



# SMSS Daily Bulletin

School Day 077 ~ Tuesday, December 3, 2025

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## Principal's Challenge



Go, and make disciples of all nations.

## Senior Saint of the Day ~ chosen by Elizabeth Sanborn

**Today's quote is from St. Genoveva Morales.** "Even if I must suffer greatly, thanks be to God's mercy, I will not lack courage." Saint Genoveva Morales is the patron saint of the Daughters of the "Angelicas", a congregation she founded dedicated to helping women. She was known for her kindness, openness to all, and good sense of humor. She lived during the 19th and 20th centuries. Her feast day is January 5.

## Daily Prayer Intentions:

Our prayer intentions for today are for **Fr. Mike Williams of Owensboro**, and students **Ashton Spurr** and **Reagan Suazo**, and alumni coordinator **Lisa Zakutney**.

## Catholic Fact: Did you know the season of Advent has always been considered a "little Lent"?

Both Advent and Lent are seasons of preparation. We prepare for the coming of the Savior in Advent (both commemorating His birth and looking forward to His second coming at the end of time) and we prepare for His passion, death, and resurrection in Lent. Lent and Advent are distinct from Easter and Christmas, even though they prepare us for them. Just as Easter does not begin until after nightfall on Holy Saturday (the beginning of the Easter vigil), Christmas doesn't actually begin until the first Mass is celebrated on Christmas Eve, which is when we officially enter the beautiful season of Christmas and Christmastide. In our current culture, we are tempted to skip over the penitential aspects of Advent and focus on the joy of Christmas. This is a great tragedy. Focusing only on the joy denies a crucially important truth: that the Christ Child is our Lord and Savior, who will suffer and die for our salvation. -excerpted from [Good Catholic](#)

## Daily Prayer Leaders

12/03 - AM Elizabeth Sanborn / PM Brianna Warren  
12/04 - AM Ashton Spurr / PM Felicity Webster  
12/05 - AM Jack Stewart / PM Sam Wilson  
12/08 - AM Abby Sullivan / PM Karson Ballard  
12/09 - AM Gabby Ault / PM Aditya Bhatia

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**MS/HS will gather on Monday mornings, 8 AM to light the Advent wreath.** We will say the December prayer and pledge. *December 8th lighting:* Meredith Paxton, Freshman, *December 15th lighting:* Brady Goins, 8th grader.

## Cleaning Assignments for the week of December 1st

- MS Power Snack 8th grade Boys / MS Lunch 8th grade Girls
- HS Power Snack 11th grade Boys/ HS Lunch 11th grade Girls

## HS/MS Lunch Menu

All lunches are served with raw veggies, fruits and milk or juice

12/03 - Grilled Cheese, Chicken Noodle Soup, Corn, Fresh Broccoli, Pudding

12/04 - Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans Fries, Fruit, Cookie

12/05 - Baked Chicken & Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Celery Sticks

12/08 - Turkey & Cheese Sub, WG Sun Chips, Baked Beans, Carrot Sticks

12/02 - Domino's Pizza Domino's Pizza, Breadsticks, Green Beans, Fresh Veggies

## December Birthdays 🎉🎂🍰

**MS:** Christy Pastor, Matthew Scarpino, Leena Turner, Annabelle Lea, Elizabeth Gust, Noah Crane, Micah Itiavkase, Colton Hobbs, Reagan Herrmann, Aaron Davis, Walter Medley, Cyntia Geronimo, Emmie Hahn

**HS:** Lanie Fearon, Olivia Vaughan, Dean Causer, Alyssa Carter, Landan Smith, Cadence Todd, Jude Riley, William Babbs, Riley Richison

**Faculty:** Lisa Clark, John Tedford, Allison Green, Kelly Ford

## MS/HS Christmas Activities!



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**Student Christmas MS/HS Spirit Week**  
**\$5.00 to Participate All 5 Days**

**Friday, December 5th - Let's bring the warmth of Hawaii to Christmas!**  
Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, sunglasses, Santa hat, and jeans!

**Tuesday, December 9th - Bring out the Elves!**  
Dress in your best elf outfit, green, red, hats, and jeans!

**Wednesday, December 10th - Reindeers visit St. Mary!**  
Wear antlers, a shiny red nose, a reindeer sweater, and jeans!

**Thursday, December 11th - Dress like a Gingerbread Man!**  
Wear your best Gingerbread outfit and make a gingerbread house!

**Friday, December 12th - Ugly Sweater & Cocoa Day!**

**Free Day - Friday, December 19th - Candy Cane Lane!**  
Dare to dress in red & white stripes. Add a little or add a lot!

Throughout the month students will have the opportunity to decorate an ornament, put a prayer inside, and hang it on one of the trees in the Commons.

**Food Drive**  
**Non-perishable Food until 12/17**

**CASA**  
**Small Toy Drive**  
**12/10 to 12/16**  
for an  
**Out of Uniform Day 12/16**  
**Or a \$2.00 Donation**



## Winter Weather Updates / NTI Days

If the St. Mary School System is closed due to weather notification will be sent via email, text, website post, Constant Contact, and news stations. Any further weather closures will be determined on a daily basis by St. Mary administration. There is a potential to transfer our students to NTI (Non-Traditional Instruction) so that we do not lose the weather day. You will be notified if NTI is implemented. Teachers will provide the learning resources needed for NTI.

