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## **Featured Article**

Tim Weisz- President, ACSS

Happy December. As I finished praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary this morning at my desk, my thoughts went back to the first mystery, The Agony in the Garden. Jesus had withdrawn from his disciples to pray, "Father, if you are willing, remove this chalice from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done" (Luke 22:42). These words called to mind the words of our Blessed Mother Mary at the Annunciation, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to Your will." (Luke 1:38). In both instances, Jesus and Mary prayed for the Lord's will to be done, not their own.

Many times, my prayers end up being demands of God to fulfill my needs or the needs of those I know. "In pain you pray for Me to act, but that I act in the way you want. You do not turn to Me, instead, you want Me to adapt your ideas. You are not sick people who ask the doctor to cure you, but rather sick people who tell the doctor how to". (from the Surrender Novena given to Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo). When my requests are not answered to my liking, I can feel rejected or maybe even a bit angry.

The thing lacking could be my trust in God's love for me and trust that he wants the best for me temporally and spiritually. Jesus and Mary remind me of the importance of trusting God and accepting His will in my life.

As we enter the season of Advent (Dec. 3-Dec. 25), I invite you to consider with me how to trust in God's love and His will more fully. The gift of Jesus, God coming to us in the person of His Son is the greatest evidence of the Father's desire to be close to us. Jesus and Mary can not only be our examples of trust and surrender, but they also give us support and assistance on the journey.

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas Yours in Christ Tim Weisz





## CAVALIER CHEER AWARDS

The following cheerleaders earned special recognition from their peers:

Eva Madsen- Miss Cavalier Leah Carda- Most School Spirit Emma Vogel- Hardest worker

Cheerleaders pitctured above

front row: Elizabeth Jensen, Leah Carda, Eva Madsen, Emma Vogel, Anya Unser back row: Gianna Madsen, Mateah Henrich, Andrea Woytassek, AvaMarie Armbright, Gensis Dosch, Lucy Gutenkauf (not pictured: Kathleen Luu & Liz Lohman)

#### RONCALLI ORAL INTERP- REGION 4 CHAMPIONS!

1st place in Humor: Emily Enga 1st place in Storytelling: Millie Duncan 1st place in Duo and receiving a perfect score: Anya Unser & Lucy Gutenkauf

Team members advancing to State: Emily Enga (Humor & Poetry); Millie Duncan (Storytelling); Anya Unser (Serious); and the Duo of Anya Unser & Lucy Gutenkauf.

The Reader's Theater of Anya, Lucy & Millie was named Alternate.

The Region team is pictured to the right. Emily Enga, Millie Duncan, Lucy Gutenkauf, Anya Unser, Noah Hoerth, and Coach Catherine Knapp. Noah competed in the category of Non-Original Oratory. Congratulations and good luck competing at State OI December 1 & 2.







#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to sing in the 2024 S.D. Elementary Festival Honor Choir, at SDSU on February 8th. 6th Graders Evvy Beidler, and Hayden Mussetter, 4th Grader Jordy Frasier, and 5th Grader Sydney Bohle. These students will perform in a choir of 120 4th-6th graders on Choral Day during the 2024 Music In-Service event. There were over 600 auditions sent in this year. These four Roncalli students are under the direction of Mrs. Camille Fischer.

# Keep in mind LIVING NATIVITY AT RES

Information to follow. Date to be determined.

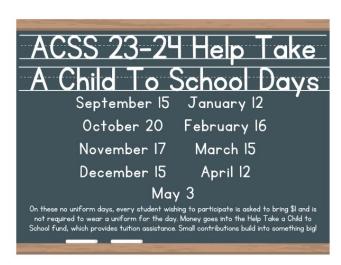
left to right. Hazel Kannegieter/Elyana Roach, Kelly Lockwood/Jayden Fitz, Gabi Martinez/Ryan Schmidt, Gabby Thomas/Christina Mitzel, Emily Enga/Madeline May, Karson Davis/Ella Waltman

