

# St. Mary's



## BLUE NOTES

Wednesday, November 25, 2009

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### Dates to Remember:

**TODAY, 11/25 (noon dismissal):** all-school Mass at 8:00 a.m.; Thanksgiving Holiday begins; school resumes on Monday, 11/30



**Tuesday, 12/8:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (**holy day of obligation**) all-school Mass at 8:00 a.m.

**Friday, 12/11:** the 8:00 a.m. Mass will be a regular daily Mass; the vigil of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.



**Thursday, 12/17:** Family **Advent Mass**, celebrated by Bishop Richard Stika—  
heavy hors d'oeuvres

beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the gym; prelude begins at 6:00 p.m. in church, followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m. and a light reception after Mass

**Tuesday, 12/22 (noon dismissal):** Christmas holidays begin; school resumes Thursday, 1/7/10

### Principal's Corner

Dear Families & Friends,

***"Lord, I thank You for Your faithfulness and love."***

This verse from Psalm 138 is the response for this Thursday's Thanksgiving Mass. Although there are always crosses to be borne—difficult financial situations, serious illness, personal sorrows—we must always be thankful to God for the great gifts of our lives...and of our faith in His loving providence.

*"And now, bless the God of all,  
who has done wondrous things on earth;  
Who fosters people's growth from their mother's  
womb,  
and fashions them according to His will!  
May He grant you joy of heart  
and may peace abide among you..."* Sirach 50:22-23

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.

Principal

### Oak Ridge CHRISTMAS PARADE



This year's Oak Ridge Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 12th at 7:00 pm. The theme is "Christmas Around the World." Come dressed in your native costume, or we will have shepherd/angel costumes available the 12th at the float. Decorating the float will be on Friday, December 11, starting at 4:00 pm in front of the Youth Center. There will be clean-up immediately after the parade. Candy donations are needed and can be dropped off at St. Mary's School or the Ministry Center. Questions? Please call Laura Wolfe @ 463-7428!

## Food City & Box Tops 4 Education

Don't forget that you can support the school when you shop during the holiday season by signing up for "Food City Bucks for Education" at Food City stores and using the Marketplace at [www.boxtops4educatin.com](http://www.boxtops4educatin.com).

## Sewing Classes

Need a Christmas gift for Mom or Grandmom? **The last sewing class will be offered for 6th - 12th graders next Wednesday, 12/2,** from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Building. Cost: \$2.00 for the project; no other supplies needed. Register by calling Kathleen Cooksey at 919-7047.



## Walk/Run for the Endowment: Lap the Map!



Planning has begun for this event that will be held in conjunction with Field Day activities on May 14th. Anyone interested in helping to plan and prepare for this event is invited to attend the next planning meeting next Wednesday, December 2, at 11:30 a.m. If you would like more information about how you can get involved please contact Karen Zebroski at 482-1547 or Kathryn James at 466-2419.

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner & Dance 2010



**Correction:** Please note the Dinner and Dance in the fall of 2010 is a celebration of the 60th Anniversary of St. Mary's School, not a dance for the

Endowment as previously stated in last week's Blue Notes. St. Mary's School looks forward to hosting a Dinner and Dance to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of St. Mary's Catholic School. If you are interested in planning this event, please contact Kathryn Chou at 685-5703. Planning of this historic time in history will begin in January 2010.



## FANTASY OF TREES

Don't forget to see St. Mary's "Sweet Treat Tree" and our wonderful gingerbread creations (including a Ferris wheel!) that will be displayed in the annual "Fantasy of Trees" at the Knoxville Convention Center, Wednesday, November 25 through Sunday, November 29. All proceeds for this event go to the East Tennessee Children's Hospital.



## Crazy Quilt Giving Tree

Gifts for the Crazy Quilt Friendship Center, serving rural Appalachia, are collected by the 8<sup>th</sup> graders as a service project every year at St. Mary's School.

**Unwrapped gifts will need to be brought to school by December 7.** Please see the flyer posted on RenWeb for more details.

## Posting Announcements in RenWeb & Blue Notes

All general/school-wide announcements must be submitted to Bettie Johnson at [bjohnson@smcor.org](mailto:bjohnson@smcor.org) **by 3 p.m. on Tuesday** to be posted by Wednesday in RenWeb and/or *Blue Notes*. RenWeb and Blue Notes will only be posted/updated by noon on Wednesdays. Be sure you have Adobe Reader 9 to read/download the *Blue Notes* (available as a free download at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>)