## All School News

- 12/03 Catholic Athletes for Christ meets each Wednesday at 7:30 am in the chapel to pray the Rosary together. All are welcome. To join CAC please see Tim Stewart.
- 12/03 St. Mary Theatre Presents the Dickens Holiday Classic *"A Christmas Carol"* with three performances in the MS/HS Commons. Family and friends are welcome at all performances.

Please see the flyer attached.

- December 3rd 2pm - MS/HS Students and Faculty
- December 3rd 6pm - Public Performance
- December 4th 10:15am - ES Students and Faculty



- 12/04 St. Mary Alumni are invited to a special gathering at the Cork Room on Thursday, December 4th at 6:00 pm. Please email Alumni Coordinator [Lisa Zakutney](#) for more information.
- 12/05 The KHSAA Track and Field season officially starts on December 1st. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Front Office. Indoor meets will be held in January and February, and outdoor meets begin in March. Please contact Coach Halicks for more details.
- 12/08 A System Mass for the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 8th at 9:00 am in the MS/HS main gym. Parents, grandparents, Alumni and guests are welcome to attend. Guest seating will begin at 8:30 am.
- 12/10 MS/HS Orchestra will hold their Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30pm.

- 12/13 Junior Class is hosting a “Hot Cocoa and Cookies with Santa” event on Saturday, December 13 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Come enjoy holiday cheer and a special visit with Santa.



## Travel to Greece with St. Mary Vikings!

Give your child the gift of educational travel this Christmas! Enrollment for spring break in Greece ends on December 16. If your child has a current passport that's valid until at least 10/16/26 and is ready to have an amazing Greek adventure, it's not too late to sign up. Twenty-four Vikings and counting will look in awe at ancient history, walk in the footsteps of St. Paul in Corinth, enjoy amazing island beaches, and cook and eat their way through the Peloponnese. Viking Voyagers travel is open to all 6th-12th grade Vikings and their families. 6th-7th graders must travel with an adult family member.

To enroll, click here: [www.eftours.com/2741948NE](http://www.eftours.com/2741948NE)

For more information or questions, email [rachel.gavin@smss.org](mailto:rachel.gavin@smss.org)



## MS News

- **12/03 MS Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 3rd.**
- **12/04 Robotics Club will meet on Thursday, December 4th at 3:30 pm in the MS Lab.**
- **12/09 8th Graders will take the Pre-ACT test on Tuesday, December 9th.** Please email [Mrs. Courtney](mailto:Mrs.Courtney) for more information.
- **12/15 The Quick Recall Tournament will be held on December 15th.** Participants will meet at MSU Paducah Regional Campus on Monday December 15th. Contact [Rodney Holt](mailto:Rodney.Holt) for more information.

## Title One Math Tutoring

- **Title One math tutoring for basic math skills open most Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3-4pm.** To sign up, [Click here](#) or contact [Mrs. Courtney](mailto:Mrs.Courtney) with questions.

## HS News

- **12/03 HS Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 3rd.**
- **12/05 All completed and signed Finals Schedules are due this Friday, December 5th.** Please leave them in the basket in the office. If you have any questions or concerns, see Mrs. Mitzi Englebright.
- **12/05 Seniors: It's time to order your Graduation Cap & Gown units!** Please refer to the email sent to you and your parents. Orders must be placed via the Jostens website by Friday, December 5th.



- 12/11 Spanish Club will meet on Thursday, December 11th during lunch in Room 208.
- 12/16 Ladies Investment Club will meet on Tuesday, December 16th in Room 208 at lunch.
- 12/19 Squads Food Drive Competition! Students should deliver **canned foods to their squad leader's room for the food drive**. The points will be based on the weight of the food listed on the can label. The top squad will receive the most points AND ALSO a non-uniform day in January. Can collections must be turned in to your squad leader by Tuesday Dec 16. The winning squad will be announced Dec 19. All donated goods will be added to the annual Paducah Power Food Drive.



## Sports Events

12/04 JVB v Ballard / Murray 5:30 pm  
 12/05 VG @ Lead Academy / Calloway Cty time TBD  
 12/06 VB vs TBD @ St. X time TBD  
 12/09 8B LO Tournament  
 12/09 JVB/VG/VB @ Ballard 5:00 pm  
 12/09 7G/7B/8B v Reidland 5:30 pm  
 12/09 MS Basketball: 8B @ LO Tournament 5:00 pm  
 12/11 7G/7B/8B vs. Reidland MS 5:00 pm  
 12/11 FR Girls vs. NCCA 5:00 pm  
 12/12 HS Basketball: JVB/VB @ Graves 6:00 pm  
 12/15 VG vs. Hickman Co 6:00 pm  
 12/16 MS Basketball: 7G/7B/8B @ PMS 5:00 pm