



# CAMPUS CONNECTION

Issue #15, December 13, 2023

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**Waukesha**  
**Catholic** SCHOOL  
SYSTEM

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Waukesha Catholic instills faith and inspires futures by nurturing each child's gifts with an education rooted in the Gospel values and a culture of community, compassion, and love.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Thursday, December 14 - Wednesday, January 3**

**Thursday, December 14:** Non-uniform Day; Home & School Meeting at SWC Glass Lobby Conference Room, 6:30 pm

**Friday, December 15:**

- **SWC:** Prayer Service at 9:00 am led by Ms. Kelliher's K5A class
- **SMC:** Adoration for grades 3-5 at 10:45 am, and grades 6-8 at 11:15 am (All are welcome!); Ski Club to Alpine Valley

**Sunday, December 17:** Third Sunday of Advent

**Monday, December 18:** Scrip orders due by noon

**Wednesday, December 20:** School Board Meeting at SWC, 6:00 pm

- **SMC:** Mass at 8:35 am

**Thursday, December 21:** Non-uniform Day!

- **SMC:** Chess Club, 3:30-4:30 pm

**Friday, December 22: EARLY DISMISSAL DAY - CHRISTMAS VACATION BEGINS AT THE END OF TODAY!**

- **SWC:** Mass at 9:00 led by Ms. Pupp's 1-2 class; **SWC dismisses at 11:40 am**
- **SMC: SMC dismisses at 11:20 am**

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024:** Classes Resume

December 2023 Calendars:

[SWC](#)

[SMC](#)

[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)



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## Advent Theme: Christmas is Bright Because of One Silent Night

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## KOVALESKI'S KEYNOTE

## THIS WEEK'S HOLY MOMENTS PROMPT IS:

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*Do the right thing  
regardless of what others  
might think.*

### **Make the Season Bright with HOLY MOMENTS!**

#### [This Week's Video](#)

(Video Note: The Holy Moments videos shared each week are titled using the prompt from the week before as they "recap" the previous week's prompt and introduce us to the new prompt for the upcoming week.)

The greatest moments of history happened when people did the right thing, even in the face of great opposition. In a world often filled with conflicting messages and societal pressures, our Catholic faith IS our guide. At the heart of the this week's prompt is the idea that creating a holy moment is not contingent upon external validation but is, instead, a commitment to living out our faith even in the face of adversity. Jesus himself was no stranger to societal expectations and challenges, yet he demonstrated to us the importance of doing what is right, even when faced with opposition.

In the classroom and on the playground, our students are presented with countless opportunities to make choices that reflect our Catholic values. It could be standing up to those that are unkind to others, choosing kindness over gossip, or helping a classmate in need. These seemingly small decisions have the power to change ordinary moments into Holy Moments, as they are infused with the love and compassion that Jesus taught us.

Tips to Create This Holy Moment:

- Unfollow any pages or people on social media who stand for unholy moments.
- Focus during class, work, or Mass, even if other people aren't.
- Choose not to gossip and speak kindly about others instead.



We want to hear about the amazing ways you and your family are collaborating with God! Email Meghan Gorzalski at [mgorzalski@waukeshacatholic.org](mailto:mgorzalski@waukeshacatholic.org) and tell us about a special Holy Moment you witnessed or created. Let's keep the Holy Momentum going!

#### **Other Reminders/Updates:**

**Prayer Buddies:** Mrs. Tousignant and her Campus Ministry Team (a small but enthusiastic group of middle school students) worked diligently to create activities and celebrations around our Advent theme: *Christmas is Bright because of One Silent Night*. One of these activities is Prayer Buddies. All of the students have been assigned a prayer buddy, from a different grade, for whom they are to pray for during Advent. We encourage you to ask your child about their prayer buddy and find time each day to include them in your prayers.

**Band Concert:** Our 6-8th grade band students showcased their talents at their concert on Monday night. Thank you to everyone that came to support our students and witness such a wonderful performance.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe:** Yesterday we celebrated Our Lady of Guadalupe at both of our campuses. A special thank you to the parents and students that helped to make it such a beautiful celebration.

**Eucharistic Procession Reflections:** In this weekend's bulletin numerous Waukesha Catholic students share their thoughts and reflections regarding the special Eucharistic procession we held at both campuses back in November. Three of our priests, seminarian Tim Sanchez, and six eighth-grade servers processed to all of the homerooms with the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance. Each class experienced a brief moment of adoration in their classroom along with reciting the Glory Be and receiving a benediction. It was a most beautiful and blessed experience. Read more about the experience in the bulletin!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the K3-5th Grade Christmas Concert tonight at St. William.

