

CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear St. Mary's Families,

Pope Francis's life of service, humility, and compassion touched millions of hearts. As a school community, we are mourning his loss and honoring his legacy with our students.

The papacy is one of the oldest continuous institutions in the world. Pope Francis was the 266th pope in a line that stretches back over 2,000 years to St. Peter, the apostle chosen by Jesus to lead his Church. The pope serves as the Bishop of Rome and the spiritual leader of over 1.3 billion Catholics worldwide. His role is to shepherd the faithful, promote unity, and guide the Church through prayer, teaching, and example.

This is a meaningful moment in Church history—one our children will remember for years to come. At school, we are participating in the traditional nine days of mourning, called the *novemdiales*, by sharing a short, relevant quote from Pope Francis each day with our students. They are also helping to create a memorial space to express their gratitude, prayers, and reflections. When the conclave to elect the next pope begins, we will follow the process and engage students with a symbolic "smoke display" to represent the tradition of black and white smoke during voting.

We encourage you to talk with your children at home about the role of the pope and to pray as a family for the Cardinals who will soon gather to choose our next Holy Father.

Pope Francis told us, "Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with passion, and look to the future with hope." This is something we try to do everyday in our own beautiful community.

Thank you for helping us guide our students through this historic and holy time with reverence, hope, and curiosity.

In faith,

Annemarie

UPCOMING EVENTS

TONIGHT

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

April 30 - May 3
8th Grade D.C. Trip

May 2
3rd, 5th, 6th & 7th
Grade Field Trips

May 2
[Parent Social](#)
6pm

May 3
First Sacraments
Retreat and
Confession

May 4
First Communion

May 5 - 9
Teacher Appreciation
Week

May 6
[Robert's Restaurant Night](#)
4 - 9pm

May 6
4th & 5th Grade Field
Trip

May 9
May Crowning

May 10
[Volunteer Appreciation Mass & Reception](#)
8am

May 13
5th Grade DARE
Graduation, 2pm

May 22
Ice Cream Social

May 26
Memorial Day
(No School)

May 28
K5 - 2nd Field Trip

May 30
K5 Graduation

June 2
Field Day

June 4
8th Grade Graduation

June 6
Last Day of School
(11:30am dismissal)

August 23
[St. Mary Annual Golf Outing](#)
Interest Survey [here](#)

[View 2024-2025 Academic Calendar here](#)

May Crowning

Please join us!

Friday, May 9th
8:15am Mass
Eucharistic Procession to follow

Our students will crown Mary to show our love for her as our spiritual mother. After Mass, we'll walk together with Jesus in a special procession to share our faith with others. All are welcome!

Safe Travels to our 8th graders who are traveling to Washington D.C. next week!

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

It's easy to fall into the habit of asking, "How was school?"—but that often leads to one-word answers. Try asking more specific questions like:

- "What were you proud of today?"
- "What's one thing you worked hard on?"
- "Did anything surprise you today?"

These open-ended prompts can lead to richer conversations and give you a deeper window into your child's school experience.

TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

MAY 9 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will be celebrating the teachers and staff with a luncheon on Friday, May 9th. We are looking for extra help covering recess and lunch duties so they can enjoy their lunch. Please review the available slots [here](#) and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

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](#)

Last order date for this year's RaiseRight Credit

THE NEW EARNINGS YEAR FOR RAISERIGHT STARTS MAY 1ST. THIS MEANS **MONDAY APRIL 28TH IS THE LAST ORDER FROM RAISERIGHT** TO HAVE THE REBATE APPLIED TO THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR. USE THE RAISERIGHT APP OR LOG INTO YOUR ACCOUNT AT RAISERIGHT.COM TO CHECK OUT SPECIAL BONUSES. THERE ARE MONTH'S DAY BONUSES ON 60+ BRANDS, FROM APRIL 26 TO MAY 9. THERE WILL ALSO BE REBATES UP TO 25% ON 125+ BRANDS DURING MAY 2025, FROM MAY 2-5. REMEMBER THAT ALL THE REBATE MONEY YOU EARN IS APPLIED AS A TUITION CREDIT FOR YOUR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!

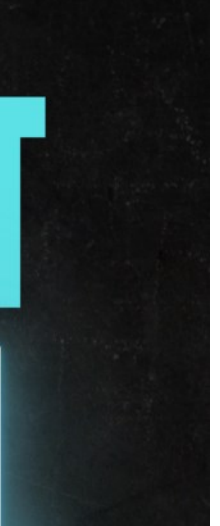
Telling our Good News:

The Good News is "Grandparents Day"

Thank you to all of our grandparents and special friends who joined us for this special day! We were thrilled to see such a wonderful turn out and were happy to see so many smiling faces this morning! Thank you to Marie Butler, Stefanie Harms, and the rest of the volunteers who helped organize and plan the event for all to enjoy!

