

St. Mary's Catholic School

Newsletter November 21, 2025

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November 24

School in Session

NO BUS SERVICE

November 25

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November 26

No School

November 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

No School

November 28

No School

December 8

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

December 12

End of 2nd Quarter

December 19

Report Cards Sent Home

December 22- January 2

Christmas Break

No School

Remember to pick up your pies!

If you ordered from the pie sale, pick up will be at St. Mary's School cafeteria on Wednesday, November 26, from 9-10:30 a.m.

Thank you for your support!

Poster Contest!

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

Christmas Program UPDATE

The Christmas Program will be at Metamora High School on December 8 at 7:00 pm. Please arrive with your students at 6:30. Information on students' dress and a permission slip will be sent home on Monday. **The permission slip is due back to the school by December 3.** This gives permission for your student to be transported by a school bus with their class to the high school during the day of December 8 to practice.

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.

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!!

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>



Lunch Menu!!

November 24

Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Fries, Fruit

November 25

Hamburger on a Bun, Fries,
Carrots, Fruit

December 1

Chicken Noodle Soup, Carrots,
Crackers, Fruit

December 2

Tacos, Corn, Fruit

December 3

Spaghetti, Bread Stick, Fruit

December 4

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

December 5

Pizza Boat, Peas, Fruit

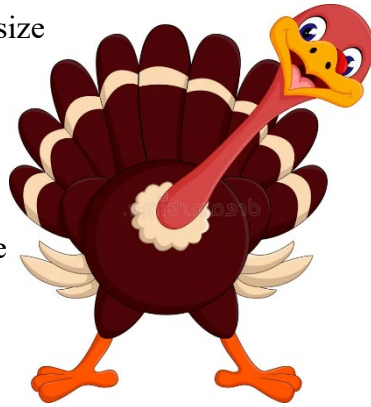
Donations and Jeans Day

Throughout the month of November, Student Council is sponsoring a donation drive to support **Heartline and Heart House**.

Students who bring in at least one item from the donation list below may enjoy a **Jeans Day on Tuesday, November 25**. Students may wear Saint Mary's School Spirit Wear (t-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie), jeans, or khaki pants. Thanksgiving shirts (t-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie) are also allowed. Please ensure jeans have no holes, rips, or tears. Leggings are not permitted. If a student does not wish to wear jeans, khakis, or spirit wear, they may wear their uniform.

Donation Items:

- Kitchen garbage bags (13 gallon)
- Kleenex
- Shampoo (regular sized bottles)
- Dish Soap
- Toothpaste - regular size
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Bars of soap
- Hamburger Helper
- Tuna Helper
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Spaghetti Noodles
- Pasta Sauce
- Hearty Soups



Heartline is a faith-based, non-denominational, community supported non-profit organization that has been serving the needs of Woodford County, Illinois since 1982. Heart House provides emergency shelter for women and their children; financial aid and education; community and resource referrals; and basic essentials to residents of Woodford County who find themselves homeless, victims of domestic violence, or in any other crisis situation. For more information, see <https://heartlineandhearthouseorg.squarespace.com/>

Magnify 90: Prepare Your Heart This Advent

Moms and all women of our school community are invited to begin the new year with *Magnify 90*—a gentle but meaningful faith journey designed to help women grow in prayer, virtue, sacrifice, and community. Rooted in Scripture—especially Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55)—and inspired by the example of the saints, *Magnify 90* encourages simple daily practices that draw your heart closer to God in the middle of real life: school schedules, family routines, work, and all the beautiful business that comes with it.

This is a wonderful way to

- strengthen your spiritual life
- rediscover peace and purpose in your vocation
- walk with a supportive sisterhood of women who understand the joys and challenges of family life.

Whether you are already active in your faith or longing for a new start, *Magnify 90* offers a Christ-centered path to begin 2026 with grace.

To learn more or sign up, visit the school/parish bulletin board or for more information, contact: Sara Strong 309-361-1990.

Upcoming Sporting Events!

Boys Basketball Games in December!

December 2

Home game vs. Lowpoint-Washburn at Riverview Grade School 5:00 p.m.

December 3

Home game vs. Pleasant Valley at Riverview Grade School 5:00 p.m.

December 4

Home game vs. Pleasant Hill at Riverview Grade School 5:00 p.m.

December 9

At Pekin Rankin 5:00 p.m.

December 10

At Blessed Sacrament (5th/6th 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 Riverview Grade School (8th Grade Night) 5:00 p.m.



We took some time off from our curriculum to celebrate Día de los Muertos, but we are back at it (with a little Thanksgiving fun)!

Junior High: Using their knowledge of the Super 7 verbs, they've successfully read a short story and colored a turkey based on answers about themselves-all in Spanish!!

3rd & 4th Grade: We've been growing in our understanding of the vocabulary for our upcoming short story! We've been playing Bingo to review and made trees to show our gratitude this Thanksgiving.



1st & 2nd Grade: 4 Corners has been a BIG hit to help us practice our story vocabulary. Students have been taking turns acting out the different characters in our story...complete with props! We colored a turkey to practice our colors in Spanish!

Kindergarten: We are back in the barnyard animal business to help prepare us for our short story. They also know how to say their name and how they are feeling in Spanish!

