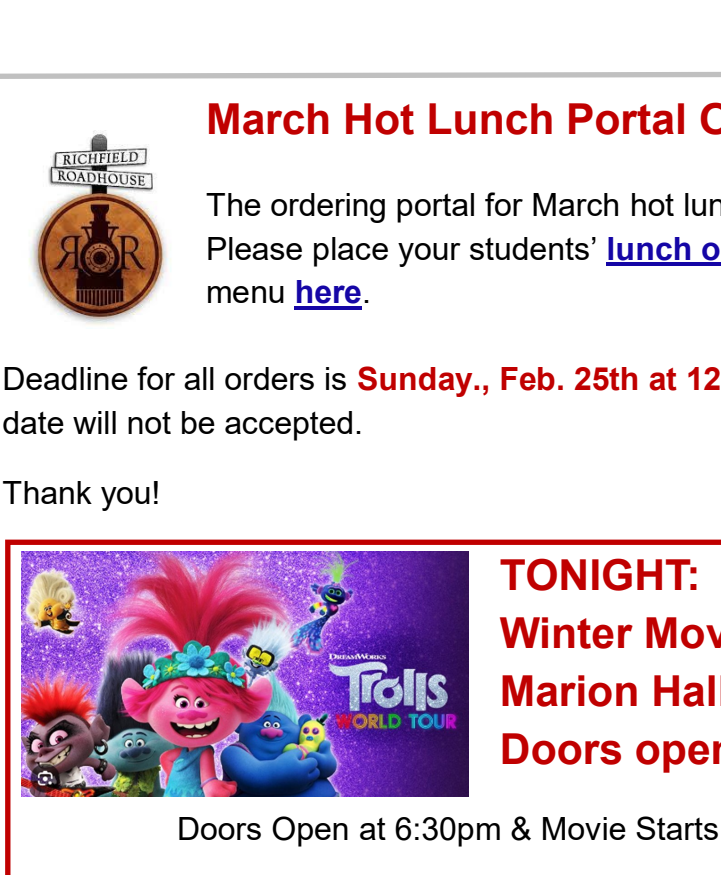


CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

During Lent, you will have the opportunity to engage in a **service project** through Soles For Jesus (SFJ) which distributes shoes to the underserved in sub-Saharan Africa. The people they serve are not asking for a bicycle, vehicle, bus pass, or some other form of transportation. They simply need a pair of shoes that properly fit them so they can protect their feet as they walk. How many pairs of shoes do we have in our homes that are unused or outgrown? The mission of SFJ is simple, to gather these shoes and send them to Africa, making a radical difference in the life of a child or adult. **We will begin collecting new or gently used shoes on Monday, January 26 and wrap up the collection on Wednesday, March 27. Students are also encouraged to donate \$1 or more to help cover the cost of shipping.** We would love it if you could find some chores for your child to do at home to earn the \$1 donation.



**Midyear check in.** We are a little more than halfway through the school year and would appreciate some feedback from you and your perspective on how things are going for your child/ren and your family thus far. Please [click on this link](#) and complete the midyear check in. It will only take a few minutes and we would love to hear from every family!

**Parent Teacher Conferences** will be held next Thursday and Friday. Please [click here to sign up](#) for a conference. Due to conferences students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM on Thursday, February 29 and there will be no school for students on Friday, March 1.

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- TONIGHT**  
[Chick-fil-A Night](#)  
Doors open 6:30pm
- Feb. 20**  
[Chick-fil-A Night](#)  
4 - 8pm  
*Important App/Ordering Info* [here](#)
- Feb. 23**  
Trivia Night  
Doors Open 6:30  
Starts at 7pm  
[Sign Up Here](#)
- Feb. 26**  
Home and School Meeting  
6pm
- Feb. 27**  
Safeguarding Training at St. Mary School  
Lower Level Conf. Rm  
6pm - 9pm  
[CMG Connect](#)
- Feb. 29**  
Early Release at 11:30am  
[Spring Conferences](#)
- March 1**  
No School  
[Spring Conferences](#)
- March 4 - 8**  
IOWA Testing
- March 14**  
School Rosary  
1pm
- March 15**  
M.S. Retreat  
Catholic Youth Rally
- March 16**  
[Irish Gala](#)
- March 22**  
Mother/Son Event  
[Cornhole Tournament](#)

