

CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

Catholic Schools Week is upon us, and I couldn't be more excited to celebrate this special tradition with our school community! This week is an opportunity to highlight the unique value that Catholic education brings to students, families, and our larger parish. As Pope Francis once said, *"The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful. And this occurs through a rich path made up of many ingredients."*

Since its inception in 1974, Catholic Schools Week has been a time to celebrate the vital role Catholic schools play in providing faith-based education rooted in academic excellence, service, and community. The Milwaukee Archdiocese had a hand in the original creation through the work of Dr. Kathleen Cepelka. Dr. Cepelka compares faith in Catholic Education to yeast in bread. Faith is not the icing that can be scraped off, it is integrated and permeates all we do. Across the country, we come together to reflect on the blessings of our Catholic education and to share our stories with others.

One of the most exciting events of the week is our **Open House on Sunday, January 26th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.** This is an incredible opportunity to welcome new families, showcase all the wonderful things happening at St. Mary's, and share our vision for the future. I encourage everyone to invite friends, neighbors, or relatives who might be looking for a school community to visit us. Your presence and enthusiasm can make a big impact!

Volunteers are still needed for the Open House. Sign up as a greeter or other important volunteer slot [here](#). We appreciate your help.

We are also proud to unveil our **new mission statement** for St. Mary's Parish School:

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

This mission reflects our focus on nurturing the God-given strengths and passions of every student, helping them reach their full potential regardless of ability. By committing to challenging minds, developing character, and living Jesus, we stay grounded in our purpose and look toward a bright future for our school and its students.

Let's celebrate all that makes St. Mary's a special place to grow, learn, and serve.

Blessings,
Annemarie Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 26
[Open House](#)
11am - 1pm
Volunteers [Needed](#)
[Sign up here](#)

Jan. 27-31
[Catholic Schools Week](#)

Jan. 31
[School Day Fun Fair](#)
Sponsorship [form](#)
Donation [sign up](#)
Volunteer [sign up](#)

Jan. 29
Home and School Meeting, 5:30 pm

Feb. 5
Next session of Young Rembrandts begins
Flyer/Register [here](#)

Feb. 18
VIP Team Photos

Feb. 18
[Dave's Hot Chicken Restaurant Night](#)
4 - 8pm

Feb. 19
Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening)

Feb. 20
Early Release at 11:30am (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Feb. 21
No School (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

Feb. 28
[Mother-Son Cornhole Tournament](#)
Doors open 5:30pm

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

Spring Spirit Wear Store is Open!

LINK:
<https://bsg.chippily.com/stmarysmf/>

STORE CLOSURE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd @ 11:59PMCT

ESTIMATED DELIVERY DATE: MID MARCH

SIZING: Many items (but not all) are available to try-on at the Burghardt's stores.

A clear mission

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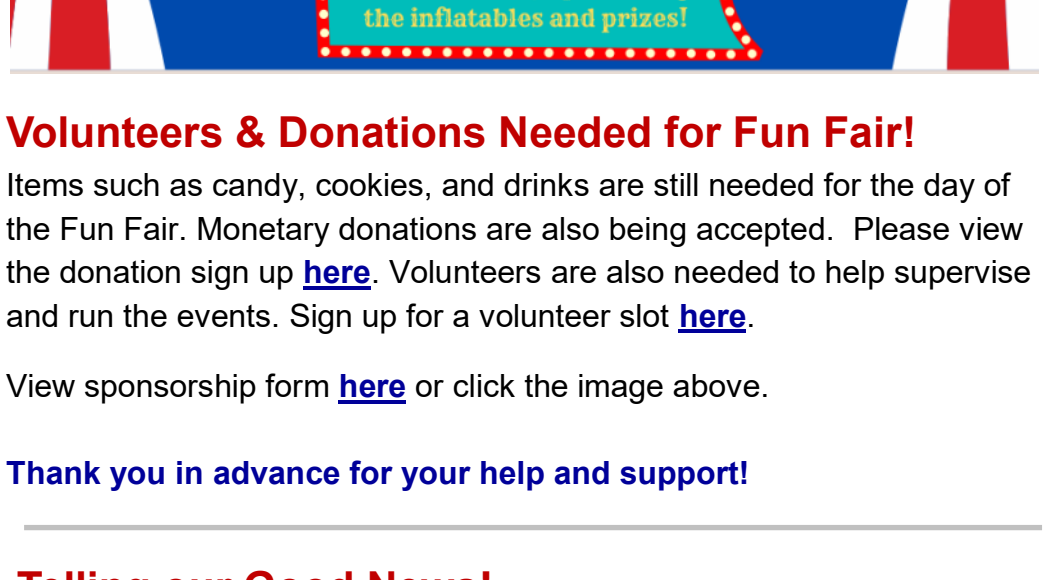
ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

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.