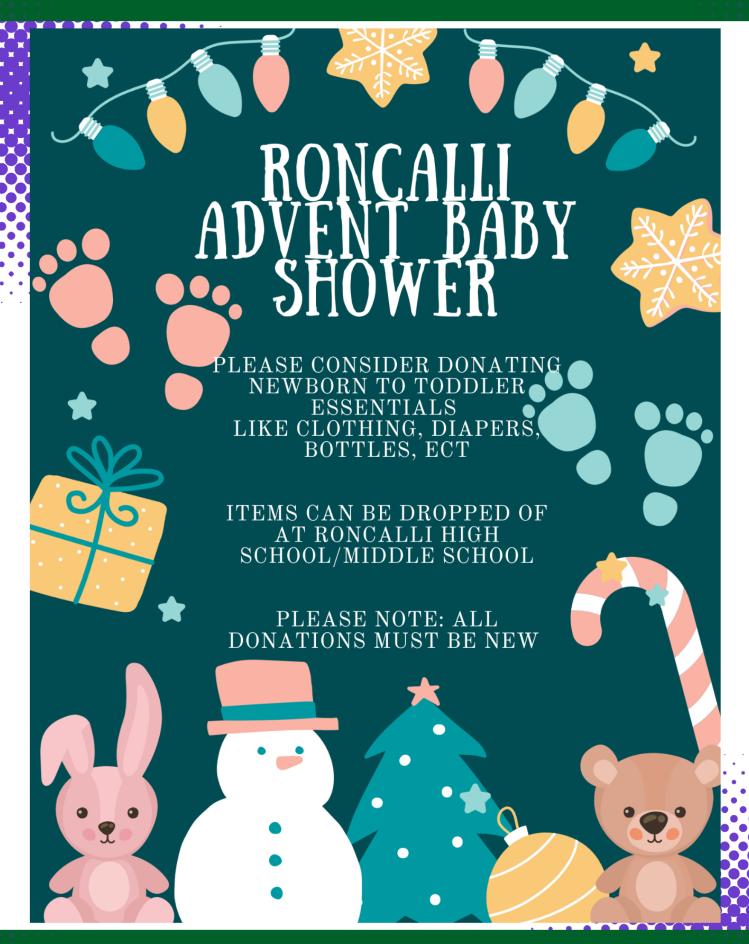
#### FROM OUR 'HOUSE' TO YOUR HOME



Students of the Roncalli Middle School Houses collected over 400 items for families helped by the Sacred Heart Food Pantry. 8th grade servant leaders for each house are pictured above with the baskets of non-perishables and other items just in time for Thanksgiving. Advent brings opportunities for middle schoolers to prepare for Christmas. Students will create ornaments for our daily telling of the Jesse Tree story. Students will also take part in an ADVENTure bingo challenge in which middle schoolers will strive to pray and offer acts of kindness.

A door decorating contest will also be hosted by the Roncalli Middle School Houses.







Cavaliers,
we are so thankful for your
prayers and support of our Rise
Up Roncalli initiative. Thanks to
your generosity, we are happy
to report that our
Roncalli Band and Choir rooms
have been completed.

We invite you to come view the new spaces on **Tuesday**, **December 12**. We will be holding an Open House from 7 pm until the start of the Varsity Boys Basketball game (about 8 pm).

Thank you again for your help on this project - we are so blessed to have you as part of our Roncalli family!

# Help us celebrate!

We invite you to view our new Choir and Band facilities during our Open House on Tuesday, December 12.

Event will begin at 7 pm until the start of the Boys varsity basketball game.

Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. Ps. 95:2-3



# 2023 PARENT SURVEY

Parents, the 2023 Parent Survey shows 70% of you prefer to pay tuition and fees through automatic account withdrawal. We hear you, and want to make it as easy for our families as possible!

Coming for the 2024-25 school year . . . A system that will help you set up and customize your tuition payment options in a way that works best for your family.

We are excited to share this with you stay tuned and God Bless!

# 2024-2025 ACSS FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS

24-25 Financial Aid will open the beginning of February!
Watch for more information being released soon.

#### STUDENT COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who

purchased Butter Braids from RHS
Student Council Members. The
money raised will help us sponsor
fun events for the students
at the high school.
The Student Council Christmas tree
is up in the foyer in the high school.
We will be collecting items for the
Aberdeen Humane Society and
ASPIRE here in Aberdeen for under
the tree as our service project.