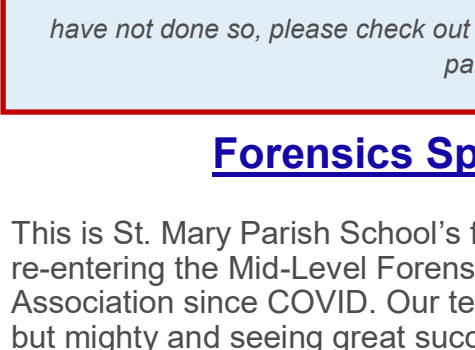
[View Full Calendar](#)

## March Hot Lunch Portal Open

The ordering portal for March hot lunch is now open. Please place your students' [lunch orders here](#). View menu [here](#).

Deadline for all orders is **Sunday, Feb. 25th at 12pm**. Orders after that date will not be accepted.

Thank you!



## TONIGHT: Winter Movie Night

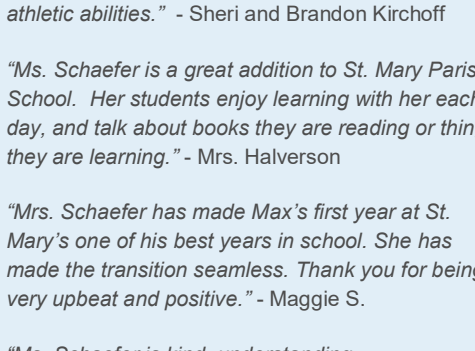
**Marion Hall**  
**Doors open 6:30**

Doors Open at 6:30pm & Movie Starts at 6:45pm

Entry: \$6 per student charged through Blackbaud

Adult and Middle School Volunteers Needed: [Sign up Here!](#)

*Permission slips can be signed upon arrival.*

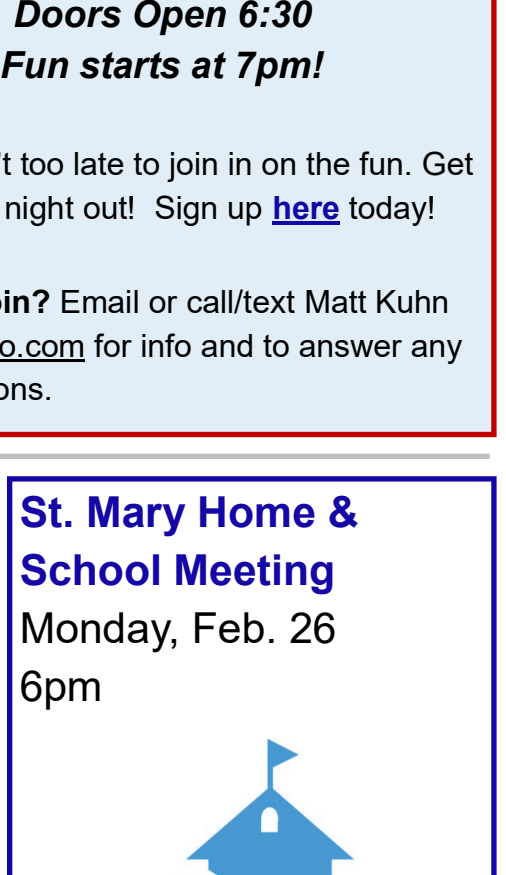


## Want to Volunteer? Get Safeguarded at Upcoming Training on Feb. 27

Every school staff member, teacher and any volunteer that has contact with minors in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee must complete the Safe Environment Training program. A portion of the program is online and the other part must be completed by attending an in-person certification session. We are hosting a live session at St. Mary Parish School on Feb. 27, from 6-9 pm. To begin the process, register online at <https://milwaukee.cmgconnect.org/>. If you have any questions, contact the parish office (262) 251-0220 or email D'Ann Fisher at [fisherd@stam.church](mailto:fisherd@stam.church).

## Students Celebrate 100th Day of School and Valentine's Day!

Each class found their own creative ways to celebrate the 100th day and Valentine's day this week! Our K5 students celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing up like 100-year-olds, and our 2nd graders licked a tootsie pop sucker to see if it took more than 100 licks to get to the center! Several classrooms had Valentine's day parties, too!



