

COUGAR CONNECTION



2023-2024 School Theme: Connected in Christ

"I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

December has arrived!

The time before Christmas always flies by. As we prepare our hearts for the arrival of our Savior, we also prepare our homes for the arrival of family. Around school, there are many activities to keep us busy during this month. This weekend is our Cougar Classic tournament, and today our students gathered in a pep assembly to cheer on our teams. Next week on Sunday, our Children's Choir and Chimes Choirs use their talents to glorify God in our church's Christmas Concert. And all of our classes are already hard at work preparing for our school Christmas program on the 18th!

It is easy to lose our focus during this busy season and forget the reason we celebrate. We hope that you are able to use the Advent devotion book we sent home with your child the week before Thanksgiving as a tool to help your family focus on our Savior during the month ahead.

Blessings on your weekend!

-Ms. Heins-



CHAPEL NOTES



Next week in chapel, Pastor Gilbert will be preaching on the 3rd Article of the Apostle's Creed. Please join us at 9:00 am in our sanctuary on Wednesday morning!

HELP NEEDED!

We are in need of a 3'-4' angel for our Christmas program. If you have a yard ornament that you can spare that you think might work, please reach out to Ms. Heins (heins@stjohnsracine.org) by next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars with these important dates!

- Nov. 30-Dec. 3- Cougar Classic
- Dec. 5- Carnival of Lights fundraiser @ Yogi Bear Campground
- Dec. 8- Grade School Band Concert @ RLHS
- Dec. 10- St. John's Christmas Concert
- Dec. 18- School Christmas Programs (4:15 and 6:00)

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Our Pre-K 4 students decorated a life-size gingerbread house for their dramatic play center.

ATHLETICS

This weekend is our 40th annual Cougar Classic tournament! Come cheer on our 7th and 8th grade basketball teams (their first games are at 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm tonight), watch our cheer squad, try your hand at a half-court shot (prizes for successful attempts), and enjoy delicious concession food! Hope to see you there!

Our basketball teams will be facing off against each other at the FiServ Forum on Wednesday, December 20th. B squad boys will scrimmage the B squad girls at 5pm, with the A squad teams following at 5:45. Players and coaches are free to attend, but all other parents and spectators need to purchase a ticket. Please see the attached flyer.

RLHS NEWS

Upcoming Grade School nights- in the NEW GYM!

Saturday, December 9th @ 4pm - RLHS varsity boys vs. Mil. South
Saturday, December 16th @ 4pm - RLHS varsity girls vs. Ken. St. Joseph

Grade school students get in free!

FOOD DRIVE

During the months of November and December, our church's Stewardship Board sponsors a non-perishable food drive. Each classroom has a box to collect donations. These items are then divided among families in need in our church and school. We will be collecting items through December 15th- please keep this in mind as you grocery shop during the next month!

PARENT-TEACHER LEAGUE (PTL)

Support our school by going to the Carnival of Lights at Yogi Bear Campground on December 5th! Purchase your tickets online and use the promo code in the attached flyer, and St. John's will receive 25% of your ticket! The next open PTL meeting is January 9th. We hope to see you there.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

There is no Fellowship Friday for the month of December, but there are a lot of special church services and events! Here are a few:

St. John's Youth Event: Calling all kiddos! Join us December 17 at 4pm for gingerbread house decorating and dinner. Great for all ages little to 8th grade. All decorating levels welcome (those just wanting to eat the sugar to experienced decorators). Please let us know if you're coming by December 13 by using the sign-up link here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B4AACA62EA3FB6-43178630-youth> or by calling the church office.

Advent Services- December 6th and 13th @ 6 pm
Advent Hymn Sing- December 20th @ 6 pm
Christmas Eve Services- December 24th @ 9 am, 4 pm and 11 pm
Christmas Day Service- December 25th @ 9 am
*Regular mid-week and Sunday service times will resume on December 27th.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE: 7:45 AND 10:15 AM
*BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL BETWEEN THE SERVICES

WED. CHURCH SERVICE: 6:00 PM