

CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear families,

As a Catholic school, we are called to be more than a place of learning and a community of faith. The Archdiocese reminds us that Catholic education is shaped by *Communio and Communio*, where students, teachers, families, and leaders work in partnership to build a culture of trust, collaboration, and shared mission. This is not just a philosophy; it is an essential part of who we are.

This year has been one of remarkable growth and transformation. Our teachers have shown tremendous commitment, embracing new curriculum, professional development, and inclusion supports that are helping us better serve all learners. We have met important benchmarks, strengthened our practices, and laid a strong foundation for the future. In many ways, this was our year of compliance with best practices, standards, and the vision we've been working toward.

Next year, we look ahead with hope and purpose, it will be our year of being **aspirational**. We're dreaming big, and we want our parents alongside us in that vision. You are the primary educators of your children and an essential part of our school community. Your insight helps guide our decisions, and your presence makes our community stronger.

We invite you to engage more deeply. Whether it's attending school events, volunteering in the classroom or at lunch, mentoring a new family, or leading an extra-curricular, we are so grateful for each moment of our time and energy. A great place to start? Join us for our **Lenten Family Retreat**—a beautiful opportunity to reflect, reconnect, and grow in faith together.

To those of you who already give your time, energy, and love so generously—thank you. You help make our mission come alive.

Together, let's continue to build a community rooted in faith, learning, and love. We can't do it without you.

With gratitude,
Annemarie Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS

TONIGHT

[Chick-fil-A Restaurant Night](#)
4 - 8pm
*Mobile orders only
View details [here](#)

April 15

[Lenten Family Retreat](#)
6 - 7:30pm

April 16

School Rosary
2pm

April 16

Mandatory 8th grade D.C. Trip meeting for parents and students
6 - 7:45pm

Apr. 18 - 21

Easter Break

Apr. 23

Home & School meeting
5:30pm

Apr. 25

[Grandparents / Special Friends' Day](#)

April 25

[Father-Daughter Dance](#)
6:30 - 8:30pm
[RSVP here](#)

May 2

Parent Social
(details to come)

May 3

First Sacraments Retreat and Confession

May 4

First Communion

May 6

[Roberts Restaurant Night](#)
4 - 9pm

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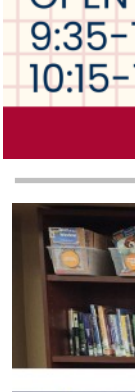
May & June Hot Lunch Ordering Open



The portal for May and June is now open. Please place your [order here](#). Orders must be placed by 10am, April 23rd. We will not be able to accept any orders after our counts have been submitted to our vendors. Thank you for your understanding.

View May/June menu [here](#).

Milk Pricing Increase Notice:



Please note that effective May 1, 2025, the cost per milk will be .35. This price increase is specifically for extra milk/ snack milk. **The cost of hot lunch, which includes one milk, is not affected at this time.*

SAINT MARY PARISH SCHOOL LENTEN FAMILY MINI-RETREAT



"FOR I KNOW WELL THE PLANS I HAVE IN MIND FOR YOU" - JEREMIAH 29:11

APRIL 15TH, 2025
6:00 - 7:30 PM

ACTIVITY CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM

AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION LED BY MRS. WOOD AND MRS. HARTWIG
SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

We are excited to invite you and your family to join us for a special **Lenten Family Retreat** that will help you grow closer to God and to one another during this sacred season of reflection and renewal.

This retreat offers an opportunity for families to engage in meaningful activities, share prayers, listen to inspiring speakers, and reflect on the unique journey God has called each of us to. Together, we will explore how, as a family, you can walk with God and support, pray for, and love one another in your faith journey.

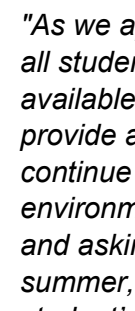
All ages welcome!

Please [RSVP here](#) so we can ensure the right amount of supplies.

