



St. Gregory the Great Parish School

December 4, 2025

Compassion Through Christ

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Dear St. Greg's Parents and Families,

The season of Advent is here, and we are faithfully preparing ourselves for Our Savior's birth. During this year's Advent journey, we are invited to turn our relationship with God's people and God's creation around. Rather than focusing on the experience we are getting from life, we are called to focus on the love and joy we're bringing to life. Let's enter each new day with a heart focused on peace and a mind focused on possibility. What can we do to build peace on earth?

December Catholic Social Teaching

Call to Family, Community and Participation: The family is the "central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined." The bishops write that as society "often exalts individualism," the Catholic tradition teaches that human beings grow and achieve fulfillment in community," and that people have "a right and a duty" to participate in working for the common good and "well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable."

God calls us to act as a member of his family. Every member of his family is important and deserves love and care. How do we reach those who may be poor, sick, alone, or suffering? What can we do for them?

The students will be working to create family Christmas ornaments to be distributed at the Christmas masses. The hope is that the ornament is shared with others as a gift and an invitation to join Jesus' family and feel the love of our community.

Also, Mrs. Mai, Mrs. Gilpatric, and our Student Leadership Team will represent St. Greg's by engaging in community outreach this afternoon with the Street Angels.

Christmas Concert

Grades K4-5 will be taking the stage on the evening of Wednesday, December 10 to perform their vocal masterpieces. Students should come directly to the hall and sit with their classes on the designated benches. Doors open at 5:45pm. Concert begins at 6pm. Please have students dress in clean, presentable attire. No jeans or shorts, please. All dresses and skirts should be to the knees

and shoulders should be covered. Be sure students can walk safely in their shoes to move up and down steps and risers. Bring your cameras and enjoy the holiday spirit!

Secret Santa Gift Shop

On Friday, December 12th, we will be having our annual Secret Santa Gift Shop from 8:15am-3pm. Students will be able to secretly shop for family members and friends in a monitored environment. Also, per tradition, students and staff will be able to wear festive Christmas holiday attire or red and green on the day of the shop- no costumes, please!

Please see the information packet for details, which will be coming home today with your student. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Bayer (414-520-5278/lbayer718@gmail.com) or Gayle Dahl (414-321-1350/gdahl@stgregsmil.org)

Next Week Masses

Monday, December 8, is the Feast Day of The Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, so our students will attend mass on Monday instead of Thursday next week. Families are welcome to join us.

Pancakes and Posada Event

All are welcome to join us on Sunday, December 14th for mass, pancakes, Posada, and photos! After the 9am mass, families are invited to the hall from 10am to 12pm to enjoy the posada and pancake breakfast. As a gift from the parish, families will be able to get a free family photo with Santa (or without Santa). Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

Nativity Procession

School age children (ages 3 and up) are invited to participate in our nativity procession and blessing at the 4pm mass on Christmas eve. See attached flyer for information and RSVP.

Cold Weather Clothing

Please be sure your child is prepared for the cold temperatures. Winter coats, hats, gloves/mittens, snowpants and boots for when it snows, and long sleeves for the classroom environment are needed to keep the kiddos warm throughout the day. We try to offer warm clothes to students as they need them, but sometimes we do not have enough to go around.

Kind Regards,
Amy Schlegel

Secret Santa Gift Shop



Secret Santa ParentLetter .pdf

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St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

With the interruption in FoodShare benefits due to the government shutdown, we know many families may be facing a crisis in being able to purchase food. If you are in need of assistance with food, the St. Vincent De Paul Society operates a food pantry at St. Greg's on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am–Noon. The pantry operates out of Tenpenny Hall. Enter at Door 11. If you have NOT used the pantry before, please bring a photo ID, a current piece of mail, and documentation for each family member. We serve all school families regardless of where they live. Please mention that you are a school family when you sign in. Bilingual volunteers are present to assist if needed. If you would like to talk with someone from the St. Vincent de Paul Society about other types of assistance, please contact the St. Vincent de Paul help line at 414-491-9768, or email us at svdp@stgregsmil.org. Our school *madrinas* are also willing to help Spanish speaking parents to make contact with the Society. We care about your family and we are here to help.



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores

The St. Vincent de Paul society operates two nearby Thrift Stores in the area, located at 2320 West Lincoln Ave and 4476 S 108th St. (Next to Walmart). With the holidays just around the corner, the stores will often have gently used holiday dress up items, decorations and toys.

If you are in need of help with purchasing items from the The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, our Society at St. Greg's can issue a voucher (gift certificate) for any school family in need. Did you know that in addition to gently used clothing, household items and furniture, the stores also sell new mattresses and bed frames?

If you would like to talk with someone about a voucher for store purchases, please call the St. Vincent de Paul help line at 414-491-9768, or email us at svdp@stgregsmil.org. If you need assistance with communication please contact one of the school *madrinas* for help. All requests for assistance are confidential. We are here to help.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Thank you so much for the incredible efforts of the St. Greg students and families to support the fall food drive for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. The students are cultivating true hearts of compassion, and we couldn't be more proud! Over 600 items were collected and donated.



Posada and Pancake Breakfast with Santa

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Sunday, December 14 following the
9 AM Mass

Join us for a simple bilingual Posada Prayer service,
followed by a Pancake Breakfast with a visit from
Santa!



