

St. Mary Parish School

Challenging Minds • Developing Character • Living Jesus

The Connection

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 23, 2021 Issue

Dear Families,

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is committed to creating environments that foster our children to live, learn, and grow in their faith. Since 2005, the children and youth in our Catholic schools have been receiving lessons regarding how to recognize behaviors or situations that make them uncomfortable and how to react when they feel unsafe. These lessons serve to provide the framework to develop the language and skills to start the conversation between children and adults on safety. Last summer, Archbishop Listecky approved the use of the *Circle of Grace* curriculum. The goal of the *Circle of Grace* program is to educate and empower children and young people to prevent child abuse. Your child's teacher will be sending home a parent flyer with grade specific information when the *Circle of Grace* lessons are taught. I encourage you to read through this important information and check out some of the parent resources.

Next week begins our All for Books Scholastic Coin Challenge! Students should bring:

- Pennies & nickels on Tuesday
- Dimes on Wednesday
- Quarters on Thursday
- All coins and dollars on Friday

All monies raised will go towards the purchase of books for the school and classroom libraries. Plus, for every dollar we raise, Scholastic will donate a book to a child in need. The classroom that brings in the most money will receive an ice cream treat.

It seems the latest game craze for kids is ROBLOX. So, what do you need to know as a parent? [Click here to find out.](#)

Do you have a preschooler at home? Our 3K and 4K programs are filling up fast! We currently have only 5 spots available in each program. Call the school office for registration information.

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

[Coin challenge April 27-30](#)

Click on the books to find out more about the Fair.

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

The Book Fair Committee needs volunteers! [Please sign up for a shift today.](#)

St. Mary's School & Athletic Spirit Wear

Order your St. Mary's spirit wear through [Burghardt's ordering portal now](#) through Tuesday, May 4th. Purchases will arrive at the school before Memorial Day and will be distributed through kid mail. Happy shopping!

Help Wanted!

Are you interested and available to substitute teach at St. Mary's. Interested candidates must have a minimum of a Bachelors of Arts degree and previous or related experience. For specific qualifications requirements or to apply, please call the school office at 262.251.1050. We look forward to meeting you!



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.

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.

Scrip News

The Scrip earning year ends on May 31, which means you have just over a month to meet this school year's fundraising requirement. Over half of St Mary School families who use Scrip have already met their goal, and are earning rebates towards next year's tuition!

The next ThankScriping Day bonuses are Thursday and Friday, April 29-30. You can earn bonus rebates up to 20%. [Follow this link for details.](#) Beginning June 1, any new rebates will be applied to the fundraising requirement for next school year.

A huge thank-you to our Scrip volunteers: *Michelle Woelfel, Amy Weyker, Jodi Lipski, Allison Stubbs, Jim and Iris Nehrbass, Sue Miller, and Jeremy Felsecker.* We could not keep this program running without their efforts. If you would like to help with the Scrip program next year, please contact Jerry Esser.

2021 Calendar Raffle

Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on April 30th: **JJ Eagleeye, Kim Schmitt, The Gonzalez Family, St. Mary Parish and St. Mary Parish School.** Thank you all for participating.

What are the benefits of Standards-Based Grading?

For students:

- Learning targets are clearly defined and aligned to state & national standards
- Students are offered multiple opportunities and ways through which to demonstrate proficiency
- Students monitor their own progress toward the achievement of specified targets

Specific feed back on progress helps build self-esteem, pride and motivation for students

For Parents:

- Grades have more meaning
- Parents are aware of what their child knows and is able to do
- Parents see the learning progression
- Parents know in what areas their child needs more support

Parents empowered to increase their child's confidence and to actively participate in their child's learning goal.

For Teachers:

- Teachers know exactly where students are in the learning continuum
- Standards and expectations are aligned across grade levels.

Assessment results help teachers determine when students need more support and when they need more challenging work.

APRIL	
26	DARE program—Gr. 5
27	8:15 Liturgy—grs. K4, K5, 1 & 2 Stranger Danger program—Gr. 1 Hot lunch ordering portal closes at midnight
28	8:15 Liturgy—Middle School 12:30 Future Leaders Forum
30	8:15 Liturgy—grs. 3, 4 & 5
MAY	
May 3-7 Teacher Appreciation Week	
Spring Book Fair Begins	
4	8:15 Liturgy—grs. K4, K5 1 & 2; MAY CROWNING

[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](#)
- [CF Summer Opportunities](#)
- [Out-of-Uniform Policy](#)
- [School Closing Policy](#)
- [Change of Dismissal](#)
- [Amazon Smile](#)
- [Scrip Schedule](#)
- [Scrip Raise-Right App](#)
- [TikTok facts](#)

In the Community

- [Pius Summer Camps](#)
- [Pius Girls Basketball Camp](#)
- [Dominican Summer Camps](#)
- [Marquette Summer Camps](#)
- [Optimist Club Kids Fishing Derby](#)

Keep Informed

- [Sign up for a Vaccination Appointment](#)
- [Updated Quarantine Guidelines for COVID-19](#)
- [Waukesha County weekly COVID-19 updates](#)

Keeping our Kids Safe

Did you know

◆ Criminal background checks are conducted on every priest, deacon, parish director, employee and volunteer working with minors in active ministry in parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

◆ In 2020 in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, over 70 Safe Environment Education Sessions were conducted with over 1,800 adults trained in identifying signs of abuse and neglect, over 3,800 criminal background checks were conducted on clergy, employees and volunteers and over 50,000 children were trained in Safe Environment topics.

[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](#)



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ADORE THE EUCHARIST