

## **Senior Class Focus:**

Today, you belong here when: "you are kind to everyone." - Caroline Crider

### **Daily Prayer Intentions:**

Our prayer intentions for today are for the **School Sisters of Notre Dame**, and our students **Lanie Fearon** and **Evie Barlow**, and art teacher **Sue Hein**.

# Catholic Fact: Did you know the church family is an extension of the Holy Family?

Jesus could have burst onto the scene in any number of ways. He could have walked out of the wilderness as a fully-formed adult. He could have been raised in a royal court. He could have descended from heaven amid thunder, lightning, and fireworks. But in His perfect wisdom, He decided it would be most suitable to His nature and ours to be born like any other baby and raised by a carpenter and a maiden. We often adore the crèche with the thought, "What humility He showed, to be God and yet to be born into this!" This is a true and good sentiment, but we shouldn't let ourselves think that Jesus was born into a situation that somehow did not suit Him. The Holy Family—their poverty, their simplicity, their humility—precisely suited Him. It was in this perfect family that He demonstrated the way of living most proper for children of God. In the same way, then, that the family is the first center of religious practice for young children, the domestic church of the Holy Family. Through Jesus Christ, Mary and Joseph were the first people to be brought into a family relationship with the Lord. Now, the Church is the universal expression of that family. - *excerpted from St. Paul Center* 

### **Daily Prayer Leaders**

12/18 - AM TBD / PM Griffin Mayes (Birman) 12/19 - AM TBD / PM Michael Onuaha (Hein) 12/20 - Early Dismissal - Christmas Break 01/06 - Monday

01/07 - Tuesday

### **HS/MS Lunch Menu**

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

12/18 - Crispito & Queso, Green Beans, Side Salad, or PB&J

- 12/19 Queso Chicken, Mexican Rice & Corn, Salsa Fruit or PB&J
- 12/20 Early Dismissal No lunch

# December Birthdays 🎉 👼 🚢

MS: Christy Pastor, Matthew Scarpino, Micah Itiavkase, Aisling Steele-Connors, Reagan Herrmann, Aaron Davis, Landan Smith, Walter Medley, Cyntia Geronimo, Collins Eck, Emmie Hahn, Sydney Groves HS: Lanie Fearon, Olivia Vaughan, Olivia Lorch, Alyssa Carter, Cadence Todd, Jayden Carrillo, Michael Crider, Samantha Potter, Natalie Wielgos, Brendan Wielgos, William Babbs, Riley Richison Faculty: Lisa Clark, Rachel Birman, John Tedford, Allison Green

# All School News

- 12/18 Elementary School Christmas Program will be held in the HS/MS Gym on Wednesday, December 18th from 6-7pm.
- 12/18 Academic Team practices are canceled for today, December 18 and tomorrow, December 19.
- 12/20 Friday, December 20th is the last day of school before Christmas Break. Early Dismissal will be at 11:00 am.

# St. John the Evangelist: Our Lady of Fatima Parish Event

01/04-5 2025 The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at St. John's January 4-5, 2025. The purpose of a Pilgrim Virgin Statue tour is to introduce people to Our Lady's message of hope, peace and salvation, and to bring the graces of Fatima to those many millions of people who may not otherwise have the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Fatima itself. St John's will have First Saturday Mass, Confessions and talks on Our Lady. Contact St. John the Evangelist Parish (270-554-3810) or check the parish website (stjohnspaducah.com) for more information. Learn more about the tour and the statue at www.fatimatourforpeace.com.

# **MS** News

- 12/18 MS Final Exams will be held Wed Fri, Dec 18-20th.
- 12/18 MS Mass will be Wednesday, December 18th. Students should be in full uniform.
- 12/19 MS Reindeer Games Christmas Party will take place on Thursday, December 19th, from 1:00PM - 3:00PM! Students will rotate between classrooms to participate in a variety of fun games and activities. Volunteers are needed, please contact Mrs. Courtney for more information.
- 12/20 MS will celebrate December Birthdays with a Hot Cocoa on Friday, December 20th.
- **12/20 Red/Green Non-Uniform Day for Middle School!** Students are allowed to wear their favorite Christmas sweater, or Red/Green outfits to school on Friday, December 20th.
- 01/06 MS Homecoming Spirit Week will be Monday, January 6 through Friday, January 10, 2025. Fun activities, and dress-up themes, are being planned for each day that week. More information to come!

# HS News

- **12/18-20 HS Finals will be held Wednesday, December 18th Friday, December 20th.** Finals days will be non-uniform days for HS students. All non-uniform regulations will apply.
- 01/06 Homecoming Week will begin Monday, January 6, and end with Homecoming Dance on Saturday, January 11, 2025. Dance tickets are on sale during HS lunch, tickets are \$10/student. Student guest forms are available in the Front Office and must be signed and submitted to Mrs. Green no later than January 9th. Contact <u>allison.green@smss.org</u> for more information.

# **Christian Service Hours Opportunity**

- 12/18 Christian Service Hours are available for students who help serve at the Elementary Christmas program on Dec 18th. The hours are approx 5:45-6:30/6:45PM. Please contact Mrs. Higgins for more information: <u>mary.higgins@smss.org</u>
- 12/18 HS Volunteers are needed at a Scarf in the Park sorting event on Wednesday, December 18th from 11am-2pm at Broadway United Methodist Church. Christian Service or NHS hours are available to volunteers for this event. Please see Mrs. Reed for more information.

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JOIN US TO SORT, COUNT, AND TAG HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES AND SOCKS!

# **Sports Events**

12/19 7B/8B BB v Heath 5:30pm 12/19 7G/8g BB @ Heath 5:30pm 12/19 VB BB v South Fulton, TN 6:00pm 12/20 VG BB @ CCA 3:30pm GM1 12/20 VG BB or 12/21 @ CCA (tba) GM2 12/21 VG BB @ CCA (tba) GM 3 12/21 VB BB St. Mary Christmas Tournament (tba) 12/23 VB BB St. Mary Christmas Tournament (tba) 12/27 VB BB Holiday Classic @ Madison Central (tba) 12/28 VB BB Holiday Classic @ Madison Central (tba) 12/29 VBBB Holiday Classic @ Madison Central (tba)

Reminder: Sports and other events may be canceled at the last minute due to changing weather conditions.