

Feast of St. Nicholas: A Time to Give

The freshman class of St. Mary's School has organized a fundraiser in honor of the Feast of St. Nicholas, which is on December 6th. Proceeds will go towards their class fund, benefiting them later in high school as they plan prom and graduation festivities.

St. Nicholas was a Catholic bishop who lived over 1,600 years ago in the region of present-day Turkey. Many stories of his generosity toward the poor and children have lasted to this day. The life of St. Nicholas became the basis for whom many around the world know now as Santa Claus (*Santa* refers to "Saint" and *Claus* is a shortened version of Nicholas). Today, we remember St. Nicholas for the kindness and generosity he showed toward others, often without ever drawing attention to himself. He is a patron saint of children, making him a perfect saint to honor within our school during this time of year.

On Tuesday, December 7th, "St. Nicholas" will visit the middle and high school students of St. Mary's school, leaving them a little something in honor of the season. If you would like to order a small gift to be left for a **student in grades 6-12 or any teacher, priest, custodian, or other staff members**, please fill out the chart below with the names, grade-levels, and total cost. Your gifting will be anonymous, just the way St. Nicholas would prefer it, but your kindness will certainly make the day special for those you hold dear.

YOUR NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____ (in case we have questions about your order)

Full student/adult name for a gift to be delivered to	Grade level	X \$2.00 each

TOTAL COST: ____ x \$2 = \$ ____

(Make checks payable to St. Mary's School) (must pay at the time of order)

Please return the order form to the school office or Dr. Larson by Friday, December 3rd at 3:30 pm