

CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

Didn't our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students do a spectacular job performing the *Lion King Jr.* last night? Many thanks to our faculty, staff, and to all the parents who helped make this production possible. Who knew we had so many artistically talented teachers and parents! One particularly talented parent photographer, Ann MacGillis, was kind enough to share her photos from last night. Please see below. We do have extra programs, so if you would like one for a keepsake, please contact the school office.

Spring seems like the time of year when students seem to experience growth spurts. This results in skirts and jumpers that suddenly seem to be too short. Please remember that skirts and jumpers should be knee length. We are also seeing a lot of shaggy long hair on the boys. Boys hair should be neatly groomed, above the eyebrows and off the collar (in length). Your assistance in supporting the uniform code is greatly appreciated!

As we move into spring we begin planning for the next school year. We are still finalizing the 2023-24 calendar but here are some important dates to help you with your planning. Please note that Easter is very early next year so Holy Week falls on the typical spring break dates of our local public schools. This means that our spring break will not line up with other area schools for the 2023-24 school year.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

First Day of School.....	August 28
Teacher Convention/Inservice.....	October 5 - 6
Christmas Break.....	December 25 - January 2
Teacher Inservice.....	February 9 - 12
Easter Break.....	March 29 - April 5
8th grade graduation.....	June 5
Last Day of School.....	June 7

I also have a couple of bittersweet announcements regarding next year. Mrs. McAsey (K5) and Mrs. Shea will be retiring at the end of this school year. Together these ladies have logged over 70 years of teaching! We will also have to say goodbye to Mrs. Strieter (Social Studies). Maryah will be getting married this summer and moving to Florida. While I am sad to see them go, I am blessed and grateful to have had them as part of our faculty and school community.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised \$281 during our buy-out day today. These funds will be donated to [Rebekah's Angels](#).

Spring Break Reminder - No school Monday, March 27 - Friday, March 31. The school office will be closed all week.



Please join us on Tuesday, April 4 at 1:00 PM as our eighth grade students lead us in praying the Stations of the Cross (in the Activity Center).

Visitors should enter the building through the front entrance.

Have a relaxing spring break! See you on April 3rd.

Faithfully,
Linda Joyner

UPCOMING EVENTS	
March 25	Family Fitness Fundraiser for Rebekah's Angels 1pm - 3pm Activity Center View Flyer Here
March 27-31	Spring Break
April 5	Young Rembrandts Drawing Class Begins View Flyer Here
April 7-10	Easter Break
April 14	Movie Night
April 17	MAPS Testing begins
April 17-21	Scholastic Book Fair
April 18	Panda Express Restaurant Day 10:30am - 9pm View Flyer Here
April 21	Grandparents Day
April 21	Mother Son Cornhole Tournament
April 26-29	Washington D.C. Trip 8th Grade
April 28	Trivia Night
May 1 - 5	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 5	Middle School Social
May 19	Father Daughter Dance

[View Full Calendar](#)

How to Survive Mass With Little Kids

By Danielle Bean



Are you having a hard time surviving Mass each Sunday with your kids? Whether you have just one rambunctious toddler or a whole gang of little people, trying to keep your kids quiet and well-behaved in the pews can leave you feeling exhausted and defeated. Danielle Bean, a writer, speaker, wife, and mother of eight offers some great tips, advice, and encouragement in Episode 367 of her "Girlfriends" podcast. [Click here to listen.](#)

Support Rebekah's Angels at ZUMBA!

Family Fitness Fundraiser

Saturday, March 25th

1PM-3PM

St. Mary School Activity Center

There will be kids activities, raffles, and fellowship!

Hope to see you there for this great cause!

[View Flyer Here](#)

THE LION KING JR.

Congratulations to our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders who put on a spectacular performance of the Lion King Jr. on Thursday! The many hours spent practicing and preparing for the big performance paid off, and the St. Mary Community has been blown away by the talent!

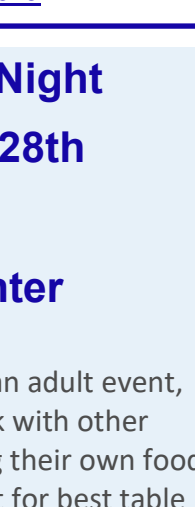
Check out some pictures from the performance below! (Courtesy of Ann MacGillis- Thank you!) You can view the full album [here](#).

