

CHALLENGING MINDS

DEVELOPING CHARACTER

LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

I'll be the first to confess that I am weary of winter but I have to admit that there was beauty in the snowy landscape this morning when I looked up from shoveling. Hopefully, we will see some signs of spring very soon! Speaking of that, remember to **"spring forward"** your clocks this weekend.

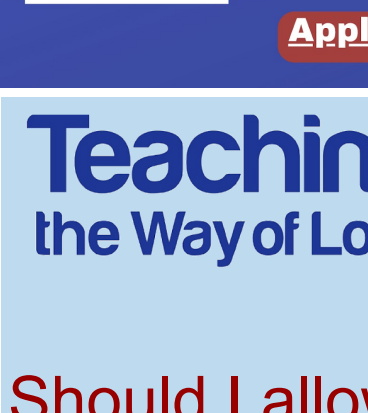
**That's a wrap!** We wrapped up the second trimester on Tuesday and will be emailing progress reports for students in grades 1-8 on Friday, March 17th. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please contact his or her teacher.

**Please join us on Thursday, March 16 at 1:30 PM to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries (in Church) and on Tuesday, April 4 at 1:00 PM for Living Stations of the Cross (in the Activity Center).**

I'm not telling you anything new when I say that parenting is probably one of the most rewarding and daunting tasks you will ever undertake. To better support you in your role as a parent, we are now including links to **parenting articles** that we hope you find interesting and helpful. Today's article (see below) comes from *Teaching in the Way of Love* and provides some useful guidance to help you decide when you should let your child struggle through a problem and when you should step in to help. Please let us know if there are any specific parenting topics you would like us to include.

**In celebration of St. Patrick's Day students may be out of uniform next Friday. No dyed hair please.**

**ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS** - The 6-8th grade retreat will be held on campus on Friday, March 17. [Please click here to order your child's retreat lunch](#) or let us know that your child will bring a bag lunch. **This order form must be completed on or before 12 PM, Wednesday, April 15th.** The cost of this lunch will be charged to your Blackbaud (formerly Smart Tuition) account.



We will be having a **buy-out-of-uniform day\* on Friday, March 28** in support of Rebekah's Angels, a cause near and dear to the heart of Beth Hartwig (school parent, St. Mary alum, and Boston Marathoner).

[Click here to read more](#) about Beth's journey back to Boston and the special cause she is supporting.

\*for a donation of \$1 or more, students may be out of uniform for the day

Faithfully,  
Linda Joyner

## REMINDER

**As part of the tuition agreement, parents receiving a discounted tuition rate (parishioner rate) are expected to support the parish through sacrificial giving of 3-5% with a minimum of \$780 per school year.**

**Families who will be "graduating" or not returning for the 23-24 school year must have met this obligation prior to May 31st. If you have not fulfilled this obligation by the May 31st deadline, it may be added to your last tuition bill.**

## Open Enrollment is happening now!

February 1 - April 20, 2023

[Apply Now](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 2 - 22**  
Iowa Testing  
(Grades 3, 5, 7)

**March 12**  
Padre Serra BB  
Tournament (St.  
Thomas More H.S.)  
Girls play @1PM

**March 14**  
8th Grade Portraits with  
VIP

**March 17**  
M.S. Retreat/Service  
Day

**March 17**  
Out-of-Uniform  
Day

**March 19**  
Padre Serra BB  
Tournament (St.  
Thomas More H.S.)  
Boys play @3:15PM

**March 20**  
Sacramental Meditation  
Meeting (2nd grade)  
6:30pm @ St. Anthony

**March 21**  
[Click-fil-A Night](#)  
4 - 9pm

**March 23**  
[Lion King Musical](#)  
(Grades 3-5)  
Doors Open 5:30pm

**March 27-31**  
Spring Break

**April 7-10**  
Easter Break

**April 14**  
Movie Night

**April 17**  
MAPS Testing begins

**April 17- 21**  
Scholastic Book Fair

**April 21**  
Grandparents Day

**April 21**  
[Mother Son Cornhole  
Tournament](#)

**April 26-29**  
Washington D.C. Trip  
8th Grade

**April 28**  
Trivia Night  
(new date)

**May 1 - 5**  
Teacher Appreciation  
Week

**May 5**  
Middle School Social

**May 19**  
Father Daughter Dance

[View Full Calendar](#)

