



CHALLENGING MINDS

DEVELOPING CHARACTER

LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

*How is it possibly the end of April already?* I blame my disbelief on the fact that we have experienced all four seasons this month. Hopefully, we are at least done with the snow! The next five weeks are full of activities and are going to whiz by very quickly. Please remind, emphasize, prod, and nag (if necessary) your child about the importance of doing their very best right up to the finish line (June 9th). I highly recommend checking PowerSchool weekly and contacting your child's teacher(s) if you have any questions or concerns.

May is the month we honor our mother's, especially the Blessed Mother Mary. In her honor, we will be praying the Rosary at 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, and crowning her image during the all-school liturgy on Friday, May 12. We would love to have you join us if you can!

**Sad News:** We were unable to find a director for the 6-8th grade musical in time to move forward with a production. We threw out an alternate talent show idea to the kids but they didn't seem too interested. If you know of someone who might be interested in directing musicals for the next school year, please give him/her my contact information. We have exhausted every suggestion thus far.

**Happy News:** We will be taking all students (except 8th grade) to Kinderberg Park in Germantown on Tuesday, June 6 for our annual Field Day event. Students will spend the day at the park, engaging in games, hanging out with friends, and enjoying a picnic lunch before heading back to school in the afternoon. To make this day run smoothly, we will need lots of parent helpers. If you are available, please reach out to your child's teacher. More detailed information will be coming soon.

I hope you were able to enjoy some of the beautiful weather today. The weekend forecast looks a bit gloomy.

Faithfully,  
Linda Joyner

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**TONIGHT**  
Trivia Night  
Activity Center  
7pm

**THIS WEEKEND**  
**April 29 - 30**  
[Donation Truck and Food Drive](#)  
St. Mary Parish

**April 19 - May 10**  
[Annual Parochial School Art Show](#)  
Menomonee Falls Public Library

**May 1 - 5**  
Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 2**  
[Robert's Frozen Custard Fundraiser](#)  
4 - 9pm

**May 5**  
[Middle School Social \(Permission Slip\)](#)

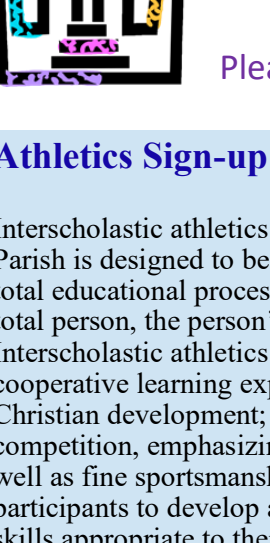
**May 8**  
Home & School Meeting  
School Conf. Rooms  
7pm

**May 12**  
May Crowning Mass

**May 19**  
Father Daughter Dance

[View Full Calendar](#)

## Important Note:



All requests for reimbursements need to be submitted by **May 15th**.

If you have any questions, please let the office know.

Thank you.

## Reminder: May Hot Lunch Orders:

The May Hot Lunch Ordering Portal is now open. Place your students' hot lunch orders for the month of May by **2PM on Sunday, April 30th**.

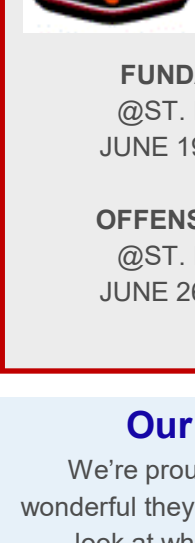
[Follow this link to the ordering portal.](#)

## The Lion King Jr. Musical: Order your copy!



A recording of "The Lion King Jr." Musical is a great keepsake of your child's performance. We are now accepting orders for this recording. Copies will be \$15 each. Please fill out this [order form](#) and submit with payment by **Friday, May 5th**.

**THANK YOU!**

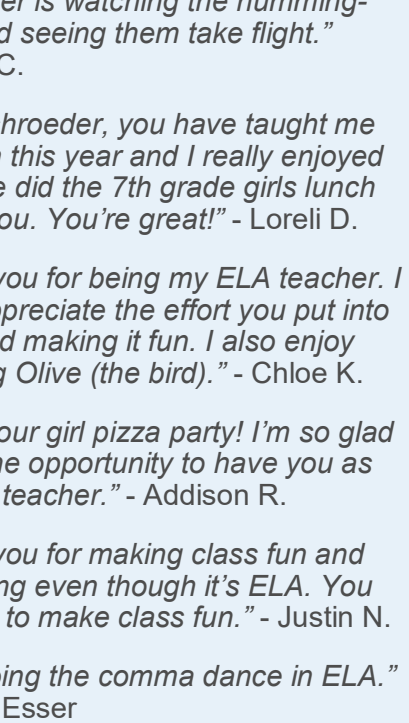


**Remind**er: The RaiseRight earning year runs through **May 31**. This means there is **1 month left to reach your \$250 fundraising requirement for this school year**. June 1 will be the start of next school year's fundraising.

