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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

3rd Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, I would like to remind you of the importance of attending Mass on both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas this year. These are two distinct solemnities, or high feast days, that require our participation in the Eucharist as an expression of our faith and love for God.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on December 24, and Christmas on December 25. Since both are days of obligation, we cannot fulfill both obligations with one Mass. We need to attend two separate Masses, one for each solemnity. However, we have some flexibility in choosing which Masses to attend, as long as they are celebrated at different times of the day.

The obligation for the Fourth Sunday of Advent may be fulfilled at any Mass from the evening of Saturday, December 23 and throughout the entire day of Sunday, December 24. That is, you can attend the anticipated Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Saturday evening, or any Mass (even a Vigil Mass for Christmas) on Sunday.

The obligation for Christmas may be fulfilled from the evening of Sunday, December 24 and throughout Monday, December 25. That is, you can attend any evening Mass (after 4 pm) on Sunday, or any Mass on Monday.

You'll find the schedule of Masses on the right panel of this page.

Please note that the Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas have different readings and prayers, reflecting the different themes and mysteries of each celebration. The Fourth Sunday of Advent focuses on the final preparation for the coming of Christ, while Christmas celebrates the Incarnation of the Word of God in human flesh.

I encourage you to plan ahead and choose the Masses that best suit your schedule and spiritual needs. I also invite you to participate fully, consciously, and actively in the liturgy, and to receive the sacraments of reconciliation and communion with a pure heart. Let us make this a truly holy and joyful season, as we welcome Christ into our lives and our world.

May God bless you and your families with his peace and love.

Fr. Miguel

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE PASTORATE 8		
	Sunday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	Monday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day
St. Aloysius Sauk City	4:30 PM	8:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:30 PM Spanish
St. Norberts Roxbury	4:00 PM 7:30 PM	9:00 AM
St. Mary, Health of the Sick Merrimac	----	9:30 AM
Durward's Glen Merrimac	11:00 PM	----
St. Barnabas Mazomanie	----	9:00 AM

Saturday Dec. 23	Saturday Morning Mass (fulfills no obligation)	Saturday Evening Mass (fulfills Sunday Obligation)
Sunday Dec. 24	Sunday Morning Mass (fulfills Sunday Obligation)	Sunday Evening Mass (fulfills ONE Obligation for either day) *
Monday Dec. 25	Mass on Christmas Day (fulfills Christmas Obligation)	

* Two Christmas Eve Masses can fulfill both obligations.

Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of
LEROY & DOROTHY FUCHS
(From Family)



Keep in touch with us
via email and text
messages

If you are not receiving
Father's flocknotes you can
register at



<https://divinemercuryparish.flocknote.com>



St. Aloysius Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

- ◆ 4:30 PM † Jim & Marie Zajicek (Family)

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

- ◆ 8:00 AM † Karen Breunig (Leon Breunig)
- ◆ 10:30 AM † Shirley Wedwick
(Mike & Janet Wedwick)
- ◆ 12:30 PM Living & deceased members of the Parish

Tuesday, December 26

- ◆ 7:00 AM Special Intention for Dave & Dawn Helt Family (Family)
- ◆ 8:15 AM † Lester Breunig
(Russ & Gloria Clemens)

Wednesday, December 27

- ◆ 7:00 AM † Harlan Klepper (Family)
- ◆ 8:15 AM † William & Bernadine Meyers (Family)

Thursday, December 28

- ◆ 7:00 AM † Ralph J. Bindl (Earl & Lisa Munson)
- ◆ 8:15 AM † Sr. Lorene Haas (Eileen Klepper)

Friday, December 29

- ◆ 7:00 AM Special Intention for Ryan & Sarah Schmidt
(Ron & Peggy Kruchten Family)
- ◆ 8:15 AM † Vera Denu
(Delores Hicks Family)

Saturday, December 30

- ◆ 8:00 AM † LuAnn Welsch
(Kevin & Barb Taylor)
- ◆ 4:30 PM † Mike Weiss
(Family)

Sunday, December 31

- ◆ 8:00 AM † Sam McNeely
(Scott & Lisa Enerson Family)
- ◆ 10:30 AM Special Intention for Angela Rhode
(Family)
- ◆ 12:30 (Español) Por los miembros vivos y difuntos
de la Parroquia

Nursing Homes Mass Intentions

Maplewood Nursing Home

Friday, December 29

- ◆ 10:00 AM Poor Souls



Mass Intentions

**WE ARE SCHEDULING MASSES
FOR THE YEAR 2024**

**All Masses of 2023 are taken, please schedule
your 2024 Masses in the Parish Office or
order your Masses online at
<https://pastorate8.org/mass-intentions>**

ADORATION CHAPEL SCHEDULE



TUESDAYS

4:00a.m. to 11:00p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Midnight to 8:00p.m.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAYS

from 2:00pm - 6:00pm.