[Click here](#) for some more fun pictures showing off all the fun celebrations they've had this week!

## Daily Playground and Lunchroom Volunteers Needed

Please see below for our daily volunteer needs for the next two weeks. **We greatly appreciate your time and help! Here are the links to sign up:**

[Lunchroom Sign Up](#)

[Playground Sign Up](#)

Week of 2/19/24	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchroom Servers (Need 2)	1 Parent Needed	Todd Courtney	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	Christa Kieba
Playground Helper	1 Parent Needed	Nathan Ambrose	1 Parent Needed	Carolyn Stelplug	Karen McCallif

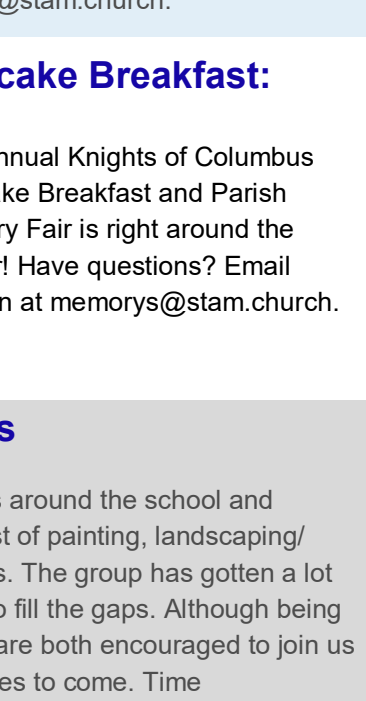
  

Week of 2/26/24	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchroom Servers (Need 2)	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	EARLY RELEASE	NO SCHOOL
Playground Helper	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed

*\*IMPORTANT: all volunteers must have completed the Safeguarding Training. If you have not done so, please check out the upcoming training above, or contact the parish office.*

## Forensics Spotlight: Loreli D.

This is St. Mary Parish School's first year re-entering the Mid-Level Forensic Association since COVID. Our team is small, but mighty and seeing great success at our first three meets. Included is a picture of the entire team with their first-place ribbons at the Holy Angels meet on February 9th. Each week we will feature a different student's entry piece to help familiarize the school to this great program!



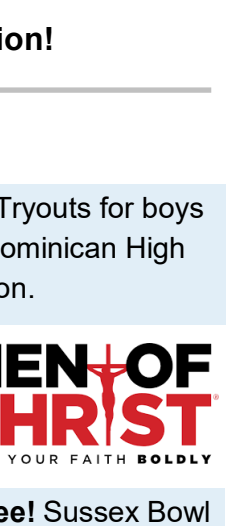
This week, we are featuring Loreli D. and highlighting her success competing in the category of persuasive speaking! As you can see from the photo, she earned 1st place! Her speech advocates for families to put away phones and electronics for an evening of family game night fun!

Read the [full story here!](#)

Congratulations, Loreli!

## Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best!

We're proud of our St. Mary teachers and want to show off how wonderful they are and how much they're appreciated! This week we are highlighting our 5th grade teacher, Ms. Schaefer. Check out what students, families and fellow teachers had to say:



### Ms. Schaefer - 5th Grade Teacher

*"We would like to thank Ms. Schaefer for her commitment to making St. Mary School exciting for the 5th grade students. Ms. Schaefer has found fun ways to bring education to the classroom in an engaging way with her students. This twist on learning proves successful for students that require more hands on learning. We appreciate the newness and excitement she is bringing to the students. Special recognition for also supporting her student athletes outside of the classroom. The kids love seeing her outside of the classroom while showing off their athletic abilities." - Sheri and Brandon Kirchoff*

*"I like that she is not too strict and really nice." - Maddy*

*"Ms. Schaefer is a great addition to St. Mary Parish School. Her students enjoy learning with her each day, and talk about books they are reading or things they are learning." - Mrs. Halverson*

*"We appreciate Ms. Schaefer, particularly how helpful and supportive she is to her students and families. Ms. Schaefer is willing to accommodate, whether through additional communications with parents or additional assistance to students, she is consistently helpful. Ms. Schaefer has been a pleasant addition to St. Mary's Parish School faculty." - Segura Family*

