



CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear St. Mary Parish School Families,

As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for all the blessings that make our school such an incredible place to learn, grow, and thrive.

First and foremost, I am profoundly thankful for the opportunity to serve as your principal. Each day, I witness the dedication and passion of our incredible teachers, aides, maintenance crew, office staff, lunchroom workers, and volunteers. Their unwavering commitment to our students and mission ensures that St. Mary Parish School runs smoothly and remains a place where children can grow in both knowledge and faith.

The greatest joy of this role, however, is working with your children. Their energy, curiosity, and kindness remind us daily of why we do what we do. They inspire us and keep us grounded in our mission to *Challenge Minds, Develop Character, and Live Jesus*.

I am also deeply thankful for you, our families, who place your trust in us to educate and nurture your children. Your partnership, support, and faith in our school community make everything possible.

We are equally blessed by the support of our parish community. Monsignor and Fr. Linn, along with the parish staff, provide constant encouragement. Their belief in our mission strengthens our foundation and helps us grow.

Looking ahead, the future of St. Mary Parish School is bright and promising. Together, we will continue to build on our legacy of excellence while embracing the opportunities that lie ahead.

Finally, I invite all of you to join us at the Menomonee Falls Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 1st. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the season as a community and to showcase the spirit of St. Mary Parish School.

This Thanksgiving, I count each of you among my greatest blessings. Thank you for being part of our school family and for making St. Mary Parish School a truly special place.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving.

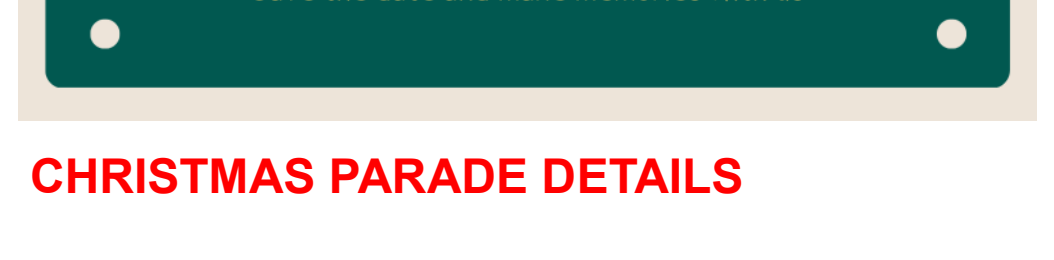
With gratitude,

Annamarie Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Nov. 27 - 29	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 1	SMPS in Menomonee Falls Christmas parade! Sign Up here!
Dec. 2	No School
Dec. 5	Open House for ages 2 - 6 6 - 7pm Flyer here
Dec. 5- 6	Holiday Treasures Gift Shop Sign up to volunteer here
Dec. 9	Panera Restaurant Night 4 - 8pm
Dec. 18	Home & School Meeting School Conf. Rooms 5:30pm
Dec. 19	K5 - 2nd Grade Musical
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3	Christmas Break
Jan. 20	No School (Teacher PD)
Jan. 26	Open House



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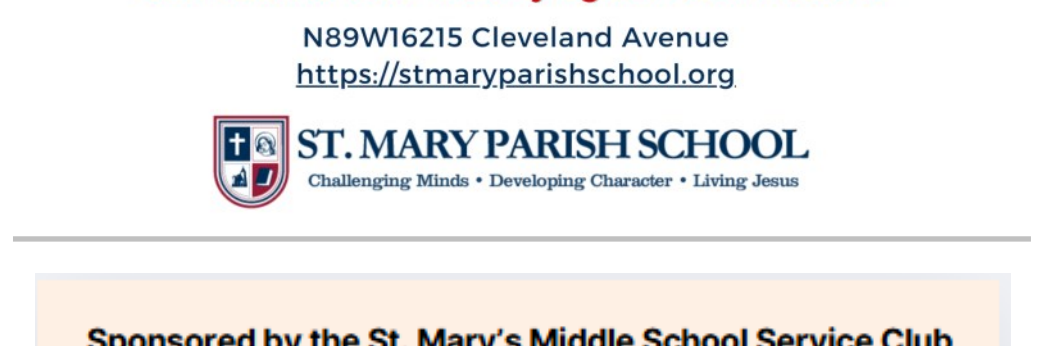


JOIN US! MENOMONEE FALLS CHRISTMAS PARADE

Is your business willing to donate knit hats for the event? Contact Mrs. Wood.

Tell the Good News about Christ as we kick-off the Advent Season. Walk in the Falls Christmas Parade! We're looking for approximately 50 people to join us as a living Nativity and friends who can hand-out glow-sticks.

Line up between 3:30 - 4pm. More info coming soon!



DECEMBER 1, 2024
Save the date and make memories with us

CHRISTMAS PARADE DETAILS

We are thrilled to be part of the Menomonee Falls Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 1st! Let's make this a joyful community event as we come together to celebrate and share the Good News.