Hakuna Matata!



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 8th grade/M.S. Science teacher, Mrs. Mrozinski. Take a look at what some students and families had to say about her:



Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Mrozinski – Middle School Science

"I am thankful for Mrs. Mrozinski. Not only in homeroom but in science class. Her labs are always hands on and engaging. She is helpful, and caring. She takes the time to explain things in a way that I can understand. She is always looking out for me and considerate of my allergies. Thank you Mrs. Mrozinski for being my teacher!"
- Will Ptak

"She is understanding and pays attention when I ask her questions. She does fun labs in science like the marble roller coaster."
-Blake Schmitt

"Mrs. Mrozinski is an outstanding science teacher and we feel so blessed to have her at St. Mary's. Both of our boys enjoy science class because she makes learning hands-on and interactive. She teaches her students how to think like scientists. Mrs. Mrozinski holds high expectations for her students and she truly cares about each one of them."
- Jim and Kim Schmitt

"She always pushes people to do their best and is always there if we don't understand anything or have any questions."
- Gavin Chisholm

"Thank you Mrs. Mrozinski for taking the time and effort to make learning about Science more enjoyable for our Middle School students. Incorporating activities with food, including an Ice Cream Lab and Cookie Baking, to doing a Paper Roller Coaster Carnival and Electronic Quiz Board to name a few. We appreciate you and all that you do! I know our kids do as well!"
- Lucy Koslo

"Mrs. Mrozinski always guides you to the right answer and makes sure you fully understand the topic she is teaching so each student feels good about their knowledge on the topic and what they learned in the unit."
- Jonah Weyker

"Mrs. Mrozinski never gives up on you and pushes you to your full potential. She also loves wearing shirts that correspond with the unit we are doing which is fun!"
- Laney Weyker

"Mrs. Mrozinski is a teacher that engages the whole class and if she notices someone isn't understanding or struggling, she does her best to include them and help them understand."
- Andrew Noll

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

Home & School Updates

Volunteer Spotlight: SMPS Theatre Guild

Rick Stelplflug, Jenny Nygard, Heidi Gold, PJ Braun, Emily Brockman, Katie Weiske, Kari Pollard, Becky Leupi, Alison Wood, Ann MacGillis, Shelly Lemminger, Kristin Latham, Marie Butler, Christine Herbst, Laurie Rocole, Jen Sanders, Arin Nguyen, Jessica McDowell, Mary McDonnell, Amanda Panser, Sharon Gumeny, and Rachel McHenry

Dedication. Talent. Leadership. Commitment. Each and every one of these volunteers demonstrated these qualities and came together as a team to help our students and directors pull off an amazing production of The Lion King on Thursday! We are in awe of the talent that was shared with our community. From the costumes, to the set, to the hand-made masks and props, and everything in between, these volunteers went above and beyond to make this a magical experience for all! We can't thank you enough for bringing your time, talents and energy and sharing it with us all to enjoy! We know these students will remember this production for years to come as will all those in the audience!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Fundraiser Profit Update:

Thanks to your participation (and cravings!), St. Mary School earned a profit of **\$400** from the Chick-Fil-A restaurant night!

Our Panera restaurant night brought us in **\$90.93**, which is great considering it was a "snow day"!

Thanks so much to all who placed orders and helped raise money for St. Mary School!

Please join us for our next Restaurant Night at:



Panda Express
Tuesday, April 18
10:30AM - 9:00PM
[View Flyer Here](#)

Home and School Meeting Minutes Update:

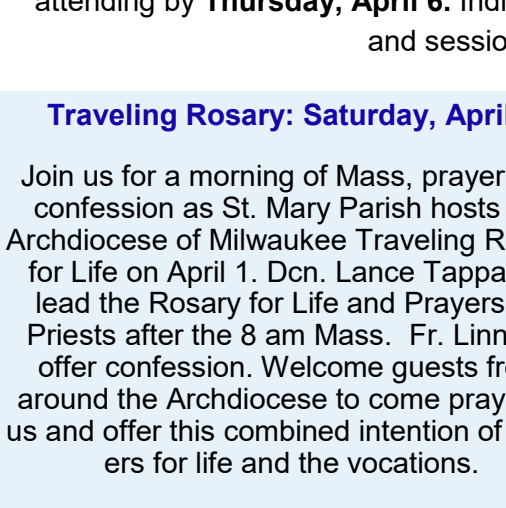
Meeting Minutes from the Meeting on March 7th can be found [here](#).