12:1
STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO FOSTERS STUDENT SUPPORT FOR ALL GRADES & TYPES OF LEARNING.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MASS AT 9:30 AM THEN TOUR 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!

Director of Teaching: From the Desk of Mrs. Mogilevsky:

Parents, please have your child(ren) each bring in one stamp (no envelope!) for our Valentine's service project. Please have your child give the stamp(s) to their homeroom teachers. Thank you!

Catholic Schools Week:

Catholic Schools Week is Next Week, January 26th - 31st

This cherished tradition highlights what makes Catholic education so special: our commitment to faith-filled learning, strong community, and academic excellence. Please view the [Tell the Good News Catholic Schools Week Schedule](#) of our fun-filled week including our dress up days (which starts with PJs/Sweats day on Monday), and more! And please consider becoming a sponsor for our School Day Fun Fair! [More details below.](#)

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SCHOOL DAY FUN FAIR

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025

Inflatables - Games - Cookie Walk

FOR STUDENTS TO ENJOY DURING SCHOOL WITH THEIR CLASSMATES \$6/STUDENT - BILLED THROUGH BLACKBAUD TUITION

"EXTRA JUMP TIME" WILL BE OFFERED AGAIN AFTER SCHOOL FROM 4-6PM WITH A PARENT (\$10/CHILD)

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY
Help keep the cost per student low by sponsoring the inflatables and prizes!

Volunteers & Donations Needed for Fun Fair!

Items such as candy, cookies, and drinks are still needed for the day of the Fun Fair. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Please view the donation sign up [here](#). Volunteers are also needed to help supervise and run the events. Sign up for a volunteer slot [here](#).

View sponsorship form [here](#) or click the image above.

Thank you in advance for your help and support!

Telling our Good News!

Our Good News: 1st Graders Shine as Non-fiction Authors!

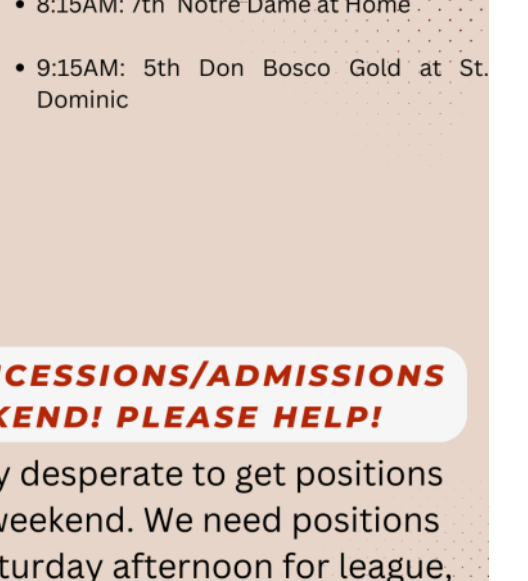
"Live Jesus - Tell the Good News"

This past month, the first-grade class has been buzzing with excitement and creativity as our young students tackled their non-fiction writing unit. In a delightful twist, these budding authors have taken on the role of teachers, sharing their knowledge on topics they are passionate about. From animals to sports, each student chose a subject they knew well and dived into the world of non-fiction writing, crafting informative and engaging pieces. Their hard work and dedication have not only expanded their writing skills but have also turned them into mini-experts ready to share their insights with others. Congratulations to our first graders for their incredible efforts and for reminding us all that learning is a lifelong journey. Keep up the amazing work!

ST. MARY SCHOOL NOW OFFERING!

K3 FULL-DAY FIVE DAYS A WEEK

- 3K Options**
- five days half day
 - five days full day
 - three days half day
 - Tues. Wed. & Thurs.



Find out more! Schedule a tour today.
 (262) 251-1050 stmaryparishschool.org

Save the Date: March 20th

Moana Jr. Musical, presented by our 3rd - 5th Grade students!