*"Mrs. Schaefer has made Max's first year at St. Mary's one of his best years in school. She has made the transition seamless. Thank you for being very upbeat and positive." - Maggie S.*

*"We have been very pleased with Ms. Schaefer in her new role as the 5th grade teacher. Ms. Schaefer fosters a dynamic and supportive learning environment igniting a passion for learning, empowering Isla to reach her full potential. She encourages Isla to explore her interests and embrace challenges with confidence. Ms. Schaefer fosters a sense of belonging and community, instilling values of empathy, kindness, teamwork, and resilience. With genuine care and understanding, she recognizes our daughter's unique strengths and challenges, ensuring her individualized attention and guidance, providing her success, allowing Isla to feel seen, heard, and valued. Ms. Schaefer's commitment to her students growth and well-being extends beyond the classroom, which will leave a lasting impact in their life. Thank you Ms. Schaefer!" - Heather J.*

*"I was so happy when I heard that Ms. Schaefer had accepted the 5th grade position! She has been very busy since that day doing all that needs to be done to be successful! She has developed close relationships with her students and embraced the expertise of our new director of teacher and student learning, Ms. Maglovsky. Her religious background and the fact that she is an alumna is remarkable!" - Mrs. Kleinmann*

*"My teacher is very sweet." - Cayleigh R.*

*She is so nice and is never mean. She always understands us and helps us when we are frustrated." - Isla*

*"She helps us when we need help and she is there when we need a pen." - Nora G.*

*"She is fun, helpful and nice." - Mia*

*"Ms. Schaefer always has a supply of mints. She is kind and good; just a good teacher." - Anonymous 5th grade student*

*"She lets me have mints all the time." - Johnny*

*"I like when she helps me with my work." - Scarlet*

*"She's nice and lets us do fun stuff!" - Josh*


*"I really like the energy she puts into being our teacher. I love the way she teaches, her silliness and fun attitude, especially our Fun Fridays." - Dominic*

## Home & School Updates

### Volunteer Spotlight:

Thank you so much to every volunteer who has already stepped in to help throughout this school year! You all make St. Mary the great community we are proud to be. We are looking for your nominations! If you would like to help us thank a fellow parent/volunteer to be featured here, please email Heather at [mccabeh@smps.school](mailto:mccabeh@smps.school) with their name along with a few sentences thanking them for all they do for St. Mary! We will then reach out to other families/teachers for additional quotes!

**Thank you!**



**Don't Miss out! Trivia Night is One Week Away!**

**February 23**  
**Doors Open 6:30**  
**Fun starts at 7pm!**

Trivia Night is one week away! It isn't too late to join in on the fun. Get a group together and join us for a night out! Sign up [here](#) today!

**Don't have a team but want to join?** Email or call/text Matt Kuhn 414.688.1933/ [kuhnd1528@yahoo.com](mailto:kuhnd1528@yahoo.com) for info and to answer any questions.

**Support St. Mary School at Chick-fil-A Night!**

Tuesday, Feb. 20th  
4pm - 8pm



Support St. Mary School at "Spirit Night" at Chick-fil-A. A portion of sales between 4 - 8pm will be donated back to St. Mary! Please [click here](#) for important ordering info.

**Thanks for your support!**

**St. Mary Home & School Meeting**

Monday, Feb. 26  
6pm



St. Mary School  
Conference Rooms  
(lower level)

**All are welcome!**

## MOTHER/SON CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

**Friday, March 22, 2024**  
**St. Mary Activity Center**  
**Doors Open 5:30pm**

[Click here](#) for the flyer and for the [RSVP](#) link!

## Musical Director Still Needed!

Our Spring Musical is tentatively planned for March 21st, but we are still in need of a director or possible co-directors to help us continue our long standing tradition of musical productions. You won't get rich, but this is a paid position.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please have them contact the school office. This is a rewarding role and encourages our students to showcase their talents and gain confidence, while entertaining parents and families.

**Please spread the word!**

## Athletics Updates:



**St. Mary's Track and Field Team**  
**Boys and Girls Grades 5 - 8**  
**Sign Up Deadline is March 1st**

Practices will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 - 7:30pm starting April 8th - May 15th at the Menomonee Falls Track.

Please [click here](#) to view the full flyer for more details and for the link to register.

