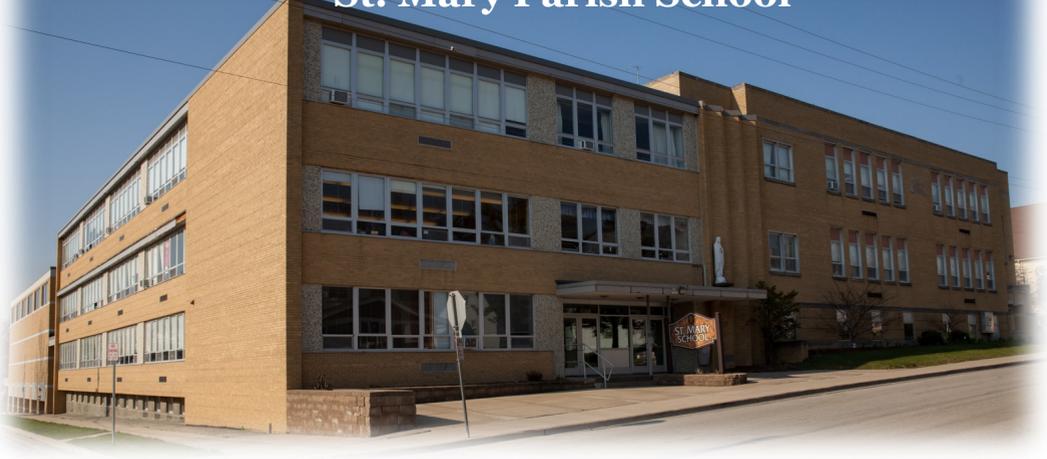


St. Mary Parish School



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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 16, 2021 newsletter

Dear Families,

MAP and IOWA testing results will be coming home with students on Wednesday, April 21st. It is important to remember that these tests are just one measure of your child's progress and typically provide you with a percentile rank for your child. A percentile rank is different than a percent correct score. Percentile ranks are often expressed as a number between 1 and 99 with 50 being the average. So, if a student scored a percentile rank of 85, that would mean that they performed better than 85 percent of the other students in the norm group. Please contact your child's teacher or me, if you have any questions about the tests or your child's progress.

Next Friday, April 23 will be a Spirit Day! Students may be out of uniform to wear their St. Mary spirit wear. An opportunity to order spirit wear will be available next week and run through May 4.

The Spring Scholastic Book Fair is right around the corner! Students will be able to shop at the book fair in-person and/or order books online. By supporting the book fair, you help us replenish our classroom libraries and school library with new titles. We are very much looking forward to reopening our school library next fall! The spring book fair is also a great opportunity to stock up on books for summer reading to help prevent "summer slide." I'm sure it is no surprise for you to hear that numerous studies have shown that kids who do not read during summer vacation show a decline in reading ability by the time school resumes in the fall.

Will you be in need of after school care for your children next year? If so, please fill out the [2021-22 registration form](#) and return it to the school office on or before April 30.

Sadly, we will not be able to run the **virtual career day** since we only had four volunteers.

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

Lunch Ordering Portal Open Until Midnight, April 27.

Place lunch orders for the month of May AND June through the portal until midnight on Tuesday, April 27th. Click on the graphic to be taken to the portal now.



Scholastic Spring Book Fair

May 4 - May 7, 2021

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

[Find our more about the book fair here.](#)

Help purchase books for classroom and library book sets [through the Coin Challenge!](#)

The Book Fair Committee is looking for help planning this and future Fairs. If you are available to volunteer the week of the fair for a 3-hour shift, please contact [Katie Esser](#).

Order St. Mary Spirit Wear, April 20 - May 4

Next week you will have an opportunity to order St. Mary School and Athletic spirit wear. Watch your e-mail for the link to the ordering portal.