Please [click here](#) for more important information.

## Athletics Sign-up Open for Next Year

Interscholastic athletics provided through St. Mary Parish is designed to be a supportive element in the total educational process. This process concerns the total person, the person's growth as an individual. Interscholastic athletics intends to provide: a cooperative learning experience; a positive base for Christian development; an understanding of competition, emphasizing cooperative teamwork as well as fine sportsmanship; an opportunity for all participants to develop and share knowledge and skills appropriate to their level. We offer Volleyball, Basketball and Track for students in grades 5-8.



Students who attend a school other than St. Mary in grades 5 thru 8 who attend Christian Formation at St. Mary, St. James or Good Shepherd Parishes are welcomed to play sports on the St. Mary's Menomonee Falls athletic teams as well.

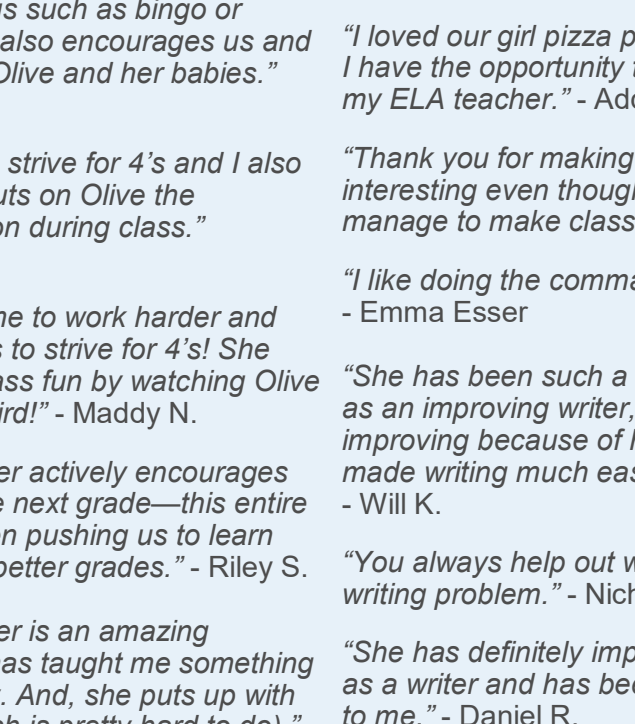
Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/STMaryAthletics>

Please reach out to the St. Mary Athletic Director, John Wiese, at [athleticdirector@stmaryparish.net](mailto:athleticdirector@stmaryparish.net) if you have any questions or require more information.

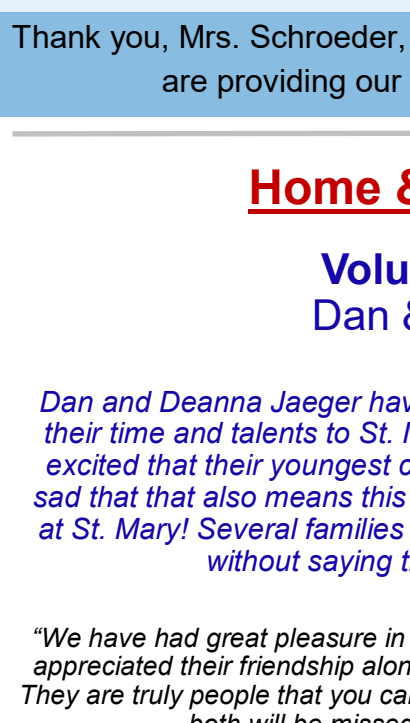
**Registration for Volleyball closes June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## Catholic Memorial High School Leadership Day:

Some of our 6th and 7th grade students attended CMH Leadership Day on Wednesday. The students were all grouped with kids from different schools and participated in three activities. First, they did a blindfolded obstacle course where they were partnered up and one person was blindfolded while the other walked them through different challenges, describing what the blindfolded partner needed to do. Second, they did a team tower building activity where half the group built the bottom of the tower while the other half built the top; they weren't allowed to see what the other group was doing. They were only allowed to talk through the gym partition to get an idea what the other half of their group was doing. Then they presented their tower and were scored on their presentation. Finally, they ended with an escape room activity. The day ended with the CMH principal talking to the students about what it means to be a leader and what they can do right now as 6th and 7th graders to be leaders in their school and in life. Great job students! [More pictures here](#).



