



CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear St. Mary Families,

Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas break was filled with joy, relaxation, and quality time with loved ones. As we step into this new season together, I am reminded of Paul's words in Philippians 3:13-14: "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Let us embrace this new year with hope, determination, and gratitude for the opportunities that lie ahead.

We are excited to welcome our students back to the classroom, ready to continue their journey of learning and growth. Over the next few weeks, our students will be completing iReady assessments. These assessments are an invaluable tool, providing insight into each child's progress and helping us tailor instruction to meet their individual needs.

Additionally, we have a historic moment to look forward to: the installation of our new Archbishop, Archbishop Grob, on Tuesday, January 14th. This event is a powerful reminder of the leadership and faith guiding our Archdiocese. As a school, we will join in prayer for his ministry and for the continued blessings upon our Catholic community.

Thank you for your unwavering partnership and trust in St. Mary Parish School.

Let's make this second half of the school year incredible!

- Annemarie Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 16**
8th Grade Photos w/ VIP
- Jan. 17**
Movie Night: Bad Guys 6:30pm
- Jan. 20**
No School (Teacher PD)
- Jan. 22**
[Qdoba Restaurant Night](#), 4 - 8pm
- Jan. 26**
[Open House](#) 11am - 1pm
- Jan. 27-31**
Catholic Schools Week
- Jan. 29**
Home and School Meeting, 5:30 pm
- Feb. 19**
Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening)
- Feb. 20**
Early Release (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

[View 2024-2025 Academic Calendar here](#)

Installation of Archbishop Jeffrey Grob:

INSTALLATION OF THE TWELFTH ARCHBISHOP OF MILWAUKEE THE MOST REVEREND JEFFREY S. GROB

Prayer of the Appointment of Archbishop Grob of Milwaukee

Dear God, source of every gift and talent, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you grant us in your blessings that the Church might be nourished and strengthened.

Bless your servant Jeffrey Scott Grob, the next Archbishop of Milwaukee. Confer upon him the gifts of your Spirit that he may remain humble in heart and generous in love as he serves the Church.

Bring us all into the peace of your kingdom, where all honor and glory are yours, Lord our God, forever and ever. Amen

Watch Archbishop Grob Installation Live!

Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6:00pm (Solemn Evening Prayer)
Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 1:30pm (Installation of the Most Reverend Jeffrey Scott Grob)

To watch the live streams, please scan the QR Code

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY | JANUARY 26 | 11 AM-1 PM

Come Celebrate What Makes St. Mary Special

PARENTS & TEACHERS ARE PARTNERS IN EDUCATION, CREATING A CONTINUITY OF LEARNING FROM HOME TO THE CLASSROOM

OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY IS AT THE CENTER OF OUR EDUCATION. OUR GOAL IS TO "LIVE JESUS."



STREAM

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, RELIGION, ENGINEERING, ART, AND MATH CURRICULUM ACROSS ALL GRADE LEVELS.

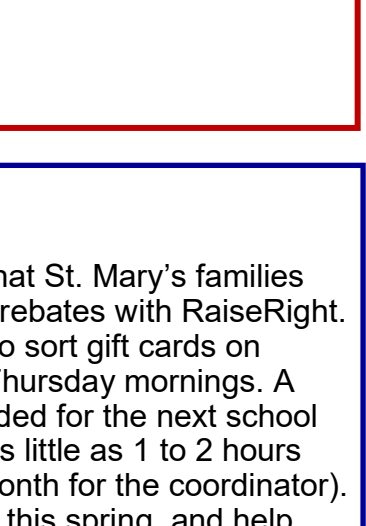
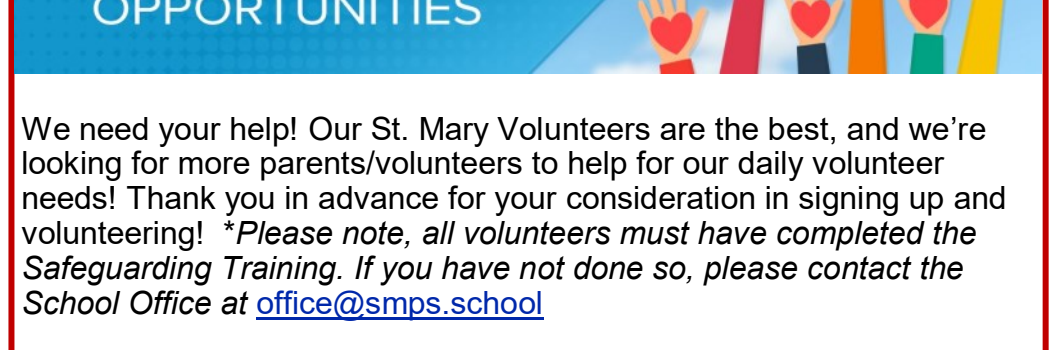
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STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO FOSTERS STUDENT SUPPORT FOR ALL GRADES & TYPES OF LEARNING.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MASS AT 9:30 AM THEN ENJOY REFRESHMENTS IN THE SCHOOL