Our float will feature a **Living Nativity Scene** on a secured truck and flatbed trailer, and we need your help to make it shine!

We are in need of donations, set up help, actors, walkers, and float greeters!

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for all the additional details and information!

We can't wait to celebrate this special season together. Thank you for your help in making this event a success!

ST. MARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE FOR AGES 2-6

St. Nicholas & Advent activities
Meet the Staff
See the kindergarten classrooms

THURSDAY | 5 | DECEMBER
6:00-7:00 PM

Schedule a Tour for any age on our website
N89W16215 Cleveland Avenue
<https://stmaryparishschool.org>

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL
Challenging Minds • Developing Character • Living Jesus

Sponsored by the St. Mary's Middle School Service Club FOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 18TH THROUGH DECEMBER 16TH.

Did you know that the pantry serves over 300 children each month?

Did you know that almost 300 senior citizens use the food pantry every month?

The need is great, so let's start the Christmas season by bringing in needed food for members of our community.

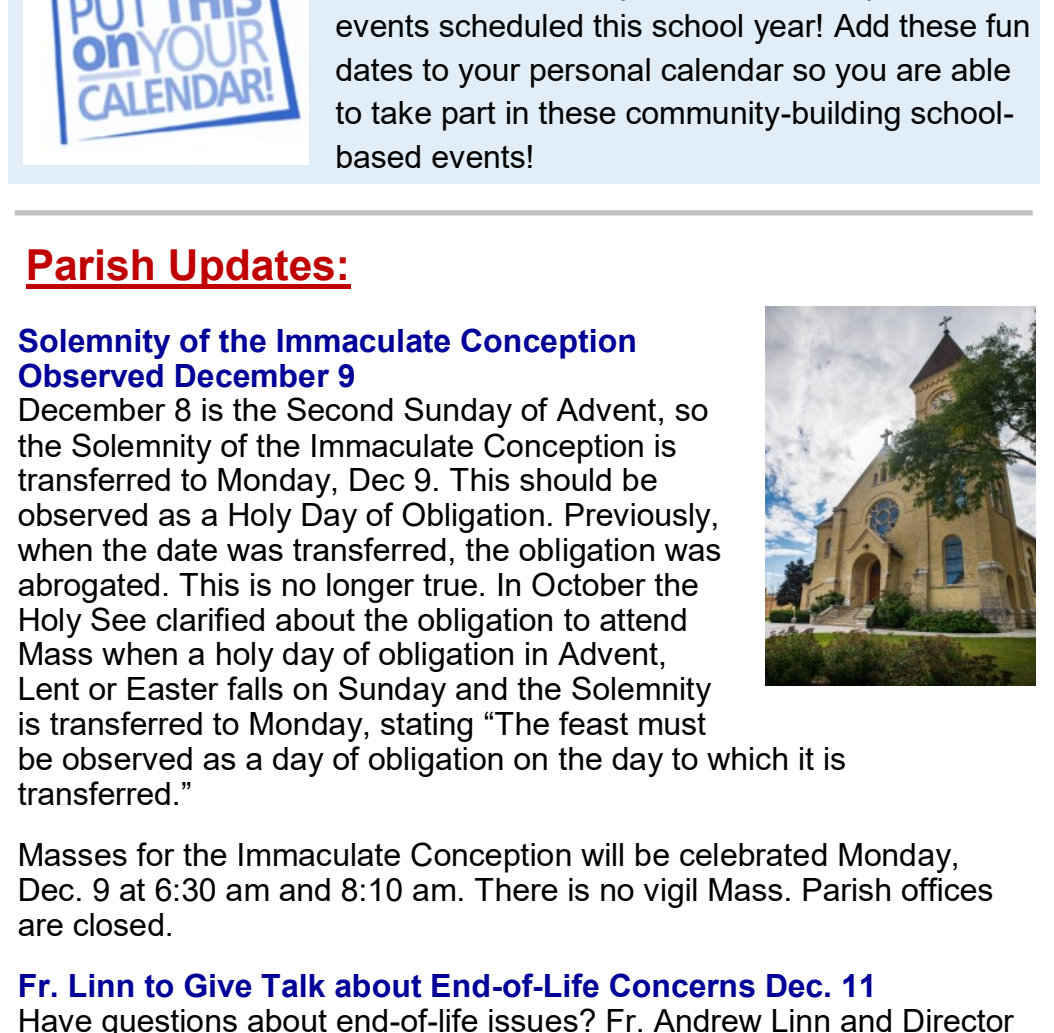
On December 9th the class with the most food donations will win a class prize. At the end of the drive, the winning class will win an out of uniform pass.

PLEASE HAVE STUDENTS BRING THEIR DONATIONS TO THEIR CLASSROOM

MONDAYS	Canned Meat
TUESDAYS	Soup
WEDNESDAYS	Whole grains (rice, pasta, cereal)
THURSDAYS	Canned veggies
FRIDAYS	Canned fruit

Telling our Good News!

