



St. Mary's School

Last week was a whirlwind! We had two successful fundraisers for the school, along with "Informances" by band, chorus and general music classes. We appreciate all the Crane School of Music does for us!

This week our Christmas Pageant will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Students in grades 4 through 6 must be here at 6:00, and students in grades Pre-K through 3 at 6:15. If any parents would like to bring cookies for the Christmas Pageant, please let me know.



Many of our students participated in the painting fundraiser held last Wednesday, December 6. The produced some very merry reindeer!

Michele Meyers

Upcoming Events

December

13 – Christmas Concert 6:30pm in the School Gym

19 – Hot Turkey Lunch

20 – Classroom Christmas Parties

Dec. 22 – Jan. 1 – Winter Recess

Important Announcements

Baby Shower for Jesus – Please bring in baby items for our collection which will be distributed to Catholic Charities in Ogdensburg. Clothing, toiletries (shampoo, baby lotion, etc.), formula, bottles, pacifiers, books, etc. are all acceptable. We are accepting donations until December 18.

No Reading Buddies! Our college volunteers are done for the semester.

Our Website

www.stmaryscantonny.com

Our Saint of the Week December 10 – December 16



St. Lucia – Feast Day Dec. 13 Patron of the Blind

Lucy's history has been lost and all we really know for certain is that this brave woman lost her life during the persecution of Christians in the early fourth century. Her veneration spread to Rome so that by the sixth century the whole Church recognized her courage in defense of the faith.

Because people wanted to shed light on Lucy's bravery, legends began to crop up. The one that has passed the test of time tells the story of a young Christian woman who vowed to live her life in service of Christ. Her mother tried to arrange a marriage for her with a pagan and Lucy knew her mother could not be swayed by a young girl's vow, so she devised a plan to convince her mother that Christ was the better partner for life.

After several prayers at the tomb of Saint Agatha, Lucy saw the saint in a dream. St. Agatha told Lucy her mother's illness would be cured through faith, which Lucy used to persuade her mother to give the dowry money to the poor and allow her to commit her life to God.

While Lucy and her mother were grateful to God, the rejected bridegroom was deeply angered and betrayed Lucy's faith to the governor Paschasius. The governor attempted to force her into defilement at a brothel, but the guards who came to take her away were unable to move her, even after hitching her to a team of oxen.

The guards heaped bundles of wood around her but it wouldn't burn so they finally resorted to their swords, and Lucy met her death.

Saint Lucy's Prayer:

Saint Lucy, you did not hide your light under a basket, but let it shine for the whole world, for all the centuries to see. We may not suffer torture in our lives the way you did, but we are still called to let the light of our Christianity illumine our daily lives. Please help us to have the courage to bring our Christianity into our work, our recreation, our relationships, our conversation -- every corner of our day. Amen

 We are still collecting canned goods. Please help those in our community!

