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Dear Families,

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE IRISH GALA! The Irish Gala was a tremendous success. Thanks to your support, we were able to raise \$25,000 for St. Mary toward an upgraded Wi-Fi system. This will be critical to support academic and STEM programming, as well as administrative operations, so achieving this goal was huge! Preliminary reports indicate the Irish Gala has exceeded fundraising goals, but specific information will be provided in coming weeks after the numbers are finalized. **Thank you! We could not have done it without your prayers, your generosity, and your faith.**

A special thank you to the auction planning committee:

Jessica McDowell	Brenda Burrows	Christine Courtney
Katie Fox	Arin Nguyen	Angie Tappa
Ann MacGillis	Terri Kaminski	Judy & Jim Main
Aimee Marshall	Lauren Trautner	Jenny Nygaard
Gina Franz	Sharon Memory	

Also, much appreciation to: Nicole Hall, Kristin Latham, St. Mary teachers, staff, classroom moms & parents for the great baskets, St. Mary Do-Dads — Don, Rich, Kevin, Bob Graushar, Jerry Misleng, event-day volunteers, donors and attendees who showed up to support our Catholic mission in our community.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE: Another big announcement that was made at the gala was regarding the school playground project. Thanks to the parish and Love One Another funds contributing 75% of the project, an additional LOA grant from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and reduced costs due to volunteers helping to do the installation, we only need to raise \$10,000 for the school playground project! The contracts will be signed in the next week or so.

ALMSGIVING PROJECT: Our buy-out day netted \$317.76 that will go towards shipping our shoe donations to Africa. Thanks for supporting our Almsgiving outreach project! **We will be accepting shoe donations through Monday, March 25th.** Mrs. Mogilevski and I, along with sixteen middle school volunteers, will be delivering our donation to the SFJ site on Wednesday, March 27. While there we will help out by cleaning, sorting, and preparing the shoes for shipping to Africa.

GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY! This special day will be here before you know it. Please take a look at the sign up genius below to see how you can help make this day extra special for our guests and our students!

LET'S SHOW SOME WARRIOR SPIRIT! Come out and cheer on our boys BB team tonight! Their game starts at 7:45PM at Dominican High School.

Faithfully,
Linda Joyner

UPCOMING EVENTS

TONIGHT
Mother/Son Event
[Cornhole Tournament](#)
Doors open 5:30

March 25 - 29
Holy Week

March 26
8th Grade UWM
Planetarium Field Trip
[Permission Slip](#)

March 27
Soles for Jesus MS
Service Project Field Trip

March 28
Prayer Service
1:45pm

March 29 - April 5
No School
Easter Break

April 8
Home & School Meeting
7 - 8:30pm

April 9
[Eye Screening](#)
K3-K5
[Permission Slip](#)

April 12
[Movie Night](#)
Disney Pixar's [Luca](#)
6:30pm
[Permission Slip here](#)

April 17
MAP testing begins

April 19
[Middle School Social](#)
[GLOW Party!](#)
Activity Center
6 - 8pm
(Grades 5 - 8)
[Permission slip](#)

April 24
[Toppers Restaurant](#)
[Night](#)
4 - 9pm

April 26
Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day

May 1 - 4
8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

May 6
First Communion
9:30 - 10:30am

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Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day April 26, 2024

We are beyond excited to welcome all of our amazing grandparents and special guests to St. Mary's! It's going to be such a special day filled with many cherished memories for our students and families.

We can't wait to show off our school and all the incredible things we've been working on. Let's make sure they leave feeling extra loved and appreciated during their visit!

If you are available for a few hours on Friday, please [sign up here](#) to volunteer your time.

We also need some treats and beverages for everyone to enjoy. Please check this [sign up genius](#) for a list of needed refreshments. You can drop off your contributions at the school office by Thursday, April 25th. Thank you for helping make this day extra special!

More details will be coming soon!

8th Graders Perform Stations of the Cross

The 8th graders led the stations of the cross on Tuesday by taking on the roles of the characters. They brought the story to life through dramatization and lead the school community in prayer and reflection on Christ's passion and sacrifice. Check out the [full video here](#) on our [Facebook page!](#) Great job 8th graders!

April Hot Lunch Orders Due Tuesday

Please place your students' hot lunch orders for April here.

Orders must be placed on or before **Tuesday, March 26th at 12pm.** Please be sure to get your orders in on time as we will not be able to re-open the hot lunch portal once we have submitted the menu counts to our hot lunch vendor.

View April Menu [Here](#).

Next Young Rembrandts Session Begins April 10th.

Click the image to the left for more info and to register!

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 3/25/24	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchroom Servers (Need 2)	Christa Kleeba	1 Parent Needed	Becky Rusch	1 Parent Needed	NO
Playground Helper	1 Parent Needed	Nathan Ambrose	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	SCHOOL

Week of 4/8/24	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchroom Servers (Need 2)	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	Ann MacGillis	Chris Stueland	Christa Kleeba
Playground Helper	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	Karen Micallef

*IMPORTANT: all volunteers must have completed the Safeguarding Training. If you have not done so, please contact the parish office.

Optimist Club Student of the Month - Emma E.

