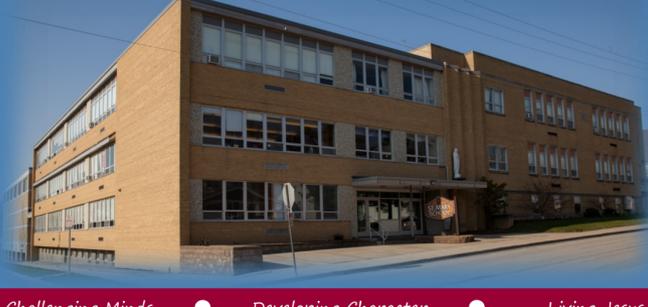


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Dear Families,

Yesterday Governor Evers announced that schools will remain closed to face-to-face instruction for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. This step was taken to slow the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus and its impact on our healthcare system and community. Therefore, we will continue the take home packets and virtual learning plan for the remainder of the school year. I am sure this news saddened you and your children just as much as it did all of us. This is certainly not how the last trimester of the school year was supposed to go! Even though this news is disheartening, we must keep moving forward. We continue working hard to find remote and fun ways to keep teaching and to keep your child learning.

Once restrictions are loosened and we have more information, we will make a plan for how we can commemorate graduation for our eighth graders and what, if any, type of closure activities we can offer the families for this school year.

As you know, this pandemic has brought our nation to a standstill leaving many families unemployed and struggling to make ends meet. I reached out to the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry to see how things were going and learned that they have a great need for donations due to the increased number of clients they are helping. Then I thought, maybe we can do a "virtual" food drive! Given all the sad and scary news our kids are being exposed to daily, we all might benefit from an opportunity to provide help and hope to others. [Please click here](#) or [check our Facebook](#) for details on how you can help! Let's also use this as an opportunity to inspire others in our community to action by posting donation photos on our Facebook page or sending them to schooloffice@stmaryparishschool.org. Even though we are home, we can still make a difference in our community!

We continue to use your feedback to tweak the delivery of virtual learning. Teachers are now sending weekly overviews to help parents navigate weekly expectations and given the different number of teachers that middle school students have, I created a website to make the sharing of these summaries easier. [Click here to access the site](#). This site is housed within our Google domain so you must access it with your guardian or directory spot emails. Middle school teachers will update the site each week so that the summary is available by 8 AM on Monday's. This link will also be posted in the student's bookmarks on the Chromebook.

Check out the new [Virtual Learning page](#) on our website to see some of the exciting learning activities that are happening during "school" at home.

Faithfully,
Linda Joyner

Scrip Update: St Mary's has decided to extend the Scrip processing year by one month, until May 31. This means that you have until May 31, instead of April 30, to meet your fundraising requirement and earn rebates toward next year's tuition. Going forward, future Scrip earning periods will run from June 1 through May 31. **Our next Scrip processing days are April 20 and May 4.**



Virtual Classroom News

In Lieu of Library this week, third graders in 314 created their own quiet space - [a reading fort](#).

[4K students rejoice, "Alleluia, the Lord has Risen!"](#)

Take a look at the 5th grade STEM challenge ~ Students were asked to see if they could create a chair what would hold a stuffed animal using only paper and tape. [Let's see what they came up with!](#)

PACKET DROP OFF UPDATE: Our next pickup/drop-off for learning packets will be on Friday, April 17 (12:00 pm – 3:30 pm) and Monday, April 20 (7:30 am – 12:00 pm). [Read more details here.](#)

J.K. Lee Black Belt Academy offering productive skill opportunities: FREE virtual beginner Taekwondo classes. [Read more about it.](#)

Young Rembrandts Lessons now online! Bette Fetter, the Founder & CEO of Young Rembrandts has recorded new full-length lessons. Each week a new lesson will be released to enrolled students. [Find your class and sign up for the Spring session today!](#)

2020 Calendar Raffle: Congratulations to this \$150 raffle winner drawn on April 10th: **Delphine Hartmann**. And to these \$30 winners drawn on April 15, 2020: **Terry Riesterer, Frankowski Family, Judith & Herbert Werking, Scott Thompson and Christine Prause**.

Thank you for your participation and support!

April is Abuse Prevention Month! Our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future. Child abuse and neglect prevention depends on involvement among people throughout our faith community.

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has designated April 19-25 as Safe Environment Week. **On Monday, April 20th you can participate in BLUE MONDAY by wearing blue as a symbol of child abuse prevention. Wearing blue helps remind us and encourage others to prevent child abuse and support healthy children and families.**

The Archdiocese works with the community to increase awareness about child abuse and neglect and promotes social and emotional well-being of children, youth and families in a safe, healthy and nurturing environment. [Read the Archdiocesan Proclamation here.](#)

To learn more about child abuse prevention, check out these links:

- [Abuse Warning Signs](#)
- [Five Ways to Protect Your Children from Abuse](#)
- [10 Tips for Protecting Children and Offering Assistance](#)
- [Happy Families](#)



APRIL 2020

- 17 [Packet drop-off/pick-up, 12-3pm](#)
- 20 [Packet Drop-off/pickup, 7:30 - noon](#)
- [Scrip orders due, 8 am](#)
- 20-25 [Safe Environment Week](#)
- 22 [Liturgy, 8am](#)

Links

- [2020-21 Academic Calendar](#)
- [Scrip Calendar](#)
- [Middle School Google Link](#)
- [Be a Hero – Food Drive](#)
- [Live Stream St. Mary Masses](#)
- [Live Stream Masses from the Cathedral](#)
- [School Website](#)
- [Parish Website](#)

9 tips for parents navigating learning with their children due to the Coronavirus



8 ways to keep the peace while kids are at home



April Birthdays

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| 2 | Josephine Hoell | Gr. 8 |
| 8 | Robert Kessler | Gr. 6 |
| 8 | Greg Morgan | Gr. 7 |
| 13 | Shae Kelley | Gr. 8 |
| 14 | Margo Davies | Gr. 2 |
| 14 | Aidan Finley | Gr. 8 |
| 15 | McKayla Mamayek | Gr. 5 |
| 17 | Adysen Pennings | Gr. 6 |
| 18 | Kahlie Holloway | Gr. 5 |
| 18 | Ben Pomroy | Gr. 8 |
| 18 | Miss Kons | Gr. 4 |
| 21 | Keegan Sanders | K5 |
| 24 | Paeley Tieman | Gr. 2 |
| 26 | Jessie Riesterer | Gr. 8 |

