

CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear St. Mary's Families,

The Gospel of Luke tells us, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). Truly the birth of Jesus will forever be the Good News we share. My wish for you is time to pause, reflect, and rejoice in the miracle of God's love made flesh in the Christ Child.

I am so grateful for each of you—students, parents, and staff—who bring the light of Christ into our St. Mary community. As you celebrate the Christmas season, we encourage you to embrace this break as a time to relax, create cherished memories, and recharge for the new year.

May the joy of the Christ Child fill your hearts and homes this Christmas and always.

We wish you a season of love, peace, and joy, and look forward to welcoming you back in the new year!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In Christ's love,

Annemarie Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3	Christmas Break
Jan. 6	Back to school!
Jan. 17	Movie Night
Jan. 20	No School (Teacher PD)
Jan. 22	Qdoba Restaurant Night, 4 - 8pm
Jan. 26	Open House
Jan. 27—31	Catholic Schools Week
Jan. 29	Home and School Meeting, 5:30 pm
Feb. 13	Save the Date: Moana Jr. Musical
Feb. 19	Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening)
Feb. 20	Early Release (Parent-Teacher Conferences)



TURN IN YOUR CALENDAR RAFFLE



Last Call!
Sell or buy those calendar raffle tickets!

Several families still have not sent back their 2025 Calendar raffles. If we do not receive more, we will need to cancel the raffle.

Raffle tickets can be dropped off at the the parish office on Monday, the 23rd (from 8 until 4pm), and Tuesday, the 24th, (from 8am until 3pm).

Thank you!

Happy Birthdays! Tell the Good News Advent 2024

ADVENT CALENDARS
 GO OUT, GO OUT TO ALL THE GOOD NEWS!
 Each floor features an Advent calendar and we open two windows each day.

WREATHS & CLASSROOM MANGERS
 Each classroom has a paper mangler to fill with excess of tissues represented by they for a soft bed for Jesus.

SERVICE PROJECT
 We're collecting baby supplies for Catholic Charities

PRESENTATION OF THE NATIVITY

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

Our Literacy Leadership Team is excited to begin piloting units from different literacy resources. Guided by our established values, the Wisconsin Act 20 Curriculum Crosswalk, and Archdiocesan standards, we're working to ensure our approach reflects best practices and supports student success. These tools ensure that our approach to literacy aligns with best practices and reflects our mission as St. Mary Parish School.

WE WON! An investment IN YOUR CHILD'S LITERACY

Through the Love One Another Campaign, we won a \$25,000 grant toward updating our Literacy Curriculum!

Our staff is hard at work researching, comparing, and piloting various highly regarded Literacy Programs to bring the perfect match to your children. This grant allows us to focus on our community needs over the price of the program.

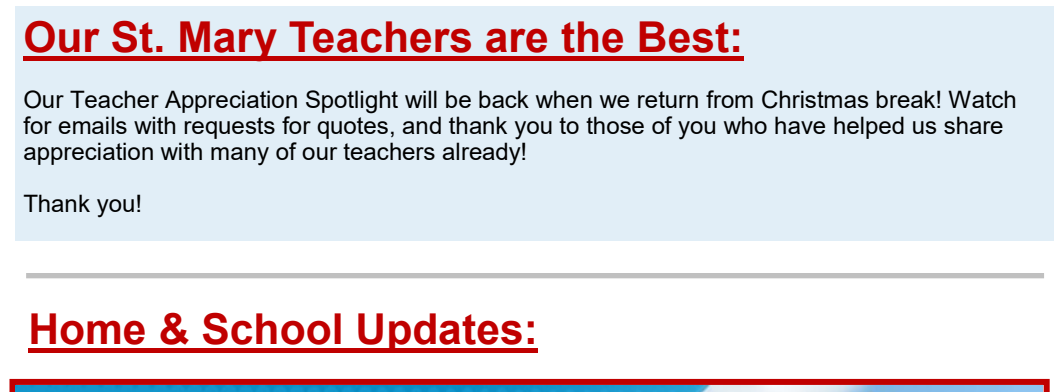


Thank you Mrs. Mogilevsky for writing the proposal!

Telling our Good News!