CONFESSIONS at St. Aloysius

Monday - Friday	6:30 AM - 8 AM
Wednesday	4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Saturday	7 AM - 7:50 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM - 4:20 PM
Sunday	7 AM - 7:50 AM
Sunday	9:30 AM - 10:20 AM
Sunday	12 PM - 1:30 PM

Or by appointment. Call the Parish Office at 608 643 2449

DIVINE MERCY PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

As of December 10, 2023
Collections.....\$ 6,842.90

Needed for Budget.....\$ 9,326.92

Difference: (\$ 2,484.02)

Year to Date

Total Collections... \$ 224,158.63

Needed for Budget..\$ 223,846.08

Difference: \$ 312.55

If you would like to give electronically please contact
Margaret at 643-2449 or go to
divinemercyparish.org/giving



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

We hope you will join other parishioners this Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in St. Mary's Hall for Family Faith Formation. Bring your children and grand-children as well, as we will have Br.

Francis on DVD for the little ones. Parents and adults can enjoy a cup of coffee with Fr. Pedro and fellow parishioners. All are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE JANUARY 2024 AND BEYOND

Because of your generosity, we have reserved all the Masses in January 2024 and 1 Mass is available in February at St. Mary's; also, we have 6 Masses available at Durward's Glen in January and February. If you have deceased loved ones or a special intention please consider offering a Mass for them. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most efficacious prayer that we can offer for our living and deceased loved ones since it is the Holy Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. To reserve a Mass in January, 2024 and beyond, contact Mardell Krejchik, at 608-742-3364 or calcab89@yahoo.com or simply put your request in the collection basket at the next Mass. Please include your telephone number in case there are questions. Thank you so much for your continued support by offering Mass intentions. God Bless.

COMING UP AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, December 16

3:30-4:15 PM	Confessions
4:30 P.M	Mass

Sunday, December 17

9:10-9:25 AM	Rosary
9:15-9:30 AM	Confessions
9:30 AM	Mass

St. Mary's Prayer Chain
(608) 493-2337

COMING UP AT DURWARD'S GLEN TUESDAY, Dec. 19, 2023



7:35 AM - Rosary
8:00 AM - Mass
8:30 AM - Faith Discussion
9:00 AM - Refreshments

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, GLOW IN THE GLEN DRIVE-THRU FUNDRAISER

From 4:30 to 7:00 P.M. Durward's Glen will be open with all of its holiday splendor for you to drive through and enjoy. Soup dinners will be available for purchase and you will be greeted by interactive holiday characters. A \$10 donation is asked per car and proceeds will be used for groundskeeping and property preservation.

MASS THIS WEEK AT DURWARD'S GLEN

Please join us this Tuesday, December 19th, for Mass at 8:00 A.M. Come at 7:30 for the Rosary and plan to stay afterwards for faith discussions with Father Pedro at 8:30 A.M. and refreshments at 9:00 A.M. The December 19th Mass is being offered for the Repose of the Soul of Gertrude Weisensel by Vern and Marie Weisensel.

PLANNING AHEAD: MIDNIGHT MASS AT DURWARD'S GLEN

Mark your calendars and save the date for the "Midnight Mass" at Durward's Glen, Sunday, December 24th at 11:00 P.M. The Glen will be adorned with Christmas lights throughout the grounds—a silent and peaceful welcoming to the birth of Our Lord.

St. Mary Health of the Sick Mass Intentions



Saturday, December 16

- ◆ 4:30 PM Special Intention for Ava Elizabeth Portz (Herb and Joyce Portz)

Sunday, December 17

- ◆ 9:30 AM † Lori Haack (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

Tuesday, December 19 Durward's Glen

- ◆ 8:00 AM † Gertrude Weisensel (Vern and Marie Weisensel)

Saturday, December 23

- ◆ 4:30 PM † Harold Weber (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

Sunday, December 24

- ◆ 9:30 AM Special Intention for Logan Krejchik (John and Mardell Krejchik)

Sunday, December 24 Durward's Glen

- ◆ 11:00 PM † Thomas Delaney (Dennis and Jeanne Breunig)