Blessings,  
Lisa Kovaleski

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## **WAUKESHA CATHOLIC NEWS**

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### **K3-5th Grade Christmas Concert Tonight in the St. William Gym**

- Students/parents should arrive at 6:15 pm and enter through the GYM doors. Please do not arrive before 6:15 pm, as we will not have staff present until that time.
- When students arrive they should go to their designated location, see below.
- Upon completion of the concert, parents will go to their child's classroom or designated location to pick them up.

- Students should wear dress-up clothing.



### Designated Locations

- K3-2 Grade: To their classrooms
- 3rd Grade: Library
- 4th Grade: Parish Hall
- 5-1: Music Room
- 5-2 Art Room

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## SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S DINNER AND AUCTION!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

The Ingleside Hotel

2810 Golf Rd - Pewaukee, WI

### SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!!

We need your help to raise \$150,000 at this year's Auction!! We rely very heavily on the generosity of our families, grandparents, alumni, parishioners, and community supporters. Please consider donating an item or two to this year's event!

**What can you donate?** We need unique, fun, and sought-after items, jewelry, gift baskets, gift cards, and experience packages. What would you love to bid on? That's what we need!

**People give to people!** Please consider passing along an in-kind donation form to a business that you frequent. Perhaps your massage therapist, hairdresser, or favorite restaurant would donate *because of you!* Do you belong to a Country Club that could provide us with an exclusive experience? People give to people, so please help us procure items! (Even if you cannot join us for our Auction on Saturday, February 3, you can help make this year's event a huge success!)

Securing a donation is one very important way that you can help Waukesha Catholic make this night a success! Our guests love to bid on one-of-a-kind treasures such as:

- Amazing golf outings
- Autographed sports memorabilia
- Children's toys or activities
- Party packages for special occasions
- Vacation homes
- Staycations and getaways
- Concert tickets
- Unique dining experiences
- Tickets to sporting events
- Services for your home, auto, or self-care
- Gift baskets and gift certificates



In this week's folder, you will find an auction in-kind donation form. Additional forms can be printed by clicking [HERE](#). To get involved or to donate, please contact Monika Sobierajski, Development

Assistant, at 262-896-2929 ext. 5207 or email [msobierajski@waukeshacatholic.org](mailto:msobierajski@waukeshacatholic.org)

## SPONSORS AND ADVERTISERS NEEDED!!

Own a business or work for a company that believes in the importance of Catholic education? Consider becoming a sponsor, placing an ad in this year's Auction Program, or purchasing a Corporate Table. Please contact Lidia Crivello, Development Director, at 262-896-2929 ext. 5205 or email [lcrivello@waukeshacatholic.org](mailto:lcrivello@waukeshacatholic.org) for more information.

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## KWIK TRIP FUNDRAISER

### Kwik Trip fundraiser for this year's 8th-grade trip to Washington, D.C.

The 8th graders going to Washington, D.C. are raising funds to help pay for the trip by selling Kwik Trip Car wash gift cards from now until Monday, January 8. The gift cards cost \$36 each and are good for five "Ultimate" Kwik Trip car washes. An "Ultimate" Kwik Trip car wash typically costs \$10, so this gift card is a great way to save on future car washes!

Orders can be placed through any 8th grader going on the trip, or each campus office between now and Monday, January 8. Mrs. Dunk at St. Mary Campus and Mrs. Brown at St. William Campus can help you place an order. Gift cards will be available for pick up the following week. If paying by check, please make it out to Waukesha Catholic School.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Heinecke at [jheinecke@waukeshacatholic.org](mailto:jheinecke@waukeshacatholic.org).

Thank you in advance for your support of the 8th-grade trip to Washington, D.C.!

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## HOME & SCHOOL CORNER

### Current event needing coordinators:

Catholic Schools Week Mass Hospitality - Saturday and Sunday, January 27-28, 2024

**We are in need of coordinators for this event for St. Joseph (2 people) and St. John Neumann (2 people).**

Please use this SignUpGenius link to volunteer for Home & School as an Event Coordinator:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AEA82CAAFD0-hsevent#/>

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## NIBBLES AND NOTES

**WANT TO SAVE MONEY?** Pay for milk and/or hot lunch by check versus online! Just send your check to school - *Attn: Hot Lunch (Please note your student's name)*

You can still add lunches for December! (Cutoff is six days before service date):

<https://www.schoolpaymentportal.com/Default.aspx>

### December Lunch Menu

Hot Lunch can always use an extra set of hands! If you have a free lunch hour, please consider volunteering! (*Background and Safeguarding are Required*)

SMC: [SMC Hot Lunch Volunteers](#)

SWC: [SWC Hot Lunch Volunteers](#)

### Healthy Holiday Ideas:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vyB2EveXdt66e7C5YeZvZgPyOsenANzg?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vyB2EveXdt66e7C5YeZvZgPyOsenANzg?usp=drive_link)

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECEMBER MEETING DATE

➔The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20  
at St. William Campus, 6:00 pm.