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 K4/K5 teacher's aide, Mrs. Binder.



Mrs. Binder: Teacher's Aide - K4 & K5

"Mrs. Binder has been the extra set of hands that are always welcome in 4K. She has also brought some wisdom from her own teaching experiences to our classroom. We have valued and appreciated the time and energy needed each day to help fulfill the needs of our students. Our classroom has enjoyed having

Mrs. Binder this school year!" — Chris Bingenheimer

"Thank you for helping me make the Earth today. Thank you for giving everyone a snack time. Thank you for reading stories and playing games with me." — Melody D.

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

Home & School Updates:

PARENT SOCIAL

ENJOY A NIGHT WITH OTHER ST. MARY PARENTS

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU NEED A BABYSITTER LIST!

2 ND MAY AT 6:00 PM

LOCATION: AMERICAN LEGION POST
N88W16652 MAIN ST, MENOMONEE FALLS, WI 53051

Save the Date!

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

GOLF

Outing

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23
Kettle Hills Golf Club
Richfield, WI
8AM SHOTGUN START

Please fill out this Interest Form to help us better prepare! We're looking for alumni, parents, and community members who are interested in supporting the event through sponsorship, volunteering, or helping us spread the word. Please let us know how you'd like to be involved!

May 6th, 4 - 9pm
Robert's Restaurant Night
Dine in or carry out; A portion of all sales will go back to St. Mary School!

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@smpps.school](#)*

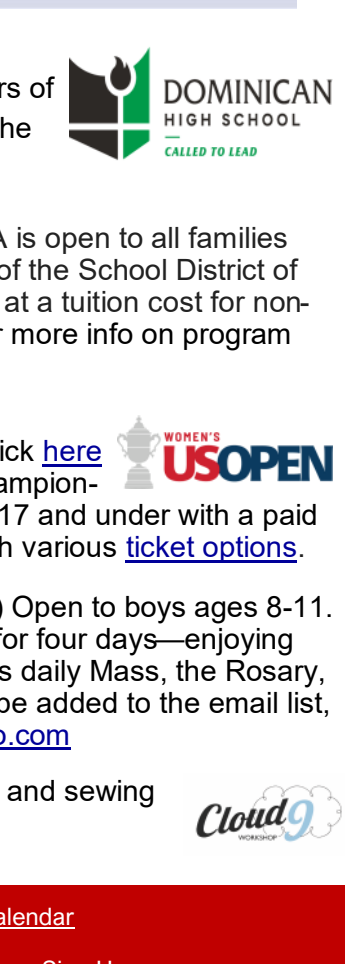
[Playground](#) Volunteer Sign Up

[Lunchroom](#) Volunteer Sign Up

Parish Updates:

Volunteers are Needed for Spring Work Day on May 3

St. Mary is hosting a parish spring 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 23rd:
Judy Lohmann, Angie and Jeff Pitrof, Bonner Family, Kelly Kohlmetz, and Emily Nelson

Thank you for your participation!

In the Community:

Pius XI Boys Basketball Summer Camps

Fundamental Skills Camp - \$100
June 16-19
Session 1: 8:00 - 10:00 am (Incoming 4-6th Graders)
Session 2: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm (Incoming 7-9th Graders)

At the **Fundamental Skills** camp, campers can expect to practice finishing, shooting, passing and catching, ball handling, attack moves and decision making. The basic concepts of game play and strategy will also be covered. We welcome kids of all ability and experience levels who simply love to play the game and want to get better in a fun environment!

Pure Shooting Camp - \$100
June 23-26
Session 1: 8:00 - 10:00 am (Incoming 4-6th Graders)
Session 2: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm (Incoming 7-9th Graders)

The **Pure Shooting Camp** focuses on the fundamental mastery of shooting technique, form and proper repetition. Campers can expect to shoot a high volume of shots each day, with emphasis on shot mechanics, proper form and footwork.

Mighty Mites Camp - \$75
July 21-24
BOYS AND GIRLS ARE WELCOME!
8:30 - 10:00 am (Incoming K5-3rd Graders)
There is a 40 camper limit - SIGN UP EARLY!!!

Our goal at "Mighty Mites" Basketball Camp is to introduce basic skills for basketball. Youth-sized basketballs and smaller hoops help develop fundamentals to form proper habits at an early age. The Mighty Mites approach is to focus on skill development through practice stations, drills, and games, all in a positive learning environment teaching players how to be great teammates.

[Dominican Volleyball Developmental Power League:](#) 6 week practice and play league for players of all ages. Begins Monday, June 2nd. Click [here](#) for the flyer with additional information and registration.

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](#).

CAMP TORO! **Camp Toro Day Camp:** (June 23 - 26) 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 [krissyvandorstek@yahoo.com](#)

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

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