The Good News is "Trivia Night fun!" We had a great turnout for our first Trivia Night of the year! Congratulations to our trivia winners for reclaiming the Traveling Trivia Trophy and to the "Founding Fathers" for winning the costume contest! Join us for our next Trivia Night on April 11th! Special "Thank you" to Matt and Kathleen Kuhn for organizing the fun event and coming up with the very challenging questions!



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

Our own language about learning can deeply impact children's mindsets. If math feels unfamiliar or challenging to us, instead of saying, "I never liked math," try, "This is new to me; let's figure it out together." Showing that it's okay to learn alongside them helps children embrace challenges. Modeling curiosity and perseverance when facing new math concepts can help kids feel empowered to tackle their own learning hurdles.

Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best:

We're proud to have such great teachers here at St. Mary and we want to share how much they're appreciated by our students and community. This week we are highlighting our music teacher, Mr. Haimann.

Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Haimann, Music

"Mr. Haimann is the number 1 teacher in the nation!" - Michael D.

"Thank you for teaching the elementary students how to prepare for the Christmas play." - Jason K.

"He is very kind and if we are confused he will help us right away." - Johnny

"He always has a smile on his face which is good." - Henry

Read more quotes shared about Mr. Haimann [here](#).

Home & School Updates:

Holiday Treasures Gift Shop is Coming!

St. Mary's is hosting a Christmas shop for the students. They will be attending with their class on **Thursday, December 5th or Friday, December 6th.** Simply put cash or check made out to St. Mary in the envelopes provided and specify who the gifts are for. The gifts range between \$1 and \$15, and wrapping is complimentary. There will be festive activities available for all attending. It's a wonderful event for the children to enjoy the spirit of giving! **Preview Gifts and purchase gift vouchers [HERE!](#)**

HELP NEEDED: Parent volunteers are very much appreciated and can sign up to volunteer at the link below:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080849ACAE2EA1FD0-52935350-holiday>

Questions or more info? Contact Karen Micallef: kmicallefdds@gmail.com

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@smps.school

[Playground](#) Volunteer Sign Up

[Lunchroom](#) Volunteer Sign Up

Home & School Activities Calendar

Take a look at our Home and School Activities Calendar [here](#) for a peek at all H&S sponsored events scheduled this school year! Add these fun dates to your personal calendar so you are able to take part in these community-building school-based events!

Parish Updates:

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Observed December 9

December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent, so the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, Dec 9. This should be observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. Previously, when the date was transferred, the obligation was abrogated. This is no longer true. In October the Holy See clarified about the obligation to attend Mass when a holy day of obligation in Advent, Lent or Easter falls on Sunday and the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, stating "The feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred."

Masses for the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated Monday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 am and 8:10 am. There is no vigil Mass. Parish offices are closed.

Fr. Linn to Give Talk about End-of-Life Concerns Dec. 11

Have questions about end-of-life issues? Fr. Andrew Linn and Director of Formation Aaron Ebert will be offering a brief talk about Catholic moral teaching on end-of-life decisions on Wednesday, Dec. 11. The talk will serve as an overview of the recently released 4th edition of "Now and at the Hour of Our Death," a pastoral letter offering moral guidance on end-of-life issues from the Catholic bishops of Wisconsin. Join us at 11:20 am in the lower-level conference room of St. Mary Parish School, just before the December Senior Social. If you're staying for lunch, please RSVP to Karen Z. (414) 355-1074. Read "[Now and at the Hour of Our Death](#)" online using the information below.

ST. MARY & ST. ANTHONY Thanksgiving Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 28
9 am Mass
St. Anthony
No Confession

Friday, Nov. 29
8 am Mass | St. Anthony
Confession after Mass
8:10 am | St. Mary

Parish Office Closed

Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn Nov. 20th: Joshua Bridgeman, Kristi Mormann, Bonner Family, Schmitt Family, and Dennis & Mary Beth Witelb

Thank you for your participation!

In the Community:

Milwaukee Children's Choir
JOIN MCC TODAY!

The Milwaukee Children's Choir is celebrating it's 30th season in style! Enrollment is now open for students in grades 1-5 to join in January- and we have rehearsal locations in both Elm Grove and Downtown Milwaukee.

"Lilah and Stella (4th grade) joined MCC this past fall and just performed in their first concert last weekend. The entire choir did amazing. Lilah and Stella really love their teacher, Ms. Marks, and I can tell they're both learning and growing in their skills. They continue to genuinely look forward to their weekly rehearsals and are already excited for their next concerts!" - Heather McCabe

If you have questions or are ready to enroll, contact: Dr. John Bragle, Senior Director of Education, Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, 414-276-5760

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Chance of Dismissal | Playground Volunteer Sign Up

Safeguarding Training/CMG Connect | November Hot Lunch Menu

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