- Visit with Principal Annemarie Wood and your child's teachers
- Take a tour to see what's new in the school
- Get to know other school families and share your school spirit!

FOOD DRIVE UPDATE



The St. Mary Parish School's Service Club held a food drive for the Menomonee Falls Area Food Pantry. Students created the drive, made posters, sorted, counted, and organized the items. The club collected 560 food items, mostly protein, fruits, and vegetables. We are blessed to be able to help the community. Thank you for your donations!

SPELLING BEE UPDATE

The school spelling bee was held on Thursday. Sixth-grader Emma won, with eighth-grader Chloe as the runner-up. The winning word was: albums. These students will represent our school at the regional CEAS Spelling Bee in February. Good luck girls! We know you will do well.

Telling our Good News!

Our Good News: Epiphany Prayer Service

"Be like the star, lead others to Jesus."

A clear mission

As part of our preparation for the upcoming accreditation process, we are updating the school's mission statement. The updated mission statement is designed to reflect our dedication to academics, faith, character development, acceptance of diverse learning needs, and the ultimate goals we hold for our students as they grow and succeed. The new mission statement is currently being reviewed by the parish, and we welcome your feedback as part of this process. Once finalized, it will serve as a foundation for our continued commitment to fostering faith-filled leaders and providing an exceptional Catholic education.

St. Mary's Parish School creates Catholic leaders through academic excellence, supporting diverse learners, and seeing Jesus in every person.

Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best:

We are so proud to have such amazing teachers here at St. Mary, and we want to show off how much they are appreciated by our students, families and fellow faculty! This week we are highlighting our dedicated middle school science teacher, Mrs. Mrozinski. Check out what some students and others had to share about her.



Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Mrozinski - Middle School Science

"Mrs. Mrozinski stimulates curiosity with the kids and provides a learning environment that makes the complex easy to absorb." - Justin Latham

"The way she teaches is very interactive and helpful for us so that we can learn the information well and fast. She also is very positive and uplifting." - Emma

"She teaches us and adds labs, projects, and games to make class super fun and entertaining. She is also kind and funny." - John H.

"You are very funny, kind. You make everything fun, and care about us throughout all these years at St. Mary's." - Logan R.

[Read more quotes shared about Mrs. Mrozinski here.](#)

Home & School Updates:

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need your help! Our St. Mary Volunteers are the best, and we're looking for more parents/volunteers to help for our daily volunteer work! Thank you in advance for your consideration in signing up and volunteering! ***Please note, all volunteers must have completed the Safeguarding Training. If you have not done so, please contact the School Office at office@smmps.school**

[Playground](#) Volunteer Sign Up
[Lunchroom](#) Volunteer Sign Up

Volunteers Needed for RaiseRight

Volunteers are needed so that St. Mary's families can continue to earn tuition rebates with RaiseRight. We are looking for helpers to sort gift cards on Wednesday afternoons or Thursday mornings. A coordinator will also be needed for the next school year. Time commitment is as little as 1 to 2 hours per month (a few hours a month for the coordinator). Volunteer now to be trained this spring, and help keep the RaiseRight program a success! Contact Jerry Esser, jerryesser@sbglobal.net

Movie Night:
Friday, January 17th
6:30pm (doors open)
8:15pm pick up time

Please join us for Movie Night next Friday! We will be watching The Bad Guys!

Watch for permission slips that will be sent home.