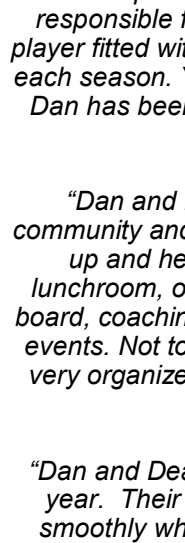
## 'Soak up SPANISH' this summer!



This June, Futura is offering learning opportunities for both [youth](#) and [adults](#)! Live virtual theme-based classes make learning fun and engaging! Full course descriptions are on our registration site. Join the fun today, [enroll online here](#).

*Click the image for additional info.*

## Gosz 2023 Basketball Day Camp Sessions



Boys and Girls  
(Entering grades 1-8)

**FUNDAMENTAL CAMP**  
@ST. MARY'S SCHOOL  
JUNE 19-22, 1:00 - 3:30 pm

**SHOOTING CAMP**  
@ST. DOMINICS GRADE SCHOOL  
JULY 18-20, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**OFFENSIVE SKILLS CAMP**  
@ST. MARY'S SCHOOL  
JUNE 26-29, 1:00 - 3:30 pm

[View Flyer and registration info 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 7th grade/ELA teacher, Mrs. Schroeder. Take a look at what some students and families had to say about her:



## Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Schroeder – Middle School ELA

"Thank you Mrs. Schroeder for all that you do! Even though ELA has never been Jacob's favorite subject, I definitely see an improvement in his writing since having you as a teacher this school year. We truly appreciate all that you do." - Angela Cousineau

"Mrs. Schroeder teaches us many important things and keeps us on task. We have read a ton of books and are becoming better writers." - Ben Tappa

"She encourages us to do our jobs constantly so we can learn to be independent, clean people. I also like that she puts on hummingbird lives on YouTube." - Gianna T.

"I love that she lets us learn while doing fun things such as bingo or jeopardy. She also encourages us and lets us watch Olive and her babies." - Ava N.

"She helps me strive for 4's and I also like that she puts on Olive the hummingbird on during class." - Emma Y.

"She pushes me to work harder and encourages us to strive for 4's! She also makes class fun by watching Olive the hummingbird!" - Maddy N.

"Mrs. Schroeder actively encourages us to reach the next grade--this entire year she's been pushing us to learn more and get better grades." - Riley S.

"Mrs. Schroeder is an amazing teacher! She has taught me something new every day. And, she puts up with our class (which is pretty hard to do)." - Grace M.

"A good memory is the comma dance." - Colin H.

"Mrs. Schroeder, thanks for taking the time to create fun lessons and enjoyable classes for us." - Matthias W.

"She hosted a girls party during lunch and recess and that was my favorite memory." - Julia F.

"I really enjoyed the preposition project you had us do. Thank you." - Sam B.

"A good memory I have with Mrs. Schroeder is watching the hummingbirds and seeing them take flight." - Jacob C.

"Mrs. Schroeder, you have taught me so much this year and I really enjoyed when we did the 7th grade girls lunch in with you. You're great!" - Loreli D.

"Thank you for being my ELA teacher. I really appreciate the effort you put into class and making it fun. I also enjoy watching Olive (the bird)." - Chloe K.

"I loved our girl pizza party! I'm so glad I have the opportunity to have you as my ELA teacher." - Addison R.

"Thank you for making class fun and interesting even though it's ELA. You manage to make class fun." - Justin N.

"I like doing the comma dance in ELA." - Emma Esser

"She has been such a great help to me as an improving writer, and I am improving because of her. She has made writing much easier for me." - Will K.

"You always help out when I have a writing problem." - Nicholas W.

"She has definitely improved my skills as a writer and has been a great help to me." - Daniel R.

"I adore your sense of resilience and your smile brightens my day." - Ben N.

All of the students collectively added that they really enjoy watching Olive the hummingbird.

