

# St. Mary's Catholic School

## Newsletter December 5, 2025

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**NO BUS SERVICE**  
**DECEMBER 12**  
**DECEMBER 19**

**December 8**  
**Christmas Program**  
**at Metamora High School**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**(students there by 6:30 p.m.)**

**December 12**  
**End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**  
**No Bus Service**

**December 12**  
**Athletic Co-op Meeting**  
**5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. All are**  
**welcome to attend. (Look for email**  
**for more info.)**

**December 19**  
**Report Cards Sent Home**  
**No Bus Service**

**December 22- January 2**  
**Christmas Break**  
**No School**

**Next PTO Meeting**  
**January 12, 2026 at 6:30**

**Lunch Menu!!**  
**December 8**  
**Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Fruit**

**December 9**  
**Tacos, Corn, Fruit**

**MORNING DROP OFF:** Please do not drop your students off prior to 7:40 a.m. in the morning, regardless of whether we are inside or outside walking. School doors do not open in the morning until 7:40 a.m.

### **Make-up Work Reminder**

As a reminder now that we are in the Holiday Season, the rule for work that needs to be made-up due to excused absences is: "The student accepts responsibility for all daily work missed. Generally, students have two days to make up work missed for each excused day's absence." Grades may reflect missing assignments until they are turned in.

### **Christmas Program**

The Christmas Program will be at Metamora High School on December 8 at 7:00 pm. Please arrive with your students at 6:30.

### **Kris Kringle!!**

Each year all the students in the school, grades K-8 and teacher's names are put in a basket. Students will draw names from the basket for Kris Kringle which will start on Monday, December 15. Kris Kringle gift exchange this year will be as follows:

Monday – Desk Decoration  
Tuesday – Christmas Card  
Wednesday – Book Mark  
Thursday - Cookie  
Friday – Candy Bar

Each day your student will bring the designated item with a clue as to their identity, such as the color of eyes or hair, boy or girl, older or younger, etc. But don't give really good clues so that the person must really think about your identity.

It is highly suggested that all items be homemade. Please mark the name of the child (that the gift is going to) on the item. The clue can be written on the tags that will be sent home that identifies the child that they have. (Tags will be included with the information sent home with the name of the person they drew if you would like to use them.) The items will secretly be placed in a box outside the recipient's classroom door. On Friday, December 19, the students will have an assembly and reveal the person they have. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the school office. We will draw names on December 8.

**December 10**

French Toast Sticks,  
Hash Brown, Sausage, Fruit

**December 11**

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

**December 12**

Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup,  
Goldfish, Fruit

**December 15**

Pulled Pork Sandwich, Fries, Peas, Fruit

**December 16**

Chicken Fajita, Corn, Salsa and Chips, Fruit

**December 17**

Spaghetti, Bread Stick, Fruit

**December 18**

Salisbury Steak,  
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Fruit

**December 19**

Pizza Boat, Peas, Fruit

**Upcoming Sporting Events!****Boys Basketball Games in December!****December 9**

At Pekin Rankin 5:00 p.m.

**December 10**

At Blessed Sacrament (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Games  
& 8B Game) 5:00 p.m.

**December 15**

Home game vs. Hollis at Riverview  
Grade School, 5:00 p.m.

**December 17**

Home game vs Robein at Riverveiw  
Grade School,  
(8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night) 5:00 p.m.

**Poster Contest!**

“Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest entries are due back to school by December 15.

**Scrip**

Scrip cards are available in the school office for purchase or go online to purchase. **A GREAT IDEA FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING!** See the attached flyer for more details.

**Donut Sunday!**

Join us after the 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 p.m. masses on Sunday, December 7th for Donut Sunday with Santa, hosted by our school classes. Enjoy fellowship, donuts & coffee and a personal meet & greet opportunity with **Santa!** We hope to see you there!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B45ABA92CA7FA7-60156238-decdonut>

**St. Mary's School Auction!**

**SAVE THE DATE!** St. Mary's Dinner Auction is excited to announce this year's theme as:

**STM All-Star Auction Madness**

March 14, 2026

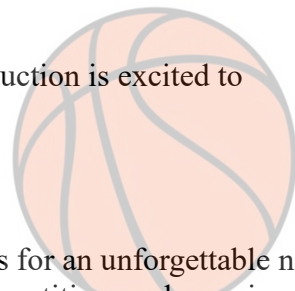
St. Mary of Lourdes Parish Hall

Find your favorite sport jersey and join us for an unforgettable night filled with community spirit, friendly competition, and amazing auction items... all in support of St. Mary's Catholic School, Metamora!

Register, donate, and become a sponsor today

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

Let's pack the stands and make this year's All-Star Auction the best one yet! Keep getting up to date info by following our Facebook group: St. Mary's Dinner Auction!!

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

If you would like to come in and read to our preschoolers, they would love it! 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.

**Magnify 90**

December 7, 2025 — Advent Week 2: PEACE Magnify 90: Mary's Peaceful Yes “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” – Luke 1:38

Say your own “yes” this week to trust God's plan and welcome His will in your life. As Mary said yes, Magnify 90 invites you to say yes to a journey of prayer, virtue, and renewed closeness to God.

🔔 Reminder: Magnify 90 Information Night is this Thursday, December 11th at 6:30 PM in St. Mary's School Cafeteria. Join us

### **VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS:**

Start December 9 from after school until 5:30 p.m. If your student plans to try out, they

**MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHYSICAL ON FILE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

If you are unsure if they have a current physical, please call the school office to find out.

Volleyball Practice December 9-12 from 3:00-5:30 p.m.

for Jingle & Mingle and enjoy a warm, festive evening with a sneak peek at Magnify 90!

🔔 Reminder: Tickets (\$10.00) for the “Magnify the Night, Start the New Year with Kaylene Brown” will be available after Masses December 13 & 14th..

Join us for an exclusive evening on Friday, January 2nd at 6:30 PM at St. Mary’s School, Metamora, featuring Kaylene M. Brown—author and creator of Magnify 90, Magnifying the Lord: Living to Be a Saint, and Magnify the Mysteries.

Enjoy a relaxed and inspiring night with wine, desserts, a special talk, and an opportunity for book signing. This event makes a beautiful Christmas gift for mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends. Even if you are not participating in Magnify 90, all women are warmly invited to be part of this uplifting evening. RSVP by Monday, December 30. Scan the QR to pay or contact Sara 309-361-1990, April 309-369-5110 to learn more or sign up.