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**Winter News**

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Class Schedule:** We will not have classes on February 18, 2024. Enjoy time with your family!

### Family Mass & Class

Families are invited to participate in the Mass on Sunday, February 25, at 9:00 AM. Please call the parish office if you would like to take part in this Mass or another upcoming Family Mass. This day there is also a Family Class. Families are invited to bring their pre-school children as well. Please bring a food item to share if possible.

### Weather Alert

Classes will be canceled if weather conditions are too dangerous to travel safely. Notices will be on our social media pages, and families will receive a phone call or text message from their class catechists. Please know parents have the final decision on whether to send their child/ren to class based on the family's local road conditions.

### Mass Attendance Record

All students in second, seventh, and eighth grades need to record their Mass attendance. Students are asked to sign the sheet on the clip board in front of the cry room. If you attend Mass at another church please bring their bulletin to your next class. The priest does not have to sign the bulletin.

### Gertrude Hawk

We are selling Gertrude Hawk Chocolates for Easter. Please return your pre-paid orders by Sunday, February 11. All proceeds directly benefit our Religious Education Program.

### We Need You!

**We need Altar Servers!** Students in third grade and older are invited to "Serve at the Table of the Lord." Commitment is usually once per month. You choose the Saturday or Sunday schedule. Holidays are by sign-up. Please call the parish office to be added to the class list or return the slip below.



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My Child \_\_\_\_\_ would like to become an Altar Server.

Phone:

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Please choose the schedule you prefer:

Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

## UPCOMING PARISH AND CLASS ACTIVITES

**The 2024 Yearly Calendar Tickets** are still on sale. Cost is \$30. Prizes range from \$35-\$200. Stop in or call the office for yours. If all parishioners purchased one and sold one, we would sell out!

**Nite @ Races:** Saturday, February 24. Post Time: 7PM Doors open at 6PM.

Our parish will hold our Annual Nite @ Races on Saturday, February 24 at 7 PM, in the social hall. This is a fun filled night. Because this night is so popular event, we reserve tables with your horse purchase. Letters were mailed to homes. Please call the office if you need more information. Help is always needed and very much appreciated! Watch the bulletin for updated information.

**Bazaar Meeting:** Everyone is invited to join us for a Bazaar Planning Meeting on Tuesday, February 6, at 6:30 PM, in the dining room. Many decisions will be made at this meeting and everyone's input is greatly appreciated. Bring a friend and bring some great new ideas!

**Yoga:** Come work off those Christmas Calories! Lisa Rosser leads a group on Thursdays at 6:30 PM, in the social hall. Please text Lisa at 570-899-6314 to let her know you will be attending class or for more information. The class is donation based and accommodates all skill levels.

### **First Reconciliation: Saturday, February 10**

Please remember our students who will be making their First Confession in a few weeks.

**Knights of Columbus, Saint Mary's Council #12174 is once again announcing our "Faith In My Life" essay program.** As in the past, it is open to any senior high school student from our Parish. The submissions shall be limited to two pages, double-spaced, typed 12-point Arial font, one inch margins. It should articulate: (1) What role Faith plays in their personal life; (2) How Faith will impact their future and (3) What activities they have participated in to demonstrate a commitment to Parish Life which enhanced their Faith. Submissions should be received prior to March 1, 2024. Submissions should also contain the students' parents' names and a contact number for the parents. Upon selecting recipients, a monetary award and certificate will be presented. Essays should be mailed to: Knights of Columbus #12174, attn.: Grand Knight, 3529 St. Mary's Road, Wapwallopen, PA 18660.

We are looking for Prayer Partners to journey with our students as they prepare to receive this upcoming sacrament and then their First Holy Communion in May. Please call the office for more information.

***Stay up to date on all religious education and parish activities!***

**Website:** [stmarydorrance.org](http://stmarydorrance.org)

**Facebook Page:** Saint Mary's of Dorrance

**Facebook Group:** Saint Mary's of Dorrance Parishioners

**Instagram:** Saint Marys of Dorrance

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I would like to be Prayer Partner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_