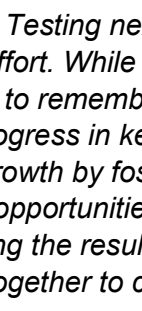
GRANDPARENTS'/ SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY



DATE
APRIL 25, 2025



VOLUNTEER FOR THE EVENT



DONATE REFRESHMENTS

SCHEDULE:

8:00 - 9:00 AM - MASS

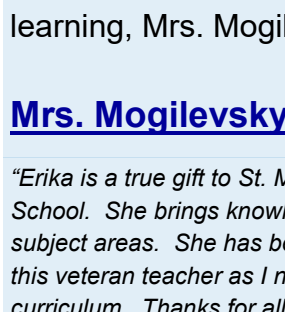
9:15 - 9:35 AM - LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIAL IN ACTIVITY CENTER (DOORS OPEN @ 9:00)

9:35-10:15 AM - BINGO

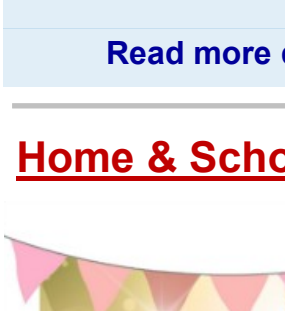
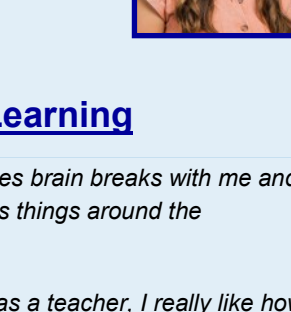
10:15-10:30 AM - PRAYER



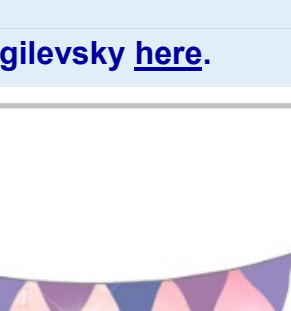
MASS & RECEPTION VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SATURDAY MAY 10 • 8 AM



In thanks for all you do in our school and for our students, you are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving at 8 am with a special volunteer blessing followed by a reception with refreshments in the school. Bring the whole family — but please RSVP at [bit.ly/stamvol](#)



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Herb Kohl Fellowship Winner: Mrs. Hartwig

Congratulations, Mrs. Hartwig! We are thrilled to announce that Mrs. Hartwig has been selected as a recipient of the prestigious Herb Kohl Teacher Fellowship Award—an honor that celebrates exceptional educators across Wisconsin for their excellence in teaching, innovative practices, and meaningful impact within their school communities.



Mrs. Hartwig's selection affirms her remarkable leadership, her role as a catalyst for positive change, and her outstanding ability to foster a lifelong love of learning in her students. As both a creative educator and a spiritual mentor, she truly reflects our mission of forming Catholic role models who serve with compassion, conviction, and purpose.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who supported this achievement, especially those who nominated Mrs. Hartwig and contributed heartfelt recommendation letters. Your support helped recognize the tremendous difference she makes every day.

Please join us in celebrating Mrs. Hartwig for this well-earned and inspiring honor!

MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM JR DOCENT PROGRAM VOTING RESULT

