



*We are in the first week of Advent*

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The children's Christmas Program will be presented at 1:30 on Wednesday, December 9, and again in full costume at 7:00 that evening. The afternoon performance will not have full costuming. The 1:30 performance is for those who prefer to attend during the day, and it gives our children one last opportunity to practice for the full evening production. Our 5th/6th Grade Band will play carols of the season at 6:30 p.m., prior to the evening performance. We hope that you will join us for this special event. A list of costumes for each grade is attached.



**Board of Education Meeting—6:00 Thurs., Dec. 3, in the All Purpose Room.**

# ST. MARY SCHOOL FAMILY NOTES

November 30, 2009

### Advent Angel Project

In the spirit of the season, we will once again raise money to purchase gifts for several children living at Kemmerer Village in Assumption.

Our students may donate loose change which will be collected in each classroom beginning today. They will also raise money through bake sales, the first of which will be held tomorrow, Dec. 1. Another is scheduled Tues., Dec. 8. We also need donated shirt boxes for wrapping the gifts.

In the past our gifts have delighted young people who otherwise may not have enjoyed a merry Christmas. Please help us as we endeavor to show our children the rewards of giving.

### MID YEAR FUNDRAISER

**PICK UP** is Thurs., Dec. 3, in the cafeteria from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Thank you for your selling efforts! Please call Lisa Sassatelli at 824-6994 with any questions.



St. Mary's is collecting non-perishable foods for the Taylorville Fire Department. The fire fighters will deliver baskets of food to needy families here in town. Students may place their donations near the statue of St. Mary in the center hall of the main school building.



### CHILDREN'S MASSES

#### Nursing Home Mass:

Tues., Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m.—Gr. 3 will celebrate Mass with the residents at Hickory Estates.

#### School Mass: Thurs., Dec. 3, 9:00 a.m.

Grade 1 will help with the various ministries. This is our annual Toy Collection. Please send a new or gently used toy if you are able. The toys are given out to needy local families during "Santa's Workshop" hosted by St. Mary's Youth Group.



### CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR FR. ALAN

**Fr. Alan has taken on a great deal this past year. I'd like for him to know that we appreciate all he does for us.**

If you would like to donate to the all school gift for Fr. Alan, please send in whatever amount you wish to the school office. Thank you.

**Second Tuition Payment For those making two tuition payments, the second installment is due Jan. 15.**



Taylorville's annual Christmas parade will be held this Saturday, Dec. 5, at 5:00. St. Mary's will take part in the parade. Any student who

wishes to participate must turn in a completed permission slip by this Friday. A permission slip is attached to this newsletter. Siblings may all be listed on one permission slip.

We will ride the big, blue bus. Everyone will remain on the bus for the entire parade. We will meet at the bus which will be parked at St. Mary's field. Line-up for the parade begins at 4:30. Students may get on the bus anytime after 4:30. The parade route goes around the square and back to the field. It lasts less than 30 minutes.

After the parade, the bus will return to its usual parking place next to the garage on the field. Students must be picked up there. Because it will be dark, students will stay on the bus until a family member arrives to get them.

Participation in the parade is optional, but we had a good time last year! Hope you will join us!



**Father has schedule the following times for students to receive the Sacrament of Penance during Advent:**

- Gr. 6—Mon., Nov. 30 at 8:45**
- Gr. 4—Thurs., Dec. 3 after Mass**
- Gr. 5—Mon., Dec. 7 at 8:45**
- Gr. 3—Thurs., Dec. 10 at 8:45**

**Thanks to Tonya Bowsher and Terri Donnan the Scrip program is up and running at St. Mary's.** Through this program, school families, relatives, co-workers, and friends can order gift cards from hundreds of different businesses. The school receives a percentage of the amount of each card. Our first order, for about \$1100 went in last week. The next order will be sent out on Monday, Dec. 7. Cards ordered then will be here in plenty of time for Christmas giving or shopping (I ordered cards that I'll use at Barnes and Noble because I know I always buy gifts there). The program will be in place year round. Order forms and a list of participating stores are posted at [www.st-maryschool.com](http://www.st-maryschool.com).



Wed., Dec. 2, is St. Mary's Night at Florinda's. Mention that your order is for St. Mary's and the school receives 15% of the sale, dine-in or carry-out.

**URGENTLY NEEDED:**

Adults to supervise lunch recess on Tuesdays and Fridays. Take on day or both, once or twice a month, whatever fits your schedule. We're flexible!