*If you have any questions, please contact Erin at*

## Concessions Help Needed

There are still a few slots that need to be filled for the remainder of the season. Please [click here for a link to our sign up](#). The volunteer positions are open to all PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES, etc. who are available and willing to help out. A minimum of 4 spots per family should be filled per season.



Thank you for your help!  
-St. Mary Parish Athletic Board

## Parish Updates

## Feb. 18 — Faith Formation Talk: Christ's Plan for Salvation

Grow in your understanding of the Catholic faith! Join us at the next Faith Formation Speaker Series at 10:45 am on Feb. 18 in the Lower Level Conference Rooms of the Activity Center. Seminarian Jason Diebold will be presenting "Behold: I am Always with You: The Church and Christ's Plan for Salvation." In this talk, Jason will explain why Christ instituted the Church through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. In addition, he will explain the Church's indefectibility as a way for us to know that the Church is safeguarded from all errors in her teachings. Previous talks can be viewed at the [parish website](#).

## Parish Youth Groups are Forming!

St. Mary & St. Anthony parishes are forming a youth group. The group will meet at St. Anthony on the second and fourth Fridays of the month beginning on March 8. There will be two sessions. Youth in grades 7-9 will meet from 6-7:45 pm and youth in grades 10-12 will meet from 7:15 to 9 pm. We will first meet in the St. Joseph Adoration Chapel and move to the lower level of the St. Therese Faith Formation Center. If you'd like to register your child, contact Ellen Schlosser at [schlossere@stam.church](mailto:schlossere@stam.church).

**St. Mary Ministry Fair AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**  
**8AM - 12:30PM**  
**MARIAN HALL**

St. Mary School (Lower Level) Handicap accessible

**Pancake Breakfast:**

The annual Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast and Parish Ministry Fair is right around the corner! Have questions? Email Sharon at [memories@stam.church](mailto:memories@stam.church).

## Volunteers Needed for School Projects

We currently have a group of volunteers who do odd jobs around the school and church a couple days a week. These jobs typically consist of painting, landscaping/gardening, woodworking, and small maintenance projects. The group has gotten a lot smaller over the years and we need a few more people to fill the gaps. Although being handy is a plus, it's not required. Ladies and gentlemen are both encouraged to join us in keeping our school maintained and beautiful for the ages to come. Time commitment is flexible. Call Tim if you'd like to learn more: (262) 215-1412.



**ST. ANTHONY & ST. MARY**  
**Irish Gala**  
A Celebration of Faith and Fellowship

**Saturday, March 16, 2024**  
**Davians Conference Center**  
N56W16300 Silver Spring Drive | Menomonee Falls, WI

**Event Schedule**  
5:00PM - Registration & Silent Auction  
7:00PM - Dinner  
8:30PM - Live Auction

Registration \$125 per person  
Scan QR code to register  
Questions email: [stamuction@stam.church](mailto:stamuction@stam.church)

**St. Mary & St. Anthony Irish Gala**

Please join us:  
**Saturday, March 16th.**  
*See image to the left for more info.*



## Calendar Raffle Winners

**Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn on Feb. 14th:**  
*Terri Kaminski, Drew Jansen, Ruth Minue, Phillips Family, and Carol Shulteis*

**Thank you for your support and participation!**

## In the Community



**Dominican Jr. Knights 2024 Basketball Tryouts:** Tryouts for boys and girls currently in 5th—8th grade will be held at Dominican High School on March 3. Click the logo for more information.

**2024 Men of Christ Conference—Mastering What Matters:** Saturday, March 9 at St. Mary Parish Activity Center. Get all the details and register [here](#).




**Sussex Bowl Summer Program: Kids Bowl Free!** Sussex Bowl was very complimentary of our students during their field trip during CSW. They wanted to share info about their summer bowling program where kids bowl free! Check out [more info here!](#)

**Menomonee Falls Little League Registration:** Menomonee Falls Little League Registration is extended to through **February 21st**. Little league is open for various levels for kids ages 4 through 18, T-Ball, softball, and baseball. Those interested can see the Website at [fallslittleleague.org](http://fallslittleleague.org) for additional information.




**Upward Baseball Begins April 18th.** Open to Grades K5 - 4th, boys and girls. Registration & Silent Auction March 12, 2024. Click the logo for more information.

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