Parent and middle school volunteers are needed. Please [sign up here](#).

****Please note for parents doors will open at 6:00pm. Please make sure all contact information is correctly filled out on the sign-up sheet and we will be streamlining the check-in process from last few events. Questions? Please text Mary Strankowski at 414-732-1110.**

Join us for our next Home & School Meeting:

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

All our welcome to join us at our next H&S meeting on Jan. 29th at 5:30pm. Take a [look](#) at our Home and School Activities Calendar [here](#) for a peek at all H&S sponsored events scheduled this school year!

QDOBA IS BRINGING FLAVOR TO OUR COMMUNITY

FUNDRAISER FOR **ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 4PM-8PM

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Athletics Updates:

WARRIOR ATHLETICS

BOYS BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 11th

- 10:15AM: 6th Don Bosco Blue at Brookfield Academy
- 10:15AM: 7th Notre Dame at Home
- 8:15AM: 8th Notre Dame at Home
- 9:15AM: 8th Notre Dame at Home
- 11:15AM: 5th Don Bosco Blue at Home
- 3PM: 8th Don Bosco Blue at St. Roberts

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 11th

- 9:15AM: 7th Notre Dame at St. Joseph Waukesha
- (5th) Bye Week

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Admissions and Concessions Volunteers are needed for this Saturday and throughout the basketball season. [Please sign up here.](#) Thank you!

St. Mary Basketball Tournament continues this weekend: 8th Grade Boys A Team

Please join us this Saturday and Sunday as the 8th Grade boys A team competes in the St. Mary tournament. Hope to see you there! Go Warriors! [View Bracket here.](#)

Parish Updates:

Youth GROUP
GRADES 6-12
2ND & 4TH FRIDAYS
OF THE MONTH
6:00PM-8:00PM
AT ST. THERESE FORMATION CENTER IN ST. ANTHONY LOCATION
COMMUNITY OF PRAYER AND FRIENDSHIP
SIGN UP HERE

St. Anthony and St. Mary Parishes

ST ANTHONY & ST MARY • MEMONONEE FALLS

WOMEN'S RETREAT
Suffering & Love

All women 18 years and older are invited to a weekend of quiet, prayer, fellowship, spiritual direction, Confession, Mass, and reflection at Holy Hill.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: Fr. Andrew Lines & Kate Galimberti

JAN 31 - FEB 2, 2025
Holy Hill Basilica
525 Carmel Rd., Hubertus

Retreat Cost* includes meals and is based on occupancy: \$325 (Single Room) \$250 (Double Room) \$200 (Commuter). *TV costs are prohibitive, contact Fr. Lines at frlines@stam.church

ST ANTHONY & ST MARY ADULT FORMATION

EMMAUS 90
A 90-DAY ADVENTURE FOR THOSE SEEKING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST
NEW YEAR'S - EASTER 2025

St. Anthony and St. Mary parishes will be hosting Emmaus 90 - a 90-day journey to grow in holiness and draw closer to Jesus Christ through prayer and formation starting **January 14, 2025**.

Emmaus 90 "pilgrims" are given daily prayer prompts for each of the 90 days before Easter, challenging practices to grow in holiness, and weekly formation videos on the beauty of our Catholic faith to discuss with a small group of fellow pilgrims.

Weekly small group discussions will be facilitated during the Men's and Women's groups, listed below.

Men's Group: Mondays 7-8:30 pm
Women's Group: Tuesdays 6:50-8 pm

If you have never participated in the Men's or Women's Group before or you'd be interested in meeting at a different time - please register using the QR code or online sign-up at [bit.ly/stmomenmaus90](#)

Meetings take place at St. Anthony in the Chesterton Academy Commons.

Program Contact: Aaron Esler, Director of Formation [aeesler@stam.church](#) (732) 225-0220

Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn Jan. 8th:
Kelly Kohlmetz, Gina Franz, MacGillis Family, & Elli Olszewski

And special congrats to this \$150 winner drawn Jan. 10th:
Scott & Carol Davis

Thank you for your participation!

2024-25 Academic Calendar | Home & School Calendar
Scrip/Raise Right App | Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up
Chance of Dismissal | Playground Volunteer Sign Up
Safeguarding Training/CMG Connect | January Hot Lunch Menu

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