

School Day 088 ~ Thursday, December 18, 2025

Principal's Challenge

Go, and make disciples of all nations.

Senior Saint of the Day ~ chosen by Jake Haas

Today's quote is from St. Rita of Cascia. St. Rita is the patron saint of the impossible, difficult, and hopeless causes, distinctly in the realm of marriage, abuse, fertility, parenthood, and disease. She famously said Nothing is impossible for God.

Daily Prayer Intentions:

Our prayer intentions for today are for **Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus** and our students **Boston Yazigi** and **Claire Wurth**, and math teacher **Cathy Lutz**.

Catholic Fact: Did you know Christmas Carols are a form of Christian oral tradition?

During the advent season, we often sing the song, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." But how many of us know that Emmanuel is a Hebrew name meaning, "God is with us?" Many Catholics may not realize it, but there is a deeper spiritual meaning woven into the words of many of our favorite Christmas Carols. Christmas Carols are a form of oral tradition. And many of the carols sung at Christmas have origins dating back hundreds of years. Carols were, in fact, a method of teaching hundreds of years ago. As such, many carols contain deep spiritual meaning. For example, the 12 days of Christmas are the time from Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Christmas carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," is based on this. And the words of the song have a meaning that goes beyond the pictures they paint. As you listen to and sing songs and your favorite Christmas carols this year, and years to come, learn the deeper meaning embedded in the lyrics. Share them with your children and grandchildren. Share them with your neighbors. Help them discover why. -excerpted from Catholic Stand

Daily Prayer Leaders

12/18 - AM TBD / PM Cash Miller 12/19 - AM TBD / PM Early Dismissal

Cleaning Assignments for the week of December 15th

- MS Power Snack 6th grade Girls / MS Lunch 6th grade Boys
- HS Power Snack 9th grade Girls/ HS Lunch 9th grade Boys

HS/MS Lunch Menu

All lunches are served with raw veggies, fruits and milk or juice 12/18 - Queso Chicken & Rice, Corn, Black Beans, Salsa, Fruit 12/19 - Early dismissal - no lunch

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!

12/19 The last Spirit Dress day is Friday, December 19th. The theme is Candy Cane Day!
Dress in Red and White Stripes!

All School News

• 12/20-21 RaiseRight Cards will be available for purchase after all Masses at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church this weekend. Please email Robin Mowers with questions.

MS News

- 12/17-19 MS will run on the following a regular class schedule for the last three days before Break. If your student will be absent during this time, please inform the Front Office and teachers. We will ask all the students to clean food and trash from their lockers before dismissal on Friday.
 - Wednesday 12/17 5th and 6th periods tests
 - Thursday 12/18 3rd and 4th periods
 - Friday 12/19 1st and 2nd periods

Title One Math Tutoring

Title One math tutoring for basic math skills open most Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays,
3-4pm. To sign up, <u>Click here</u> or contact <u>Mrs. Courtney</u> with questions.

HS News

- 12/17-12/19 HS Finals will be held on Wednesday, December 17 Friday, December 19. Students are required to follow the schedule approved by parents and submitted to Mrs. Mitzi. These are Non-Uniform days for high school. All regulations will apply. Questions: please contact Mrs. Mitzi.
- 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

12/18 - 12/22 HS Basketball: VB St. Mary Christmas Tournament each night at 5:30 pm

12/27 - 29 HS Basketball: VB: Ashland



SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026 ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS

Doors open at 6:15 PM • Trivia at 7:00 PM \$90 per table with up to 6 players

To reserve a table:

Contact Miranda Richison 618-713-2268