The next Home and School meeting is **Tuesday, April 4th at 7PM** in the School Conference Rooms. All are welcome!

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](#)



Spring Trivia Night

Friday, April 28th

7pm

Activity Center

St. Mary's has a fun tradition of biannual Trivia Nights. This is an adult event, that lasts 2 1/2 -3 hours, and is a great way to meet and talk with other parents. Trivia night consists of ten rounds of trivia. Tables bring their own food and drinks. (Adult beverages are welcomed.) There is a contest for best table theme, but it is up to you if your table would like to participate in this. We are hoping to have at least one team from each grade level. Teams consist of a maximum of 10 players.

If you are interested in playing, [please sign up here!](#) Please indicate if you are already on a team. If you are not already on a team, please consider joining a team with your grade level parents.

We hope you consider participating in this fun event! Questions? Please contact Kathleen Kuhn at ksimeth@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE
Annual St. Mary Parish School Golf Outing

Presented by

Saturday, September 9, 2023
Blackstone Creek Golf Course
Germantown, WI

- More information and formal sign up coming soon!
- Many Sponsorship Opportunities Available.
- Please contact Brian Gold for more information.

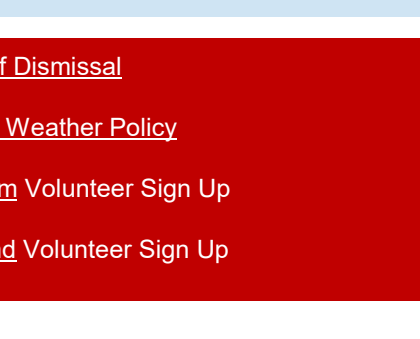
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Parish Updates

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.



Sign Up for Altar Server Training by April 6

Seminarians Jason Diebolt and Aaron Siehr will be holding Altar Server Training Sessions at both parishes on April 15-16. This is open to all students (5th grade and older) interested in training to be an Altar Server. Students can receive server training at either session.

- Saturday, April 15, from 12 to 10:30 am, at St. Mary Church
- Sunday, April 16, from 9 to 1:30pm, at St. Anthony Church

Please email Sharon at memories@stam.church if your child is interested in attending by **Thursday, April 6**. Indicate student name, age, grade, school, and session preference.

Traveling Rosary: Saturday, April 1

Join us for a morning of Mass, prayer and confession as St. Mary Parish hosts the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Traveling Rosary for Life on April 1. Dcn. Lance Tappa will lead the Rosary for Life and Prayers for Priests after the 8 am Mass. Fr. Linn will offer confession. Welcome guests from around the Archdiocese to come pray with us and offer this combined intention of prayers for life and the vocations.

Palm Sunday Procession: April 2

Join us for a Eucharistic Procession from St. Anthony to St. Mary after the 10:30 am Mass on April 2. Transportation back to St. Anthony will be provided after the procession. Adoration will continue until 5 pm at St. Mary. Volunteers are needed to assist in the procession. Sign up online [here](#).

Easter Vigil Candle Deadline Is March 27

Easter Vigil Candle Forms can be found at church entrances or call the parish office (262) 385-3137. The deadline is March 27.

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 winners that were drawn on March 22nd: Todd & Christine Courtney, David & Donna Roesch, Carla Karczewski, and Sam Gold.

And a special congrats to this \$250 winner drawn on March 24th: Meulemans Family

Thank you for your support.

In the Community

Falls Park Phoenix Menomonee Falls Jr. Phoenix Open House: April 16th at 12pm and 1:15pm. Open to current Kindergarten and 1st graders. [Click the image to view the flyer and for info how to RSVP.](#)

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 High 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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