YES PLEASE CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM
36.84%

INDIFFERENT TOWARD CONTINUATION
26.32%

DISCONTINUE THE PROGRAM
36.84%

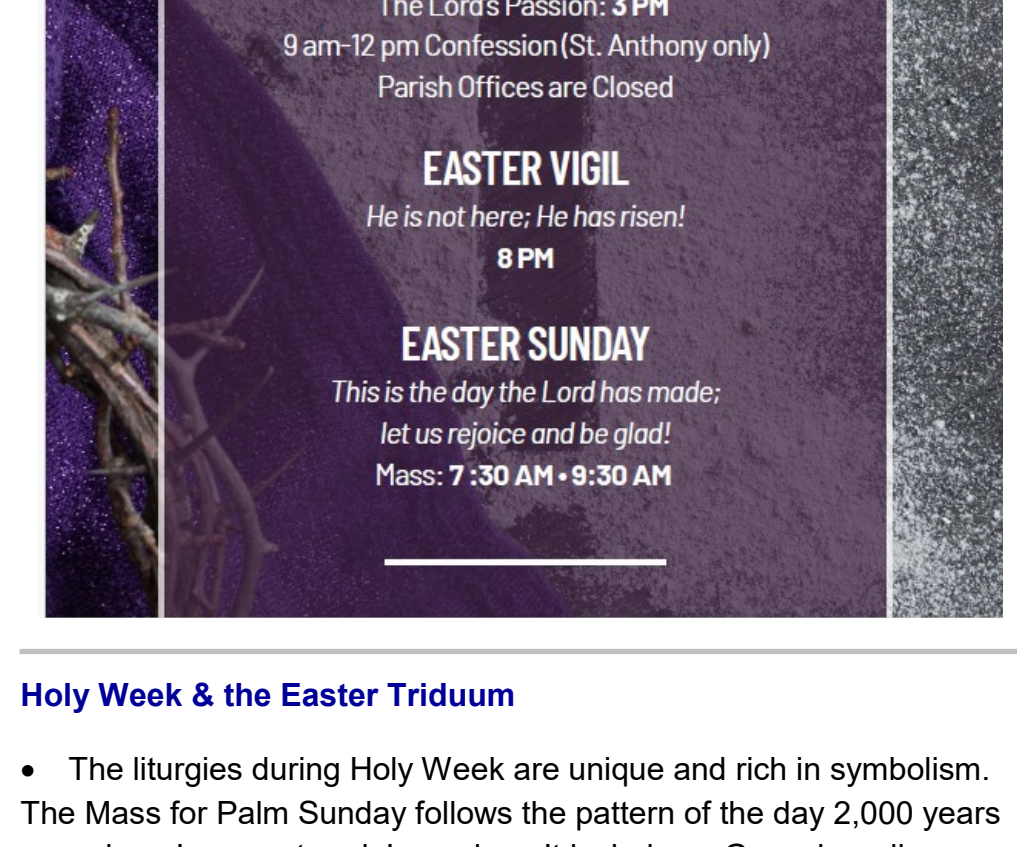


Telling our Good News:



The Good News is... "Stations of the Cross"

The eighth-grade class presented the Stations of the Cross, offering a poignant reminder of our sinful nature and God's redemptive power. We extend our prayers for your Lenten journey and encourage you to acknowledge each step toward Christ with pride, wherever your journey may start.



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

"As we approach the end of Forward Testing next week, we want to thank all students for their hard work and effort. While the results won't be available until summer, it's important to remember that these assessments provide a snapshot of your child's progress in key areas. In the meantime, continue to encourage your child's growth by fostering a positive learning environment at home, with plenty of opportunities for reading, exploration, and asking questions. We'll be sharing the results with families over the summer, and we're excited to work together to continue supporting each student's academic journey!"

Support Boy Scout Troop 80 and get your car sparkling clean!

Support Boy Scout Troop 80 and get your car sparkling clean at the same time! Troop 80 has partnered with Roadrunner Car Wash to raise funds for their activities, adventures, and community service projects. For every car wash purchased through this [special link here](#), 50% of the proceeds go directly to the troop.

Your support helps these Scouts gain valuable life skills, experience outdoor adventures, and make a difference in the community. It's a win-win: your car gets clean, and you help Troop 80 thrive! Thank you for your generosity and for supporting the next generation of leaders! Let's rally behind Troop 80!



Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best:

We are so proud to have such amazing teachers here at St. Mary, and we want to show off how much they are appreciated by our students, families and fellow faculty! This week, we are highlighting our director of teaching and learning, Mrs. Mogilevsky!



Mrs. Mogilevsky: Director of Teaching & Learning

"Erika is a true gift to St. Mary Parish School. She brings knowledge about all subject areas. She has been a Godsend to this veteran teacher as I navigate Bridges math curriculum. Thanks for all you do for me and the students!" —Cristal Halverson

"I like how she takes brain breaks with me and I like how she does things around the school." - Abe H.

"When she fills in as a teacher, I really like how she explains things because she makes them easy to understand." -Grace H.

[Read more quotes shared about Mrs. Mogilevsky here.](#)

Home & School Updates:

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH
6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM
In the Student Activity Center

DAUGHTERS AND DADS (OR SPECIAL PERSON) ARE INVITED FOR A NIGHT OF DANCING, GAMES AND JEOPARDY.