Matinee @ 1pm
Evening Show @ 6:30pm
(More info to come)

STEPPING DOWN May 2025

DEAR FAMILIES,

IT'S WITH SOME SADNESS THAT I ANNOUNCE MY DEPARTURE FROM ST. MARY'S AT THE END OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR. IN 2022, I JOINED THE FACULTY AS MIDDLE SCHOOL RELIGION TEACHER AND FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS HAVE SOUGHT TO INCREASE IN OUR STUDENTS THEIR LOVE FOR CHRIST THE CHURCH LAST FALL AND THIS SPRING I ALSO DONE PART TIME WORK AT CHESTERTON ACADEMY TEACHING SENIORS. RECENTLY I WAS INVITED TO JOIN THEIR FACULTY FOR THE UPCOMING ACADEMIC YEAR TEACHING PHILOSOPHY. THE TIME SPENT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL HAS BEEN DEEPLY FORMATIVE, BOTH AS A TEACHER AND PERSONALLY I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE YEARS I'VE SPENT HERE. ABOVE ALL, I'M GRATEFUL TO THE LORD FOR THE WORK HE'S DOING HERE.

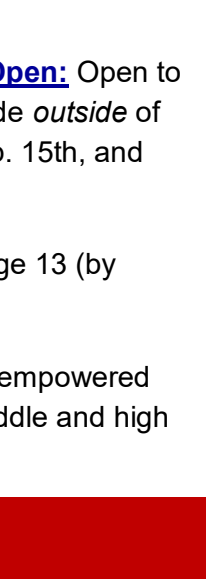
PETER BURLEIGH

Thank you Mr. Burleigh! We wish you all the best!

The search for a new Middle School Religion and PE teacher is currently open. If you know someone who is interested, they should send their resume to wooda@smpps.school. Thank you!

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 talented art teacher, Ms. Strieter. Check out what some students and others had to share about her.



Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Strieter - Art Teacher

"Sara brings her talent of art to the students of St. Mary. My second graders have loved learning about Native American art and designing their buffalo hides. They love how she shared information about her tribe Lakota. Did you know she can play the Native American flute. By the way, the 2nd graders love listening to you play. What a great way to enhance their learning!" - Mrs. Halverson

"I like her scribble-start-scribble-stop project." - Evelyn G.

"I love art and you make it fun!" - Khloe K.

"Ms. Strieter has a "you can do it" attitude all the time. It's really nice." - Michael

"Thank you for bringing in some fun things to show us like the Native American flute!" - Charlie S

[Read more quotes shared about Ms. Strieter here.](#)

Home & School Updates:

St. Mary Parish School
MOTHER/SON CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Friday, February 28, 2025
St. Mary Activity Center

Doors open at 5:30pm
Game play 6:00-9:00pm

Picnic pizza dinner

PRIZES FOR:
Winning Mother/Son team in each age bracket
3 Marker Challenge
Yard Yatzee
Best Dressed Team

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 needs! 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@smpps.school*

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

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!

Athletics Updates:

WARRIOR ATHLETICS

BOYS BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 25th

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

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 25th

- 8:15AM: 7th Notre Dame at Home
- 9:15AM: 5th Don Bosco Gold at St. Dominic

NEEDED THIS WEEKEND! PLEASE HELP!

We're really desperate to get positions filled this weekend. We need positions filled for Saturday afternoon for league, Saturday evening/ Sunday afternoon for the 5th Grade Boys Tournament. We really need help. [Please sign up here.](#) Thank you!

St. Mary 5th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament continues this weekend!

Please join us this Saturday and Sunday as the 5th Grade boys teams continue to compete in the St. Mary tournament. Hope to see you there! Go Warriors!
[View Bracket here.](#)

Parish Updates:

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 Lima & Kate Galtmore

Praying a Friend

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 (Couples)
*if costs are prohibitive, contact Fr. Lima at frling@stam.church

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

St. Anthony and St. Mary Parishes

Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn Jan. 22nd:
Becky Leupi, Pam Henke, Angela Cousineau, Alex & Beth Minue, and Janet Pfeffer

Thank you for your participation!

In the Community:

Menomonee Falls Little League Registration Open: Open to all skill levels and also open to students who reside *outside* of Menomonee Falls! Registration goes through Feb. 15th, and season runs April - mid July. View Flyer [here](#).

Menomonee Falls Little League Umpires Needed: Open to age 13 (by August 2025) and up. Click [here](#) for more information.

Join the CSTS Community: A community of empowered athletes. Explore the training options for all middle and high school athletes [here](#).

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

Connect with us on Facebook and Instagram!