The Good News is "K5 - 2nd Grade Musical"

Our K5-2nd graders did a wonderful job performing their musical, "We Knead a Little Christmas" on Thursday! Thank you to the volunteers, teachers and everyone else who had a hand in making this production happen! What a great way to kick off the beginning of Christmas break as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!



Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best:

Our Teacher Appreciation Spotlight will be back when we return from Christmas break! Watch for emails with requests for quotes, and thank you to those of you who have helped us share appreciation with many of our teachers already!

Thank you!

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 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

Join us for our next Home & School Meeting:

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
 895 W18181 APPLETON AVE
 MENOMONEE FALLS, WI 53051

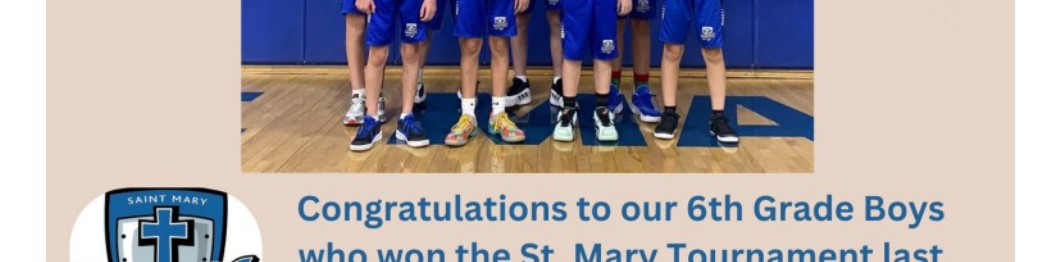
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Athletics Updates:



WARRIOR ATHLETICS



Congratulations to our 6th Grade Boys who won the St. Mary Tournament last weekend! Great job, boys!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please help fill our open volunteers slots for admissions and concessions!

[Please sign up here.](#) Thank you!

Parish Updates:

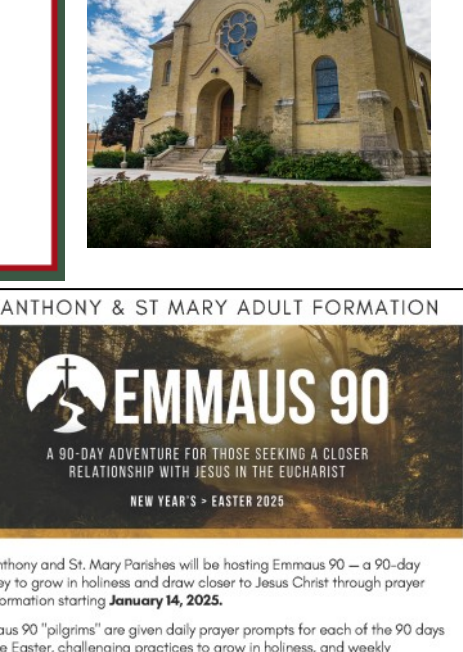
Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24

Daily Mass 6:30 am at St. Mary 8 am at St. Anthony
Christmas Eve 4 pm & 10 pm at St Mary 5 pm at St Anthony

December 25 • Christmas Day
 7:30 am & 9:30 am at St Mary
 8:30 am & 10:30 am St Anthony

No Scheduled Adoration or Confession Dec. 24-25
 Parish Office Closed Dec. 25



WOMEN'S RETREAT Suffering & Love

ST ANTHONY & ST MARY - MENOMONEE FALLS
 All women 18 years and older are invited to a weekend of quiet, prayer, reflection, spiritual retreat, Confession, Mass, and reflection at Holy Hill.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: Fr. Andrew Linn & Kate Gallimore
 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 (Coomuter)
 *If costs are prohibitive, contact Fr. Linn at flinn@stam.church

EMMAUS 90

ST ANTHONY & ST MARY ADULT FORMATION
 A 90-DAY ADVENTURE FOR THOSE SEEKING A CLOSER 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 6:30-8 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 or bit.ly/stemmaus90

Meetings take place at St. Anthony in the Chesterton Academy Commons.
 Program Contact: Aaron Ebert, Director of Formation
aebert@stam.church • (262) 238-0220

Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn Dec. 18th:
 Gannon Family, Bob Kohlmetz, Kim Ffirick, Jack Richards and Michelle Glocka

Thank you for your participation!

In the Community:

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

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