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/J2oUYxVPEvxcneP29>
\$10 per family will be charge via Blackbaud before 4/14, otherwise check/cash to the school office.

For more info contact Michele Spaeth or Becky Rusch

Tuesday! Restaurant Night at Chick-fil-A!

**Mobile Orders only*
View flyer with ordering info/details [here](#)

MOBILE ORDER SPIRIT NIGHT!

TUESDAY, April 15th
4PM-8PM

Come join us for a Spirit Night to support **St. Mary Parish School** at Chick-fil-A Menomonee Falls!

A portion of mobile order sales brought in between 4-8pm will be donated!

When ordering through your Chick-fil-A App select **"Support Community Care Event"** before submitting your order.

Join us for our next Home & School Meeting April 23rd

All our welcome to join us at our next H&S meeting on April 23rd at 5:30pm in the St. Mary conference rooms. (Please enter through blue alleyway doors off of Hayes Ave). All school parents are welcome.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need your help! Weekly volunteer slots are available! 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

Parish Updates:

Holy Week & the Easter Triduum

- The liturgies during Holy Week are unique and rich in symbolism. The Mass for Palm Sunday follows the pattern of the day 2,000 years ago when Jesus entered Jerusalem. It includes a Gospel reading outside the church building and the entrance of the priest into the sanctuary while the congregation waves palms.

- The Holy Thursday Mass also follows the rhythm of the ancient Last Supper. After Mass, all remaining hosts are taken to an altar of repose, where adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs late into the night. Parishioners can remain like the disciples in Gethsemane, asked to "watch and pray."

- On Good Friday, we celebrate another special liturgical service. Following the Liturgy of the Word, there is a communal reverencing of the cross. The intercessions are solemn and include prayers for many different groups of people, reminding us that Jesus' passion is for the whole world. There is no Liturgy of the Eucharist. Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday are distributed, after which the tabernacle is empty. The tabernacle remains empty through Holy Saturday — just as Jesus departed from this earthly world in death — and we wait in hope for Easter Sunday!

Volunteers are Needed for Spring Work Day on May 3

St. Mary is hosting a parish clean up day to prepare the grounds for spring. Join us from 8 to 12 pm on May 3. This is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours while taking care of your spiritual home. Sign up at: bit.ly/stmcleanup25.

Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn April 9th:
Ryan Rusch, Cathy Dionne, Bri Leonard, and Eagan Schrauth

And special congrats to this \$150 winner drawn April 11th:
Helen Koopmann

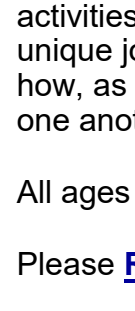
Thank you for your participation!

In the Community:

Falls Summer Academy: FSA is open to all families that live within the boundaries of the School District of Menomonee Falls and is open at a tuition cost for non-resident families. Click [here](#) for more info on program offerings and registration.

U.S. Women's Open Youth Poster Contest:

Deadline April 18th. Open to ages 17 and under. Click [here](#) for more info. Tickets to the US Women's Open Championship from May 28 - June 1, 2025 are **free** for youth 17 and under with a paid adult. Make plans to take the family to the event with various [ticket options](#).



Discover Field Hockey (Sat. April 12 and Wed., April 23rd): Explore the fun of field hockey! Presented by Sanctuary Sports LLC, this "FREE" event is designed to introduce or reintroduce the sport to local players, providing access to developmental and playing opportunities for elementary, middle, and high school students. Click [here](#) for more info.

Cloud 9 Summer Camps: Choose from several art and sewing camps; options for grades K5 - 8!



Camp Toro Day Camp: (June 23 - 26, 10am - 4pm) Open to boys ages 8-11. The boys will play hard and pray hard for four days—enjoying sports, swimming and games as well as daily Mass, the Rosary, and talks on leadership and virtue. To be added to the email list, please contact krisyvandrastek@yahoo.com

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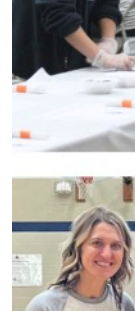
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