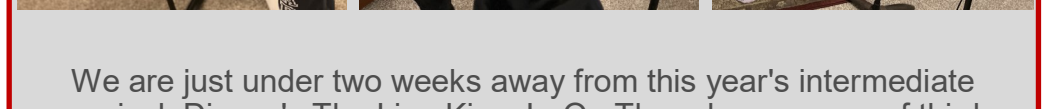
Teaching  
the Way of Love

Parenting  
with the Heart  
of Christ

## Should I allow my child to struggle?

It's difficult to be a good parent and raise children who love life and are faithful to God's plan. It's hard to know when to let them struggle and when to bail them out. It's tough to discern when letting them struggle might break their spirit and when protecting them might make them weak. [Continue reading here...](#)

## Please join us on March 23rd for St. Mary's production of



Show times are 1:00PM and 6:00PM. Doors open at 5:30PM

Admission is \$5 for adults.

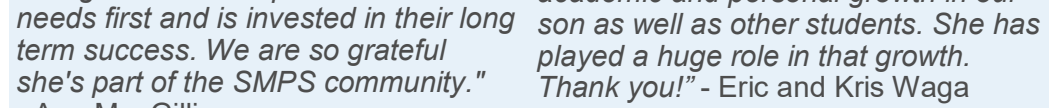
High school and college students are \$3.

Children and students are free.

Cash only!

Donations are welcome!

## Lion King Jr. Production Updates!



We are just under two weeks away from this year's intermediate musical, Disney's The Lion King Jr. On Thursday, a group of third, fourth, and fifth graders headed out to Mr. Mau's house to record the background tracks for ten of the songs that you'll hear at the play. Here's a behind the scenes look at our recording session!

Mrs. Nowicki and Mrs. Kleinmann would like to thank all of the parents for their hard work and dedication to our production! They have been working long hours to ensure that our vision is brought to life! Many hours are being put into creating the costumes and set, and we cannot wait for everyone to see what they have done!

In order to offset the production costs, there will be an admission fee. Adults are \$5, high school and college students are \$3, and children and students are free. Showtimes are at 1PM, and 6PM.

## 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 the amazing work of our 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Kleinmann. Take a look at what some students and families had to say about her:

**Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Kleinmann - 5th Grade**

"Mrs. Kleinmann is so patient with us and even though she's producing *Lion King*, she still finds the time to make *School* important and help us be better students." - Owen M.

"Mrs. Kleinmann is the definition of a caring teacher who puts her student's needs first and is invested in their long term success. We are so grateful she's part of the SMPS community." - Ann MacGilliss

"Mrs. Kleinmann has made the classroom an amazing learning environment in which my daughter talks about it daily. My daughter looks up to her and she is a great role model." - Kristin Braun

"She is really nice and always has fun activities for us to do in class. She is doing an amazing job teaching all of the dances for the *Lion King*. I am so lucky to have had her for the last two years." - Megan P.

"I have enjoyed having Mrs. Kleinmann teach *Christian* this year. *Christian* likes the games that they get to play at morning meeting. His favorite is silent ball." - Becky Leupi

"Whether you are teaching math, or directing the play, you are an awesome teacher!!" - Jessica S.

Thank you, Mrs. Kleinmann, for the wonderful education you are providing our students! You are so appreciated!

## Cub Scouts Annual Pinewood Derby:

Please join Cub Scout Pack 180, on Sunday March 12, 2023, for the annual Pinewood Derby. Registration begins at 11:00 AM with racing starting at 1:00PM. With our 'Open Division,' guests can race their own pre-registered car. Call or email Pack 180 Cubmaster Jorge at [jaquilarseguira@gmail.com](mailto:jaquilarseguira@gmail.com) or 414-378-7511.

## Home & School Updates

### Volunteer Spotlight:

Please help us continue thanking our great volunteers. Please share the name of someone you wish to thank/highlight along with a quote about their contributions to Heather at [mccabeh@smmps.school](mailto:mccabeh@smmps.school).

We appreciate your feedback and know our volunteers appreciate the kind words, too!

Thank you all.

### Save the date!

**Trivia Night: Friday, April 28th 7pm**

Start gathering your teams and planning your themes!

