

# St. Mary Sunday School Newsletter

October 2021



## Happenings around St. Mary

Exciting things have been happening at St. Mary's this Fall. The annual festival was back and better than ever this year. Not only did the church raise \$26,000, but the congregation also had a chance to re-connect and share their amazing faith and heritage with the community through church tours, food and cultural displays. The church has also been blessed to celebrate many weddings including Mr. and Mrs. Marco and Mary Ruiz, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew and Beatrice Purcell and Mr. and Mrs. Mina and Yvette Georgy. The church is excited to welcome its newest member, Sophia Marie West born October 5, 2021. The new Sunday School year is also off to a great start, re-launching in person classes after a long hiatus due to Covid. The vision for Sunday School is one that focuses on love, collaboration and a growth mindset. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to get involved and offer feedback to make it a more meaningful experience.



## Upcoming Dates

### October 30:

- Fall Party, 5:00 pm.  
*Join us at church for games, crafts, candy, photo booth and lots of fun. Come wearing your most colorful, creative, funniest, costume to be one of the winners (no scary costumes please)*
- St. John's Bonfire, 4:00,  
Bibawys's house (3360 Creek Road Sunbury OH) *Come fo bonfire, hotdogs and smores as we celebrate Fall together. Please bring lawn chair and sweatshirt or jacket. Please RSVP to Cecile.*

### November 19-21:

- Middle and High School retreat

### November 20-21:

- Church board elections

### January 8:

- Christmas performance and party

## Come join us...

- Sunday morning liturgy, 8:30-11:30
- Sunday School (Kids exit liturgy immediately after communion on Sunday) \*
- Coptic Club, Wednesdays 7:00-9:00
- Saturday liturgy 8:30-11:00
- Christmas performance rehearsal, Saturday 3:00-5:00
- Koogi – every Saturday  
5:00 – 5:30 - Snacks and activities  
5:30-6:15 – Bible Study  
6:15 – 7 – Hymn Class
- Vespers, Saturday 7:00-7:45

*\*Masks required for Kids PreK-grade 8, masks encouraged for kids grade 9-12. Snacks available in basement prior to Sunday School.*



## Seraphine class (ages 4-5)

Welcome to the Seraphine class. The class motto is GOD IS LOVE. Love is the main message for this class, and we will have a lot of fun learning through songs, games, bible stories and birthday surprises. I am looking forward to having a fun and exciting year with everyone and tell you more about our wonderful church. – *Hanan Makary*

## St. Abanoub (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

St. Abanoub class is excited for the new year. We love doing crafts, learning the bible and growing together. Please join our parents group chat for recaps of the weekly lesson, verse, movie or craft. – *Amal Gerges*

## St. Bishoy (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade)

We are excited to welcome all the kids to St. Bishoy class. During October, the children will memorize the prayer of Thanksgiving. We will also make a spiritual note every week to encourage the kids to pray in the morning and at night and to read the Bible.- *Mary*



## Saint Mary class (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade)

We wanted to welcome all new 5<sup>th</sup> graders and welcome back the 6<sup>th</sup> graders. I want to introduce myself in case I haven't had your child before. I love Saint Mary church it makes me a better person. Serving in Sunday School is one of my passions. PLEASE know the classroom door is always open, these are your kids. Any concerns feel free to talk to me or Wasim. Thank you for entrusting your kids. This program is awesome and has amazing servants in it. My email is [keydanamel@yahoo.com](mailto:keydanamel@yahoo.com) and my phone number is 614-571-4563, feel free to reach out any time. Thank you and God Bless us all;)~*Hope Assefe*

## St. John (high school)

Our St. John class is excited to welcome everyone to our class. We are studying the primary texts of the early church fathers. We hope to go deep in the areas of Scripture, apologetics, and rituals to understand the **why** of the Coptic Church and our Christian faith. The **how** will be through much reading, discussion, service and fun. We rely on your prayers. We have a group of fantastic kids and are already off to a great start. – *Cecile Bibawy*