Free Will Offering (\$5 per person suggested)

Adult & Teen Volunteers are needed to help with serving breakfast and children and Teen Volunteers are needed to help with the prayer service. (There will be a rehearsal for those that help with the Prayer service.) Please call the parish office at 414-543-8292 and let us know that you are willing to help!

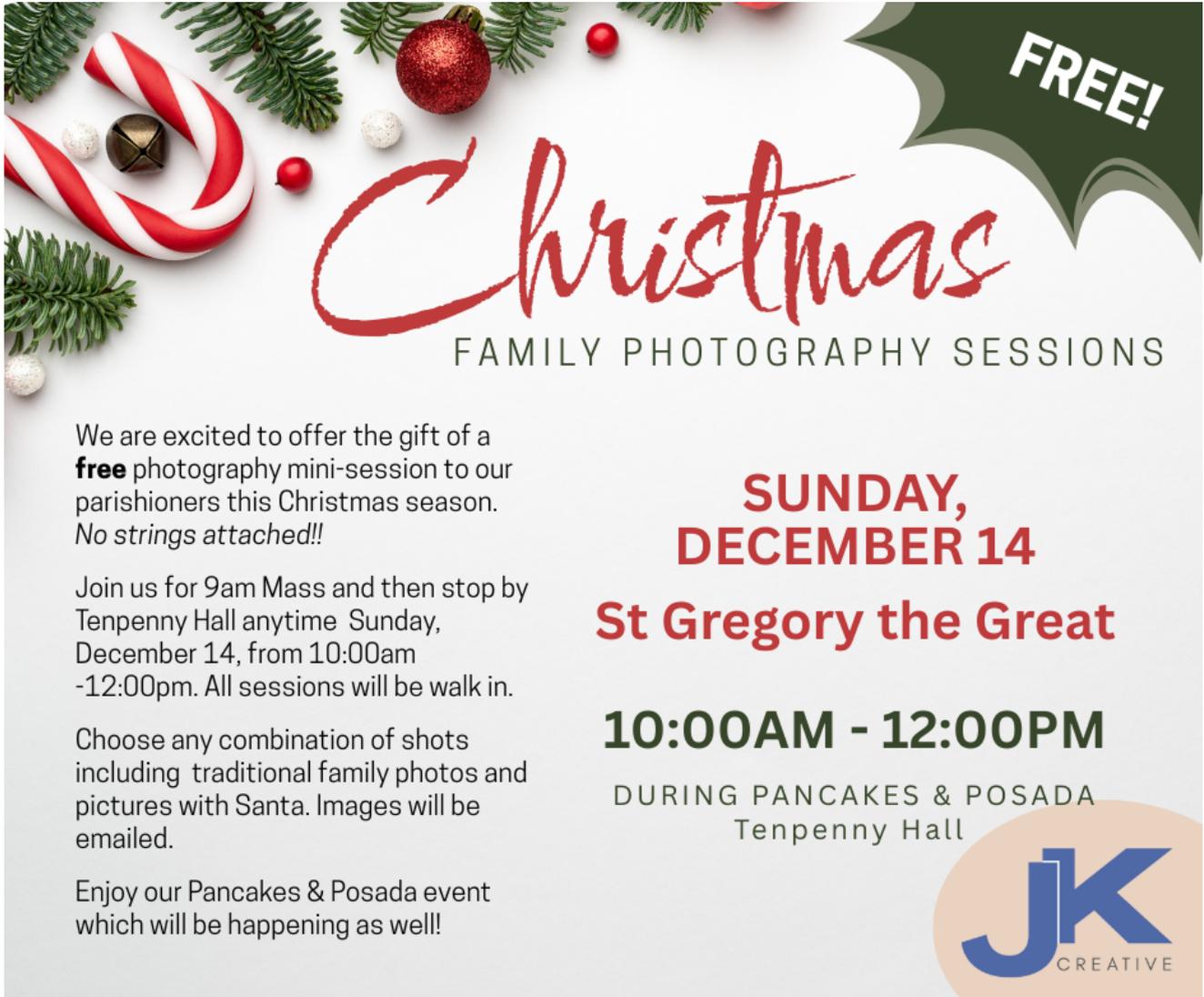




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Christmas Family Photography Sessions



FREE!

Christmas

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS

We are excited to offer the gift of a **free** photography mini-session to our parishioners this Christmas season. *No strings attached!!*

Join us for 9am Mass and then stop by Tenpenny Hall anytime Sunday, December 14, from 10:00am -12:00pm. All sessions will be walk in.

Choose any combination of shots including traditional family photos and pictures with Santa. Images will be emailed.

Enjoy our Pancakes & Posada event which will be happening as well!

**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 14**

St Gregory the Great

10:00AM - 12:00PM

DURING PANCAKES & POSADA
Tenpenny Hall



Nativity Procession

Christmas Mass Schedule

Solemnity of Mary

St. Greg's Photos and Yearbooks

Wraparound Milwaukee - Mental Health Services

Upcoming Events

December 6: SVDP Food Pantry 10am-noon

December 8: Feast Day of The Immaculate Conception

December 10: Christmas Music Program 6pm, K4-5th grade

December 12: Secret Santa Gift Shop

December 19: Spirit Day

December 20: SVDP Food Pantry 10am-noon

December 22-Jan 2: Christmas Holiday, No School

Attachments

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