Please note this is a change of date from the one on the Home and School calendar.

More information to come soon!

## SAVE THE DATE:

St. Mary Parish School Mother/Son Cornhole Tournament

Friday, April 21st

6:30—9pm

St. Mary Activity Center

[View the Flyer and RSVP Here](#)

## Upcoming Safe Environment Trainings:

All individuals who volunteer at St. Mary School or Parish must complete Safe Environment Training. If you have not yet completed this training, please check out these upcoming training sessions:

**Wednesday, March 15 | 6-9 PM**

St John Vianney, 1755 Calhoun Rd. Brookfield, WI 53005

**Saturday, March 25 | 1-4 PM**

St Patrick, 107 W Walworth St. Elkhorn, WI 53121

**Monday, March 27 | 6-9 PM**

St. Catherine School 2647 N 51st Street Milwaukee, WI 53210

Registration must be done [online here](#).

If you are having difficulty registering for the session or have questions, please contact St. Mary Parish School Safe Environment Coordinator, Steve Cosentino by phone at (262) 251-0220 or email at [scosentino@stam.church](mailto:scosentino@stam.church)

**Additional Information can be found [here](#).**

## Parish Updates

**St. Mary School Girl Scouts Selling Cookies Before & After Masses this Weekend**

**It's Cookie Time!**

It's that time of year again! Girl Scout Cookies are in high demand and our St. Mary Parish School Girl Scouts will be around this weekend before/after Masses on March 11 & 12 with the cure to satisfy your sweet tooth! (If you gave up sweets for Lent, a little birdie told us they also freeze well!)

## Men of Christ Conference

Attention men: You're invited to join the 2023 Men of Christ conference—Living Your Vocation Courageously—which will be held at St. Anthony on **March 11**—with both virtual and live elements. The morning will feature well-known speakers, Mass, Adoration, Confession and fellowship. [Click image for more details.](#)

## Calendar Raffle Winners

**Congratulations to these \$30 winners that were drawn on March 8th: James Lenahan, Kari Pollard, Wally & Laura Weyker, and the Tappa Family**

**And a special congrats to this \$150 winner drawn on March 10th: Terri Noll**

**Thank you for your support.**

## In the Community

**Camp Chesterton 2023:** June 20th, open to kids ages 8 - 12. Join for group competitions, sports, virtue talks, and games throughout the day. Deadline to register is May 25th. [Click the image for more info and to register.](#)

**Dominican Sports Summer Camp:** Discover your potential skills at Dominican High School's youth sports camps. Activities include; basketball, soccer, lacrosse and baseball. [Click the image for more info and to register.](#)

**Matthew 25 Local Work Camp 2023 Registration is Open: June 19 - 23 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church:** Open to students in 5th—12th grade. Early bird registration is \$75 now through May 1st. [Click image for more info and to register.](#)

**Rocket Aquatics Spring Swim Clinic at Germantown High School:** Open for swimmers ages 9-14. Runs from April 11 - June 8th on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. [Click the image for more information, and click here to register.](#)

**Summer Camp at Dominican High School (Entering grades 2-4) July 10 - 14, 2023:** Three sessions include STEM and Critical Thinking, Arts and Creativity, and Soccer Skills. [Click the image for more information, and here to register.](#)

**Curcuit Baseball Camp Summer 2023 is open for registration:** Open to children ages 6-12. [Click the image for more information and to register.](#)

**Support St. Mary at J.K. Lee Taekwondo** Help Support St. Mary and sign up for one month of classes, OR sign up to celebrate your child's birthday at J.K. Lee. All proceeds go back to St. Mary! [Click here for more info, and complete the survey to sign up/get more information!](#)

**Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (MACCW) 8th Grade Girls Scholarship Opportunity:** MACCW will be offering three \$1,500 Scholarships to three deserving young girls who are planning to enter a Catholic High School in the Fall of 2023. Application forms and details are available [here](#). All applications must be postmarked by Friday, April 1, 2023 and winners will be notified by May 1st.

**Pompeii Men's Club Catholic High School \$2,500 Scholarship Award:** Must be a Catholic Grade School student to participate. [Click on the image to the right to learn more and to access the full award application.](#) (Applications due July 1st with full, final report card).

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