A friendly Reminder...Sacrificial Giving Obligation

In order to receive the parishioner tuition rate, **your sacrificial giving to the parish must meet the minimum \$780 obligation per school year.** Please contact the Parish Business Office if you are unsure if you have met your obligation. All giving is due by **May 31st**. Thank you for your prompt attention.

FINAL charges for the 2020-2021 school year will appear on your May invoice in Smart Tuition. Please monitor your account balance.

Important Notice

Fees include:

- Mandatory Scrip Rebate of \$250 if you did not participate or lesser amount depending on rebate amount earned
- Graduation Fees—8th grade families only
- Skills N Drills—participants only
- Track Fees—participants only

These additional charges are due with your final payment in May. Late fees will apply if payment is not remitted according to your payment plan.

Please call the Parish Business Office with any further questions or concerns. Thank you.

St. Mary's After-School Care Program 2021/22: If you are interested in your student attending St. Mary's onsite After School Care Program for the 21/22 school year, [follow this link](#) to complete the registration form and return to the school office by April 30th.

Virtual Career Day

Many thanks to the few professionals who were willing to share their careers with our students. Unfortunately, there was not enough adults signed up for us to have the event this year. We hope to bring this back next April.

2021 Calendar Raffle

Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on April 7th; **Chris & Steve Herbst, Jodi Keller, Mary Pionke, and Aspyn Hietpas.** \$30 winners drawn on April 14: **Ben Minue, Joanne Basting, Delly Hartman, Julie Mass and John & Nancy Fischer.** And to this \$150 winner drawn on April 9: **Becky Leupi.** Thank you all for participating.

2021 Optimist Club of Menomonee Falls Kids Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 8
Mill Pond & Shelter

[Click on the fishing person for more details.](#)



The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes April 18-24 as Safe Environment Awareness Week

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is committed to keeping children safe each and every day of the year. April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month and during this time we focus on the prevention and awareness of safe environments.

Check out some of these resources:

[Keeping Children and Teens Safe Online \(USCCS\)](#)

[Warning Signs of Abuse](#)

[Five Things Strong Families Have in Common](#)

[10 Ways to Promote Healthy Parent-Child Relationships](#)



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION BLESSING

Dear Lord, We ask You to bless these *Your* holy people who have participated in the Church's efforts to help stop child sexual abuse. Open their hearts to *Your* call to be the "ears, eyes and voice of children and young people" everywhere. Give them the vision and grace needed to fulfill the special commitments that each of them has made to making their homes, churches, schools, communities and world a safer place for all God's Children. Amen

APRIL

- 19 DARE program—Gr. 5
- 20 8:15 Liturgy—grs. K4, K5, 1 & 2
Stranger Danger program—Gr. 1
[Panda Express Fundraiser](#)
- 21 8:15 Liturgy—Middle School
- 23 **SPIRIT DAY**—[out of uniform](#)

[VIEW FULL CALENDAR](#)

QUESTIONS? WE HAVE ANSWERS.

⇒ Student Attendance

If your student is absent for the day, please call or e-mail the office BEFORE 7:15 am on the day of absence. Provide the following information:

- ◇ Student's first and last name
- ◇ Name of homeroom teacher
- ◇ Reason for absence
- ◇ If your student will participate virtually

⇒ Student Early Dismissal

Should your student need to be picked up before normal dismissal time, or the mode of transportation has changed for the day, parents are asked to complete the [Change of Dismissal](#) form found on our website before 1:00 pm.

Resources

- [2021-22 Academic Calendar](#)
- [2020-21 Academic Calendar](#)
- [CF Summer Opportunities](#)
- [Out-of-Uniform Policy](#)
- [School Closing Policy](#)
- [Change of Dismissal](#)
- [Scrip Schedule](#)
- [Scrip Raise-Right App](#)

In the Community

- [NFL Football Camp](#)
- [Updated Quarantine Guidelines for COVID-19](#)
- [Waukesha County weekly COVID-19 updates](#)