Congratulations to Emma E. who is the Optimist club Student of the Month for March! Emma truly exemplifies what it means to be a positive influence in the classroom. She is always ready to learn, knows how to keep a group on task, and perseveres when content is challenging. Emma excels in all academic areas and truly enjoys learning. Emma is also an excellent citizen in our school. She can be counted on to accomplish any task asked of her. Emma is respectful of her classmates and teachers. Emma also lives her calling as a disciple by taking care of her classmates. She is willing to help others with their work by guiding them through a concept but she is also willing to give up a recess to keep a friend company! Emma can often be found leading a prayer, serving, or reading at mass. Emma is also busy outside of school with forensics, volleyball, track, and playing the guitar.

Congratulations, Emma!

Forensics Team Update

The St. Mary Parish School Forensics Team celebrated an awesome season with a bowling party at Krueger's on Thursday. They had many successes to celebrate from the season, as each St. Mary participant earned ribbons and medals throughout the competitions *and* click below to read the full update and to learn more about how you/your student can get involved next year!

[Full story here!](#)

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 K5 teacher, Mrs. Hartwig. Check out what some students, families and fellow teachers had to say:

Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Hartwig, K5

"I love Mrs. Hartwig! I love her because she is nice and kind to me. She helps me write and I love writing the most at school and writing homework. She helps me learn how to read." - Nora H.

"I love when Mrs. Hartwig reads us silly stories! She is so much fun!" - Charlie S.

"Mrs. Hartwig is nice. I like to walk around with her while she does recess sometimes." - Maggie W.

"Mrs. Hartwig is nice and helps me with my projects. I love our classroom." - Evelyn L.

"Mrs. Hartwig is absolutely wonderful! It is evident that she has a genuine passion for teaching. Her fun-loving approach, patience, and creativity create a nurturing environment where children thrive. Thank you for all that you do to inspire and care for our little ones! We are lucky to have you at SMPS!" - Nikki Nichols

[Read several more quotes about Mrs. Hartwig here.](#)

Home & School Updates

Volunteer Spotlight:
Nicole and Chris Fischer

"Thank you, Chris, for stepping up to take on the role of Concessions Coordinator and being a part of the SMPS Athletic Board. We appreciate your involvement and commitment to another successful SMPS sports season! Thank you, Nicole, for volunteering your time and picking up those extra shifts in the concession stand. It helps to have a pro in there keeping it organized and clean! Also, thank you for helping with the Calendar Raffle and stepping in to volunteer and donate for many other Home and School Events throughout the year! Our school community is blessed to have you both involved!"

- Josh and Kristin Stanek

"We are grateful to Chris and Nicole's tireless efforts in helping to make St. Mary's Athletics a success. Being involved in basketball, we see firsthand the commitment from them- from coaching, to working concessions, to restocking the concession area. They're always going above and beyond!"

- The Crivellos

"The Fischer's bring consistent and dependable organization to every activity they participate in!" - Justin Latham

Thank you, Chris and Nicole, for all you do to support our St. Mary Community! You are so appreciated!

SAVE THE DATE! LAST MOVIE NIGHT OF THE YEAR

Disney's *LUCA* - Marion Hall

April 12th Doors Open 6:30pm

St. Mary Home & School Meeting

Monday, April 8
7pm

Home & School Meeting

School Conference Rooms
(lower level, enter through Hayes alleyway doors)

All are welcome!

Athletics Updates

Padre Serra Tournament: Join us Tonight!

The tournament continues tonight for our 8th grade boys! Join us tonight at Dominican High School at 7:45pm and cheer them on in your Hawaiian gear!

Please visit <https://www.thepadreserra.org> for more information and brackets.

Hope to see you tonight! Let's go, Warriors!

Parish Updates

Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 28
7pm | Mass of the Last Supper
(No 8:10 am Mass)

Good Friday, March 29
3 pm | The Lord's Passion
(No 8:10 am Mass/No 12 pm Confession)
9 am -12 pm Confession at St. Anthony

Holy Saturday, March 30
8 pm | Easter Vigil
(The only Mass on Holy Saturday is the Vigil)

Earn Volunteer Hours at Spring Work Day

St. Mary is hosting two Spring Work Days to prepare the grounds for spring. Join us from 8 to 11:30 on April 20 and/or May 11. This is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours while taking care of our spiritual home.

Register online [here](#).

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn on March 20th:
Tim & Tanya Rehurst, Ellie Essier, Jesse Tarango, and Chuck Carabelli

And congrats to this \$250 winner drawn March 22:
Jim and Fran Birschbach

Thank you for your support and participation!

In the Community

Summer Camps at Camp de Sales: Summer day camps led by new Vocation Director Father Michael Malucha at the seminary for middle school men. Each day is filled with sports, prayer, and community. The boys will be served lunch. They can register for one, two or all three of the camps held on Saturday, June 22; Thursday, July 25; and/or Tuesday, August 6. Find more info and register [here](#).

DSHA Summer Camp Program, Summer Cool: Choose from over 100 camps offered for girls in rising grades 1 –9. Additionally, [Community Theatre Works](#) (CTW) is staging *The Spongebob Musical*, open to girls and boys in rising grades 5 - 12. [Click here](#) for more information on all opportunities offered!

Camp Chesterton 2024: Summer one-day camp for kids ages 8 - 12. Highlights of the day include Mass, games, lunch, age-appropriate virtue talks, house competitions, and more! Cost is \$50 per child. Registration deadline is May 31. [Click the logo to learn more and for the link to register.](#)

Circuit Baseball Camps: These Christ-centered baseball camps are open to kids ages 6 - 12. All camps held at Brookfield Lutheran Fields. Multiple camps to choose from, with first beginning June 10th. [Click here](#) for the flyer with list of all camps, dates, and registration information.

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