Donations will be greatly appreciated.



#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Coming to the Dakota Event Center April 20, 2024.

We look forward to having you join us for the largest friend/fund raiser of the ACSS year.

Keep in mind the Roncalli Ball silent and live auctions during your holiday sale shopping. A great way to make amazing donations to the Ball.





The Cavalier
Campaign is
underway. Keep us in
mind throughout the
holiday season!





#### 2023 – 2024 Membership Levels

#### **GRIDIRON** Membership Cost: \$50 Includes: Membership with the Booster Club One pass to all regular-season home football games \*Second pass available for additional \$25 Cost: \$150 **GREEN Membership** Includes: Membership with the Booster Club One pass to all regular-season home games FB, VB, GBB, BBB One free popcorn for all home games played at RHS Admission for one to the RHS fall and spring plays **GOLD** Membership Cost: \$250 Includes: Membership with the Booster Club Two passes to all regular-season home games FB, VB, GBB, BBB Two free popcorns for all home games played at RHS Admission for two to the RHS fall and spring plays

Membership with the Booster Club

Two passes to all regular-season home games
- FB, VB, GBB, BBB

Two tickets to the "Cavalier Bash for Cash"

Member Name(s):

Home Address:

Two free popcorns for all home games played at RHS Admission for two to the RHS fall and spring plays

Email address(s):

Cell Phone(s):

Includes:

**Platinum** Membership

Make checks payable to Roncalli Booster Club

Return to RHS Office or mail to:

Cost: \$350

Roncalli High School, Attn: Booster Cub, 1400 N Dakota Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401



## Click here to REGISTER NOW





Roncalli Sonshine Patch is located within Roncalli Primary School at 419 1st Ave NE, which houses Pre-K-2nd grade classrooms. We offer preschool/childcar..





Call or email for more information: 605-225-3460 or pat.buechler@aberdeenroncalli.org



#### Saint Mary's

#### **Confirmation Class:**

Wed. Dec. 6, 7:00pm Wed. Dec. 20, 7:00 pm

#### **Youth Group:**

Sun. Dec. 10, 12:00pm. Christmas Cards & Cookies in the parish hall

#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **Sacred Heart**

#### **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:**

Wed Dec. 6, 5:30-7:30pm.

For families with kids in grades 1-6.

#### YOUTH GROUP SERVICE PROJECT NIGHT:

Wed. Dec. 6, 6:30-7:30pm.

#### St. Mary's/Sacred Heart Parade of Lights Float:

Sat. Dec. 9, 5:30-6:30pm. Downtown Aberdeen.

If you'd like to be apart of the float handing out candy canes please contact the parish office 225-7065

#### **Marian Festival:**

Sun. Dec. 10 , 11am-2pm.
Potluck meal, festive music, and short
presentation on Marian devotion by Fr. Samson.

#### YOUTH GROUP NIGHT:

Wed. Dec. 13, 7-8:15pm

## **BLESSING STORE**

#### Open at RPS- DECEMBER 11 Open at RES- DECEMBER 12

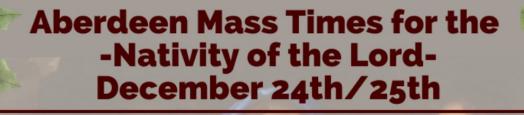
The Roncalli PTO sets up the Blessing Store to give our students an opportunity to do their own Christmas shopping. They can choose from a variety of items all priced at \$2 for those on their own shopping lists. The price includes gift wrapping as well. More information will be sent home.

#### HELPING STUDENTS

In this season of Advent, there are so many preparations to make in anticipation of Christmas. Might I suggest a gift for those that are so hard to buy for - How about a gift to a student's tuition assistance account?? A gift in honor of your loved one can be made to the Roncalli "FAST" Tuition Assistance Account. Your loved one is honored with a truly prayerful gift, and a student is blessed with your gift as well. Contact Jill Young and Rick Kline for details.

