd & 4th**-These groups have been reviewing what they already know, while mixing in some new language! Ask them to show you their "Librito de Navidad"



**1st & 2nd**-We finished our first short story! Ask them who in the story ate the pizza. They had fun acting the story out and then coloring a Christmas present based on the vocab words and their meanings!



**Kindergarten**-This crew has become barnyard animal experts in Spanish. They will see these characters in a story we will start after break! They loved coloring a Christmas Gnome based on the animal names in Spanish!

*Feliz Navidad* 