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

## Home & School Updates

### Volunteer Spotlight:

**Dan & Deanna Jaeger**

*Dan and Deanna Jaeger have given countless hours and donated much of their time and talents to St. Mary in many different ways, and while we are excited that their youngest child Brady will be graduating this year, we are sad that that also means this is/has been their last year sharing their talents at St. Mary! Several families had some wonderful things to say, and it goes without saying that they both will be very missed!*

*"We have had great pleasure in knowing Dan and Deanna over the years. We have appreciated their friendship along with their countless hours of service at St Mary's. They are truly people that you can count on and big shoes to fill moving forward. You both will be missed. Thank you!" - Tom and Karalee Ptak*

*"Dan has been a big part of athletics at St. Mary's. Not only has he helped to coach basketball for 4 years, he has put in a lot of time organizing the athletic equipment and all of the uniforms for every sport. He has a great system! He volunteers for so many hours in the gym for board duty and spent many years creating all of the tournament free popcorn vouchers, which was always really helpful. Dan has good ideas to make things easier like labeling the cords on the scoring table. He will certainly be missed in years to come." Terri Meulemans*

*"Dan has been an integral part of the athletic board for some time now. In recent years Dan has served as our equipment coordinator, a role that spans all seasons with many responsibilities. Dan ensures we have all our awards (school letters, pins and trophies) when we need them for each season's awards night. Dan is also responsible for all things related to our uniforms, so he takes care of getting each player fitted with a uniform at the start of the season and then collecting them all after each season. You may have noticed our uniforms getting updates the last few years, Dan has been busy doing this as well. It has been a great pleasure having Dan on the board and we will miss him greatly!" - John Wiese*

*"Dan and Deanna are both so giving of their time and talents to the St. Mary community and they are a lot of fun to work with too! Deanna is always willing to step up and help out when needed whether it is school committee, helping in the lunchroom, or being a room parent. Dan has spent countless hours on their sporting events, coaching basketball and making sure the kids have uniforms for their athletic events. Not to mention all of the stats he has tracked over the years! They are both very organized, great communicators, and always willing to lend a helping hand or give rides to kids." - Amy Weyker*

*"Dan and Deanna have set St Mary's up for far beyond when Brady graduates this year. Their volunteering has set the stage for future events and activities to run smoothly whether it's athletics school board or grandparents day their legacy will last. They exemplify St Mary's and do so in a quiet manner never seeking praise or acknowledgment. On a personal note, Dan Deanna and Brady have become like family to us and treat all of Brady's friends like their own kids including our sons. I can't say enough positive words about them both." - Brandon and Sheri Kirchoff*

*"Deanna Jaeger has done a wonderful job chairing the Grandparents/Special Friends Day at our school for many years. She works well with the school office to plan a well-organized event and has adapted to the changing environment to make the day special for all involved. Thank you Deanna for your time and planning such a great event for our school! You will be missed." - Josh and Kristin Stanek*

*"Dan Jaeger has served on the Athletic Board for several years. Dan's high set of organization skills proves to be a great match for issuing Athletic uniforms and ordering trophies/medals for tournaments. Thank you Dan for your years of service on the St. Mary Athletic Board!" - Josh and Kristin Stanek*

*"Thank you so much Dan and Deanna for all of your dedication, time, talent and treasure shared here at St. Mary Parish School throughout all of these years! We appreciate you both and we will miss you both greatly!" - Lucy Koslo*

## Home and School Meeting: Join us Tuesday, May 8th

View Meeting Minutes from the April 4th meeting [here](#).

Our next Home and School Committee Meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 8th** at 7pm in the **School Conference Rooms**.  
*Hope to see you there!*

## Upcoming Fundraiser:

**Robert's Frozen Custard Fundraiser Night**  
**Tuesday, May 2nd**  
**4 - 9pm**



**Dine in or carry out! A portion of all sales will go back to St. Mary School!**  
(click image for full flyer)

**Invite your friends and family!**

**We hope to see you there!**

## Middle School Party:

**May 5th, 2023**  
**Activity Center**  
**6pm - 8pm**

Join us from 6pm - 8pm in the St. Mary Activity Center for Dancing, Games, Prizes and More!

Dress in your best Hawaiian clothes! (Out of uniform dress code applies).