Monday, December 25 Merry Christmas

- ◆ 9:30 AM † Bob Beres (Nick and Camille Hahn)

Tuesday, December 26 Durward's Glen

- ◆ 8:00 AM Special Intention for Amanda Krejchik (John and Mardell Krejchik)



Liturgical SCHEDULE

		SACRISTANS	MASS SERVERS
Sat. Dec. 16	4:00pm	Volunteer needed	Caleb Breunig
Sat. Dec. 16	8:00pm	Myah Brickl	Jack Brickl
Sun. Dec. 17	8:00am	Volunteer needed	Landon Ambrose
Sat. Dec. 23	4:00pm	Volunteer needed	Noah Endres
Sat. Dec. 23	8:00pm	Reagan Breunig	Eli Breunig
Sun. Dec. 24	8:00am	Volunteer needed	Matthew Schoepp
Sun. Dec. 24	4:00pm	Clara Weiss	Carl Weiss, Connor, Caleb and Calvin Breunig
Sun. Dec. 24	7:30pm	Volunteer needed	Noah Endres
Mon. Dec. 25	9:00am	Volunteer needed	Landon Ambrose

St. Norberts Mass Intentions

Monday December 18

◆ 8:00 AM † George Gmeinder

Tuesday December 19

◆ 8:00 AM † Joan Wipperfurth

Wednesday December 20

◆ 8:00 AM † Tony Statz

Thursday December 21

◆ 8:00 AM † Carole Salm

Friday December 22

◆ 8:00 AM † John O'Brien (Neal and Ellen Schoepp)

Saturday December 23

◆ 4:00 PM † Eleanore Fassbender
(Richard Fassbender Family)

◆ 8:00 PM Living and Deceased of the Latham and Schoepp Family

Sunday December 24

◆ 8:00 AM † Roy Schoepp

◆ 4:00 PM † Ted Breunig (Kurt Breunig)

◆ 7:30 PM † Leo Wipperfurth

SPECIAL VISITOR COMING TO THE 4:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS



We have heard from our special Christmas Eve visitor that he would like all children and their parents attending the 4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve to follow Fr. James downstairs after Mass is over and he will meet everyone by the Christmas tree.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

As part of the Go Make Disciples initiative, members of St. Norbert's parish group have provided a Parish Prayer Intention Book. This book will reside in the back of the church. Please feel welcome to write down your own intentions; as general or detailed as you'd like. Also take a moment to page through the book and pray for other parishioners' intentions, maybe before or after Mass, or during Adoration. We can all benefit from more prayer in our lives and more care for each other. Please reach out to any member of the Go Make Disciples group with questions.

ST. NORBERT CHOIR REHEARSAL

Everyone is invited to the choir rehearsal on Monday, December 18 at 5:30pm. New members are always welcome.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Anyone who would like to donate a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one is asked to contact Michelle at 608-393-6012 or Ashley at 608-669-8188. Or you may place your printed request and donation in an envelope marked "flower donation" with your name, the name of your loved one, and your phone number and place it in the collection by December 17. A \$20 donation is greatly appreciated.



THE BABY Jesus Shower



St. Norbert's CCW invites everyone to participate in the celebration of Jesus' birth by donating items to our annual Baby Jesus Shower. You may place your donations in the blue bin by the choir loft or you may place them in the crib in the Church Hall. All donations will be taken to the Women's Care Center in Madison. Donations are due on December 31, 2023.

NEW MEMBERS

St. Norbert's Parish Family would like to welcome our newest members, Steven and Rebecca Fiene, and their children, Ava and Jack; and Ryan and Marisa Greiber, and their children, Austen and Brayden. May all of you find a happy home here.

DONATIONS FOR 2023: Anyone that would like to have a donation to the parish included in the 2023 calendar year for tax purposes is reminded that December 31, 2023 is the last day to have the donation included for the 2023 year. The last weekend to donate for 2023 will be this weekend, Saturday, December 30 - Sunday, December 31, 2023. Donations sent by mail need to be postmarked by December 31, 2023. After December 31, 2023 all donations will gladly be accepted for 2024. Remember offertory donations and the donations for the Capital Campaign Renovation are separate funds.



BULLETIN INFORMATION OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bulletin information for the December 23-24 bulletin is due on December 11 at 5:00pm to Juanita. Please watch the bulletin for early deadlines due to the holidays.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a liturgical celebration observed on **January 1**. Since it falls on a Monday in 2024, it is not a holy day of obligation. However, all are invited to attend Mass on January 1, 2024 at 8:00am in honor of Mary.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St. Norbert's is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels the weeks of **January 29 - February 2** and **February 5 - 9**. We need a driver and runner each day. A sign up sheet is available on the register by the main entrance starting this weekend. Please sign up today!