Contact Jill Young and Rick Kline for details. Keep Praying! Dave Vetch, Aberdeen Catholic Foundation 605-218-0072

dvetch@ccfesd.org





## St. Mary's

Sunday, Dec 24th: 4:00pm Sunday, Dec 24th: 6:00pm Monday, Dec 25th: 9:00am

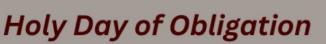


409 2nd Ave NE

## Sacred Heart

Sunday, Dec 24th: 4:00pm Sunday, Dec 24th: 10:00pm Monday, Dec 25th: 10:00am

411 3rd Ave SE





#### TIPS to become a HEALTHIER YOU

Avera #

Adam White, Head Trainer Avera Human Performance Center

Moving Health Forward.

#### Stretch Daily!

Strive to stretch every day for at least 5-10 minutes. Doing this will help improve mobility, limit injuries, and can even lead to improved mood and mental state!



## WINE: Women In the New Evangelization





# Gaze Upon Jesus

#### ADVENT WOMEN'S RETREAT

December 2, 2023 | Saturday 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

St. Mary's Catholic Church 409 2nd Ave NE, Aberdeen, SD 57401

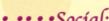
Bundle - Book, Journal & Bookmark - available at retreat for \$25

## Stop, Gaze, and Listen with WINE!

What if you had walked beside the Virgin Mary from the Annunciation to the point at which she and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple? How might seeing Christ as a child impact you and your faith life? Join us for this unique retreat that follows the infancy and early years of Christ as seen through the eyes of Mary and other familiar and imagined women in the Gospels.

#### Includes:

- Mass
- Coffee & Pastries
- Inspirational Talks
- Lovely Lunch
- Lectio & Visio Divina
- Confession
- Praise & Worship



#### Gathering in the Vineyard ~ Friday, Dec 1 | 6:30-8:30 pm

A special evening with our speakers, featuring a fabulous talk, appetizers, wine & sparkling water, laughter, and faith-filled fellowship sponsored by The Presentation Sisters.

#### · · · · · Social:

## **Register Online Today!** GazeUponJesus2023.eventbrite.com

Sat. Dec. 2: \$25 before Nov. 1, and \$35 after

Fri. & Sat. Dec. 1 & 2: \$35 before Nov. 1, and \$45 after \*scholarships available

For more information contact Marie at 605-380-0679 or email mmmschumacher@hotmail.com



Catholic Vineyard.com





Founder of WINE: Women In the New Evangelization, author, speaker, and the Director of the Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute.

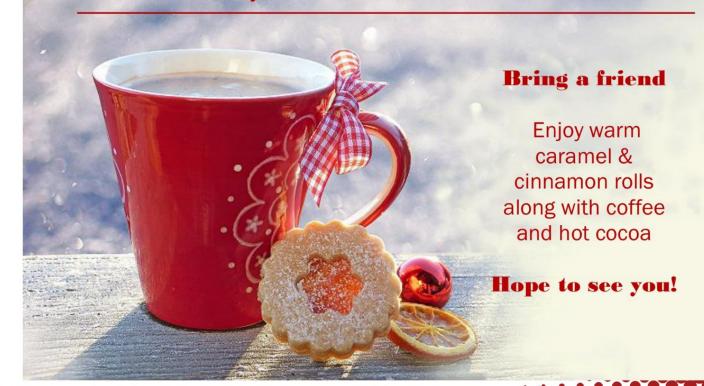
#### Alyssa Bormes

Aberdeen native, Scripture teacher at Chesterton Academy, author, retreat leader, and instructor at the Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute.



SATURDAY DECEMBER 9 8:00AM TO 10:00AM

St. Mary's Parish Hall - 409 2nd Avenue NW



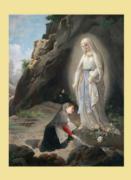




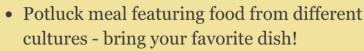
# MARIAN



# FESTIVAL



Sunday, December 10th 11am (Following the 10am Mass) Sacred Heart Social Hall



- Bring your favorite Marian statue or picture
- Marian talk by Fr. Jordan Samson
- Fabulous food and music!
- RSVP Today! Call 605.225.7065 or online:







