

# St. Gregory the Great Parish School

December 17, 2025

## Compassion Through Christ

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Dear St. Greg's Parents and Families,

This week we lit the pink candle of the advent wreath which marks the third week of Advent and symbolizes joy. The rose or pink color of this third candle reminds us that the joyous feast of Christmas is near.

This verse is from the story of Jesus' birth: *The angels appeared to the shepherds in the fields nearby to announce that a baby has been born in a manger. The angels describe Jesus' birth as "good news of great joy" because he came to be our Savior!*



### December Activities

Whew! Our December was packed with so many events! We began each week with our Advent wreath lighting and prayer together as a school community. Our Student Leadership Team served with the Street Angels. The 5th and 6th graders both had class retreats. The students presented a fantastic Christmas program. Santa's Secret Gift Shop was a great success. The 8th graders led all the students in praying The Rosary. Several of our students attended the Posada and pancake breakfast after the Sunday mass. We are looking forward to our Christmas scavenger hunt on Friday. We will even have a lockdown drill later this week to practice our safety protocols. We have been so busy! We deserve a break!

### Nativity Procession

School-age children 3 and up are invited to join in the procession at the 4pm Christmas eve mass. Children may come dressed as an angel, shepherd, or a nativity animal and walk in with Fr. Todd to bless our nativity. Extra halos and animal headbands are available, so no need to bring a costume unless you wish to do so.

### Spirit Day

This Friday, December 19 is a spirit day. Students may wear St. Greg's athletic wear, St. Greg's yellow shirts, and appropriate bottoms and shoes for out of uniform days. (See parent handbook for guidelines).

**Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and good health and happiness in the New Year.**

Sincerely,  
Amy Schlegel

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## ***News from the Library***

Happy Holidays!

I just wanted to say "thank you" for your continued support of the school library. It continues to grow with new books, and I am happy to share them with all the students.

The Book Fair is Coming!! Please, mark your calendar for the week of January 25-29! We will again be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair during Catholic Schools Week. Watch for more details in the newsletter and website after the Christmas Break.

Wishing you all a blessed Holiday Season filled with happiness and health!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sherry Fritz  
Library Coordinator aka Story Grandma

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## ***December Rosary***

This week our students gathered for the monthly living rosary led by the 8th graders. This was a beautiful time for our school community to gather together in prayer.





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## 6th Grade Retreat

Our 6th graders were on retreat on Tuesday in our teen room. They were focusing on following God's will and not their own—just like Jonah! They performed skits, created prayers and shared time in fellowship and friendship with one another. What a perfect Advent day!



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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](mailto: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.

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## **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](mailto: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.

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## **Christmas Mass Schedule**

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*Christmas Eve - 4:00PM*

*Choir prelude-3:40 followed by  
Children's Nativity Procession*

*Christmas Day -  
9:00AM*



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## **Solemnity of Mary**

# *Solemnity of Mary: The Holy Mother of God*

## *Holy day of Obligation*

*January 1  
9:00AM Mass*



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### ***Simbang Gabi - Night Mass***

**Simbang Gabi | December 15-23, 2025**

Join us! The Filipino community of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee invites you to Simbang Gabi, a devotional, nine-day series of Masses in preparation for Christmas. This annual Filipino festival includes Mass, music, food and fun! [Check out a full listing of event times and locations.](#)

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### ***St. Greg's Photos and Yearbooks***

# Order your yearbook!

Here's how  
to snag this  
great keepsake:



1. Go to [vipis.com](http://vipis.com)
2. Click [view & order photos](#)
3. Type in your school name
4. Click [order now](#) on the yearbook button

\*You will receive an email confirmation when your order is complete



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como asegurar este  
gran recuerdo:



1. Visita [vipis.com](http://vipis.com)
2. Haz click en **view & order photos**
3. Escribe el nombre de tu escuela
4. Haz click en **order now** en el boton del anuario

\*Recibiras un correo de confirmacion una vez que tu orden haya sido completad

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## Upcoming Events

December 19: Spirit Day

December 20: SVDP Food Pantry 10am-noon

December 22-Jan 2: Christmas Holiday, **No School**

January 1: New Year's Day

January 3: SVDP Food Pantry, 10am-Noon

January 5: Classes Resume

January 16: Spirit Day

January 17: SVDP Food Pantry 10am-noon

January 19: Teacher In-Service, **No School**

January 25-30: Catholic Schools Week

January 25: Open House after Mass/Book Fair

January 29: VIP Mass/Book Fair

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