[View Flyer Here!](#)

[Permission Slip Here](#)



**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.

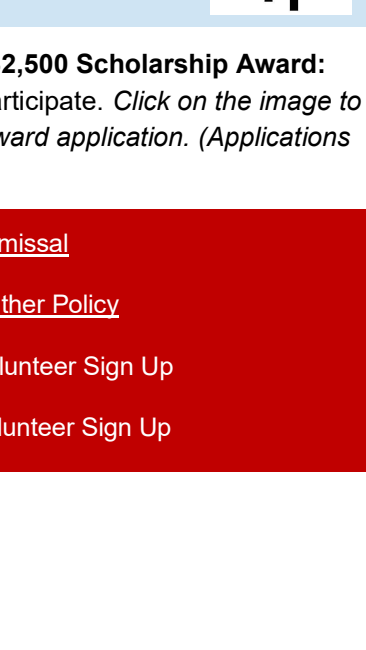
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## Parish Updates

### SVDP Collection & Food Drive is April 29 & 30

St. Mary Parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be hosting a collection truck on April 29-30. Donations to SVDP thrift stores help fund programs to help needy families throughout Waukesha County. Donations of clothing and small household items in good condition are welcomed. No computer equipment, TVs, electronics or large furniture items can be accepted. SVDP will also be collecting breakfast cereals and canned proteins (tuna, spam, chicken, ham, ravioli) for the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry that weekend.



### The Devotion of the Brown Scapular

The devotion of the brown scapular originated with the Carmelite order, and the Church has since recognized the practice of wearing a brown scapular for the laity as a sign of a person's devotion to the Blessed Mother and their hope to receive the fullness of God's life upon death with Mary's protection.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel has promised, "Whoever dies invested with this Scapular shall be preserved from the eternal flames. It is a sign of salvation, a sure safeguard in danger, a pledge of peace, and of my special protection until the end of the ages."

Those enrolled in the brown scapular promise to wear the scapular, to observe chastity according to their state in life, and to pray the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary daily or abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Saturdays or pray three Hail Marys daily. It is also piously believed that Mary revealed to Pope John XXII that she would free those devoted to the wearing of the brown scapular on the Saturday after their death, a grace known as the Sabbatine privilege: "As a tender Mother, I will descend into purgatory on the Saturday after their death, and will deliver them into the heavenly mansions of life everlasting."

On the day of enrollment, one can also obtain a plenary indulgence, normal conditions being met.

Those who would like to practice this devotion are invited to be enrolled in the brown scapular after all May 12 and 13 Masses, at both parishes. Please bring your brown scapular with you (or obtain one prior to Mass. They are sold at Holy Hill Gift Store and Stempers) Please note that a metal brown scapular may be worn on a daily basis, but the cloth brown scapular must be used for the enrollment.

### Totus Tuus Summer Camp:

**June 25 - 30th**

*Sign Up for Camp or to Volunteer*

Registration is now open for Totus Tuus, the faith-filled Summer Camp at St. Mary Parish School with sessions for students in grades 1-12. Join us June 26-30 for a fun and formative experience. Register at <https://stmaryparish.org/fox.com/totus-tuus-registration-2023>

[View Flyer Here.](#)

## Calendar Raffle Winners

**Congratulations to these \$30 winners that were drawn on April 26th:**  
*Tom and Pam Henke, Judith Koslo, Marilynn Hartl, Dan and Shelly Lemminger, and Rusch Family.*

**Thank you for your support.**

## In the Community

**Soccer Skills Clinic at Dominican High School:** Co-Ed Clinic open to grades 6, 7 and 8. Sunday, May 7th, 12pm - 1:30pm. [Click image for more information.](#)



**Xavier Summer Reading Enrichment Programs:** Open to 4k through 12th grade students. Classes are 1 hour once per week, live/on-line. [Click the image for more information.](#)

**Summer Athletic Youth Camps at PIUS XI:** Choose from Boys or Girls Basketball, Cross Country, Football Camp, Volleyball Camp, and more. Contact Lynn at [leeztz@piusxi.org](mailto:leeztz@piusxi.org) for additional information.



**Pius XI Boys Basketball Camps:** Open to grades 3 - 8. Choose between Offensive Skills Camp (June 12 - 15) and/or Pure Shooting Camp (June 19 - 22). [Click the image to view the flyer and registration information.](#)

**DSA Open House: Open to 5th-7th Graders,** Sunday April 23rd. Meet DSHA faculty and staff, learn about the benefits of the all-girls experience, and see our campus! Mass at 9am followed by student-led tours from 10-11:15 a.m. The last tour will depart at 11:15 a.m. [Click here to register.](#) and [click the logo to view the flyer.](#)



**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.](#)

**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.](#)



**Gosz Co-ed Basketball Academy (Grades 3 - 8):** JULY 10-13, 9:30 AM TO 2:30 PM at St. Dominic's in Brookfield. [Click image for more info and 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.](#)

**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.](#)



**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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