NEED AN IDEA FOR CHRISTMAS?

The St. Norbert's Cookbooks (\$12) or an English Choir CD (\$5) make wonderful stocking stuffers. Please contact Juanita at 608-643-8108 to purchase yours today. If you would like to purchase a 175th St. Norbert Commemorative item as a Christmas gift please contact CCW President, Heidi Breunig at 608-644-8484. We have Christmas ornaments, cross wall hangings, fridge magnets, and decks of playing cards. The CCW also has vanilla for sale.



MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to request a Mass, please place your request in the collection basket, labeled "Mass intentions" with your **PRINTED** request; phone number, email address or mailing address; and a \$10 stipend payable to St. Norbert. Or you may mail your request to the Parish attention Mass request. Or feel free to contact Juanita via email or by phone.

2024 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The 2024 Religious Art Calendars are available at all bulletin stations. A very special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the calendars.

ST. BARNABAS

St. Barnabas Mass Intentions

Sunday December 24

◆ 9:00 AM Charlie Hilt
(Mary Ellen Ripp)

Monday December 25

◆ 9:00 AM Living & deceased members of St. Barnabas



**Fr. Osvaldo will be on his annual retreat
in Spain from
Dec. 13 - January 13.**

For emergencies
please contact

**Fr. Faustino Ruiz
608 370-3751**

Or St. Aloysius at 608 643 2449



DIRECTORY

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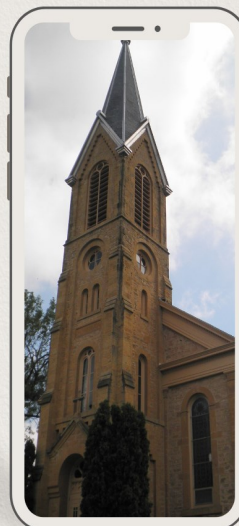
PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS
Mary Gust 608-795-2555

CEMETERY
Steve Hutson 608-767-2533

DONATION FOR ESTATE SALE
Office 608-795-4321
(Please leave a message)

**FOR BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, AND
RCIA**
Fr. Osvaldo Briones 608-795-4321

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS
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Without grace there is no hope, but with it there is no shortage.

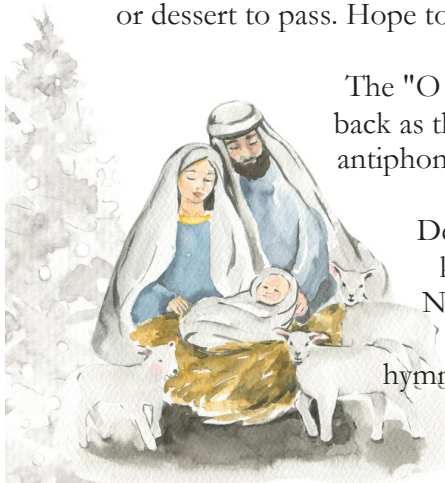
St. Barnabas

"O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust!"



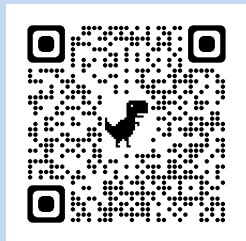
For the month of December we'll be hosting an Advent Potluck on **Friday, December 22nd at 6:30 PM** in the St. Aloysius Church Basement, Room C. We'll pray the sixth of the traditional *O Antiphons* in the Church, sing a verse from, *"O Come Emmanuel"*, and then head downstairs for a great meal and games!

Main course will be provided. Bring a side dish, beverage or dessert to pass. Hope to see you there!



The "O Antiphons" date as far back as the sixth century. These antiphons are added to Vespers from December 17th - December 23rd, a period known as the Golden Nights, and make up the verses of the ancient hymn, *"O Come Emmanuel"*.

FORMED



Prepare for Christ's coming with two new Advent series from the Augustine Institute. Learn more at daily.formed.org/advent



Pastorate 8

St. Aloysius Church Basement
Thursdays
from 6 am to 7:30 am

Wherever you are in your spiritual life, Jesus Christ wants to encounter you right there... And take you further.



ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL is conducting a self-study for the cycle of its re-accreditation. This process established by [WRISA](https://www.wrisa.org/) is performed by every Catholic school in the diocese every seven years. We are right now collecting information that will help us analyse our current situation at St. Aloysius School and eventually come up with an action plan for the next seven years. Please fill out the following anonymous survey provided by the Office of Catholic Schools in the diocese as part of the preparation process. The survey will be open until December 20th. Your input is always appreciated, especially now that we are entering this important time for our school. Here you have the link:



Parishioner/School Community Survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NJJTV8V>
Thank you so much for all the time you will spend completing this survey!



**DIocese OF MADISON
ADVENT 2023 MIDWIFE MATCH**

This Advent, the Diocese of Madison is offering a matching gift to help raise funds for midwife salaries at a healthcare clinic affiliated with our sister diocese, the Diocese of Jacmel, Haiti. The situation in Haiti is dire and has been particularly difficult for pregnant women. Having a midwife at the clinic would provide much needed maternal and childcare services. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti and if you are able to contribute to the Diocese of Madison Advent 2023 Midwife Match, visit



madisondiocese.org/Haiti

ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL NEWS

Always and everywhere faithful



"Saint Aloysius is a Catholic education community whose ministry provides opportunity for all students to develop their spiritual life and academic potential."

PREPARING FOR HIS COMING



All over the school, students & teachers are preparing their hearts and their classrooms for Jesus' coming at Christmas.

Above left: Camden Dischler & Carmen Ziegler, (3rd), prepare a Nativity Creche for their classroom

Center: Rosie Moss, Helen Young & Madden Dischler, (3rd) decorate their classroom door

Above Right: Reegan Ederer & Cecilia Krejchik, (4th) create a Nativity scene starring their classmates on the door.



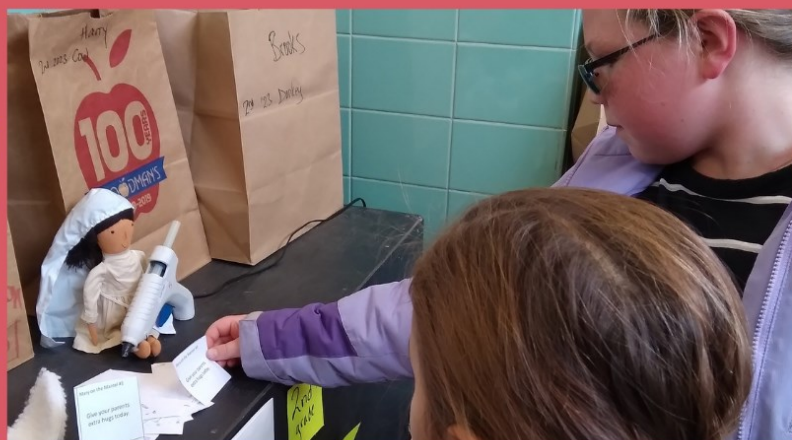
ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SANTA BREAKFAST

Our Santa Breakfast, Book Fair & Christmas fundraising was an amazing success! What a tremendous accomplishment for our school. Special thanks to Julianne Brickl for chairing the event, as well as our other committee chairs who worked so hard in their other areas. God Bless you for you hard work!



MARY ON THE MANTLE

Ever heard of the Elf on the Shelf? Meet Mary on the Mantle! Every day, our Blessed Mother can be found somewhere around the school preparing for the birth of her son Jesus, and giving the children a specific task of kindness to do each day.



SCRIP CORNER

2023 - 2024 YTD SCRIP FUNDRAISING:

\$5,089.78!

Buy gift cards at face value and the vendors pay you and St Al's School a bonus!

Download the RaiseRight app or create an account at raiserright.com. Enrollment code for St. Aloysius is: B64EFF8A5783
Physical, e-gift, and/or gift card reloads are available.

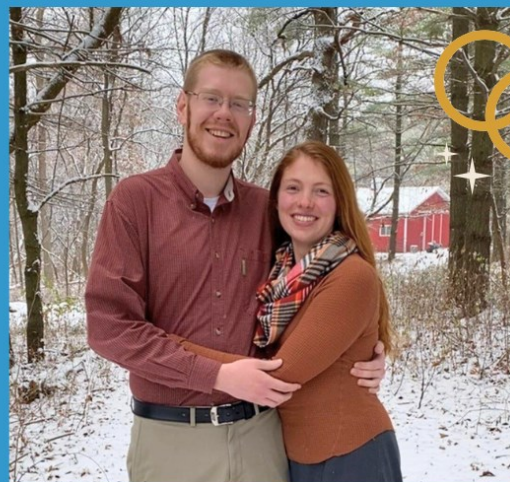
Order physical cards by **Tuesday, December 12th** for pickup by Friday, December 22nd!