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## ATHLETICS

### Waukesha Catholic Basketball Upcoming Schedules

\*All schedules subject to change – updates on [www.nddbbb.org](http://www.nddbbb.org) (check division & team # below)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Next Game(s)</u>
<b>Boys 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Geller)</b> Notre Dame #812	<b>Sat. 12/16 at 9:15 am vs St. Mary Visitation @ St. Mary Visitation</b>
<b>Girls 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Frea)</b> Notre Dame #806	<b>Sat. 12/16 at 1:00 pm vs St. Jude @ St. Jude the Apostle</b>
<b>Girls 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Drosen)</b> Don Bosco #816	<b>Sat. 12/16 at 2:00 pm vs Messmer – St. Mary @ Messmer High School</b>
<b>Boys 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (Brejcha)</b> Notre Dame #709	<b>Sat. 12/16 at 9:15 am vs St. Mary – Menomonee Falls @ St. Mary – Menomonee Falls</b>
<b>Boys 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (Boves)</b> Don Bosco Blue #727	<b>Sat. 12/16 at 10:15 am vs St. Frances Cabrini @ St. Frances Cabrini</b>
<b>Boys 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (Matson)</b> Don Bosco Gold #631	<b>Sat. 12/16 at 8:15 am vs Brookfield Academy @ St. Mary Visitation</b>
<b>Girls 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (Cunningham)</b> Don Bosco Blue #607	<b>Sat. 12/16 BYE (no league game)</b>
<b>Boys 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (Klubertanz)</b> Don Bosco Blue #508	<b>Sat. 12/16 BYE (no league game)</b>
<b>Girls 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (O'Brien)</b> Don Bosco #503	<b>Sat. 12/16 at 11:15 am vs St. Mary Visitation @ St. Mary Visitation</b>

*Gym locations and directions* are located on the league website: <https://nddbbb.org/gym-locations>

Messmer High School – 742 W Capitol Dr, Milwaukee, WI  
St. Frances Cabrini – 1025 S. 7th Ave, West Bend, WI 53095  
St. Jude the Apostle – 740 N. Glenview Ave., Wauwatosa, WI  
St. Mary – Menomonee Falls – N89 W16297 Cleveland Ave., Menomonee Falls, WI  
St. Mary Visitation – 1260 Church St., Elm Grove, WI

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## RAISERIGHT (SCRIP)





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Just one week to place your Scrip order for delivery before Christmas! Find gifts for everyone on your list with gift cards from over 750 top brands, including *Amazon, Culver's, Bath & Body Works, Hallmark, Kohl's, Kwik Trip, Panera, Pick 'n Save, Starbucks, Target, Walmart*, and many more. Whether you buy the gift cards to give as gifts to family and friends or use them to buy the gifts you give – our school earns with every gift card purchased. What a great way to shop for Christmas gifts and benefit the school, too!

The next Scrip order is due Monday, December 18 at noon for delivery on Thursday, December 21. You can pay for your order by sending a check to the school office or pay directly with a bank account, debit or credit card (a small fee applies).

The Scrip Program is easy to use - order gift cards from over 750 top retailers. You can give the cards as gifts or use them for your regular purchases. Almost every store and restaurant you visit has a gift card offered through the Scrip Program - check out the options at [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com). If you are new to the Scrip Program you will need to create an account and use our Waukesha Catholic code D62CEALE1142 to register. You may scan the QR code above, or click [here](#) for the order form.

Do you have questions about the Scrip Program? Contact Charlotte Hartmann, our Scrip Coordinator, at [scrip@waukeshacatholic.org](mailto:scrip@waukeshacatholic.org) or 262-896-2929 ext. 5208 for more information.

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## CAMPUS UPDATES

[St. William Campus \(Click here\)](#)



[St. Mary Campus \(Click here\)](#)

## COMMUNITY MESSENGER

### Pray and Play at the Vercelli House

Pray and Play at the Vercelli House! Come one, come all! Looking for any caretakers and young children (infant to five years old) to share their love for Christ through play and some interaction.

Here is the next meet up date and time:

- Monday, January 8, 9:30-11:00 am

Also, please join in encountering Christ through Fellowship and Hospitality on Sunday, February 25 after 9:30 am Mass at St. William. Look forward to enjoying a donut together!



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