Gift Cards make GREAT Stocking Stuffers!

- **Kwik Trip is on bonus through 12/8!!**
 - Kwik Trip Gas - 9%
 - Kwik Trip Grocery - 15%
- **DAZZLE DAYS ENDS DECEMBER 8** - Earn bonuses on eGift cards and physical gift cards. Plus, watch RaiseRight for daily surprise bonuses.
- **DECEMBER 9 - 18: eGift Card Bonuses** - eGift cards make the perfect last-minute gift.
- **VISA Gift Cards** - Through RaiseRight, VISA gift cards have no activation fees PLUS earn a 1.25% bonus.
- **\$5 & \$10 Gift Cards:** Available through December 31st



CONGRATULATIONS!!



A big congratulations to Ms. Kuhnau, our Third Grade Teaching assistant, and Mr. Ian McDougall on their recent engagement! Plans are underway for a wedding in July 2024. Keep them in your prayers and wish them the best!



ST. AL'S MORNING STAR NEWS



Brought to you by Editors Ms. Andrea & Ms. Kuhnau

SANTA BREAKFAST

BY REAGAN
HRUBY
4TH GRADE



Thanks for coming to the Santa breakfast. The food was so good and yummy.

You could take a picture with Santa and tell Santa what you want for Christmas.

We hope you had a good time looking at books at the book fair and having breakfast. We also hope you had a good time looking at the ornaments we made and buying goodies. We hope you had good luck with the raffle prizes. Thank you to everyone who baked cookies for the cookie walk. They were very deeeeeelicious! Another thank you to the parents who helped run and volunteer at the Santa breakfast. It left everyone who visited St. Als full of Christmas joy!

JOIN US, FOR OUR REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR!

BY SAVANNAH
ZIEGLER
6TH GRADE



Join us this Advent for a season of giving! Do you know how an Advent calendar works? You get a little something every day like chocolate, or toys, but this year we will be giving instead of getting, and we'll be giving to the food pantry! We are asking that each family brings in an item every week of Advent!

Our first week is called **Grinchy Green** from December 3-9. Bring anything that is green, such as a can of green beans, green shampoo, or Apple Jacks.

Next we have items that are Wintery White from December 10 -16. Anything wintery white like toilet paper, baby diapers (clean!) and even toothpaste.

For our third week we have **Rudolph Red**. This week we will be bringing in any red items, such as cake mix, pasta sauce, or beans.

Christmas doesn't have to end here! For the fourth week from December 24-January 8, our theme is Christmas Cheer. Bring in any item you can think of! Thank you for your generosity, for giving instead of getting.

DID YOU KNOW?

Brought to you by
Stella Wuerger, 4th
Grade



Did you know that...

- You can not sneeze with your eyes open. (Try it!)
- The Olympics used to give medals for art, not just sports.
- A jar of Nutella is sold every 2.5 seconds.
- French fries are Belgian, not French.
- Before alarm clocks, people would pay someone to knock on their window and wake them up. They were called knocker - uppers.
- Make tea, not war! All British armored vehicles have the equipment needed to make tea.
- There are 31,557,600 seconds in a year.
- Arithmophobia is the fear of numbers.
- Speaking of numbers, the opposite sides of a die (one of a pair of dice) will always equal 7.
- Tomatoes and avocados are fruits, not vegetables.

JOKES: CHRISTMAS EDITION



BY DONOVAN WUERGER
5TH GRADE

Why is Santa Claus so good at karate?

He has a black belt.

Why is it cold at Christmas?

It is Decem-brrrrrrr.

Where does a snowman keep his money?

In a snow bank.

Why did the elf put his bed in the fireplace?

He wanted to sleep like a log.

What do you get if you cross Santa with a detective?

Santa Clues.

ALL ABOUT HAMSTERS

BY CLAYTON HASELWANDER
3RD GRADE



Hamsters make great family pets. They are small and soft. They like to live alone as they may fight with other hamsters. Hamsters need a cage; it has to be clean. They need soft bedding to keep them warm. Hamsters like to chew small sticks. They need a wheel to run on and a place to hide. Hamsters sleep during the day and play at night. They can be many different colors like gray, red, brown, white, black or a combination. Hamsters are cute little animals and are a lot of fun to watch. They must be handled gently. They eat special hamster food, but also like fresh vegetables cut up small. A little fruit, egg or brown bread is good too.