

CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

Congratulations to our second grade students who made their First Holy Communion this past weekend. Needless to say they were very excited to lead the May Crowning procession at Mass this morning. They did a spectacular job and were very reverent!

As you know, we have two very special teachers who will be retiring at the end of this school year. Mrs. McAsey and Mrs. Shea have dedicated the majority of their careers to teaching in our parish school community. We would like to give them a special gift from all of us, for their devotion to their students and from many years of service. We will be holding a **Buy-Out-Of-Uniform Day on Friday, May 19th** to allow students to contribute to the gifts.

FIELD DAY: 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.

STANDARDIZED TESTING: Spring MAP and Iowa test results will be sent home in a purple envelope with your child on Monday. If you have any questions about this data, please contact your child's teacher.

Have a blessed Mother's Day!
Linda Joyner

UPCOMING EVENTS	
May 19	Father Daughter Dance RSVP Here
May 19	Buy-Out-Of-Uniform Day
May 26	No School (In-Service)
May 29	No School Memorial Day
June 2	8th Grade Dance
June 6	1st/8th Grade Buddy Breakfast
June 6	Field Day
June 7th	8th Grade Graduation
June 9th	Last Day of School 11am dismissal
June 9	Last Day of School Brat Fry <i>(more details coming soon!)</i>

1000 Books Before Kindergarten



The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. If you have a newborn, infant, and/or toddler at home I encourage you to consider this program. The goal of "1000 Books" is to have read 1,000 books (yes, you can repeat books) before your child begins kindergarten.

Reading to preschool-aged children builds vocabulary, language, and helps prepare them with the skills they need for Kindergarten. In as little as 15-20 minutes a day, you can prepare your little ones for future school and life success!

How Does the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program Work? Visit the [1000 Books Before Kindergarten Website](#) to learn more.

Invoices Update:

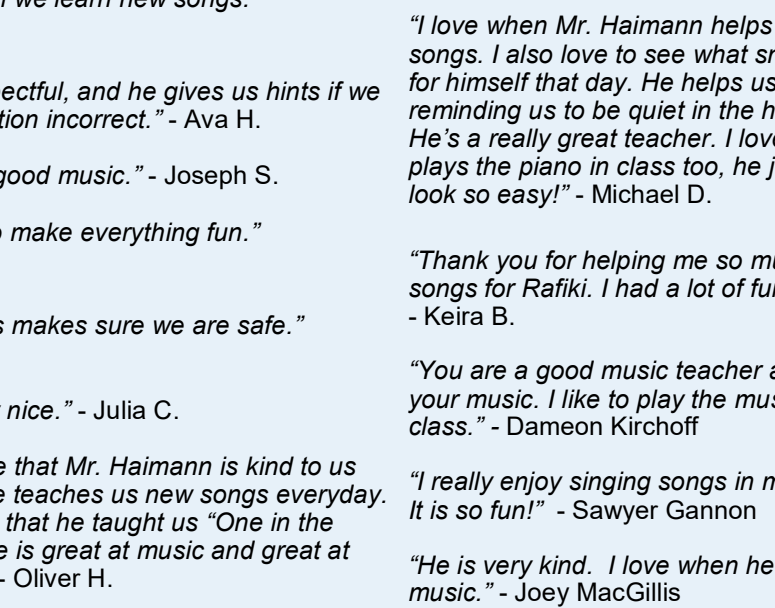
Invoices were sent home with your youngest/only student earlier this week for the Lion King orders (as we can no longer bill extracurricular/non-tuition items through Smart Tuition for this fiscal year). Some additional invoices have also been sent for those that have already placed their yearbook orders. Please keep your eyes open for those. Due dates are posted on the individual invoices.

[View Full Calendar](#)

Congratulations to our First Communicants!

Our 2nd graders made their First Holy Communion this past Sunday, and they got to lead the May Crowning procession at Mass this morning!

Congratulations to each of you!



Fr. Linn spent some time in the 2nd grade classroom this morning blessing some of the special gifts these students received for their Holy Communion. Check out those [pictures here](#).

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!

St. Mary Yearbook Orders are Due Monday, May 15!

Yearbooks will be \$15 each, and payment via cash or check should be paid to the school office by May 26th.

[Yearbook Order Form](#)

Part-time Teacher's Aide Position at St. Mary

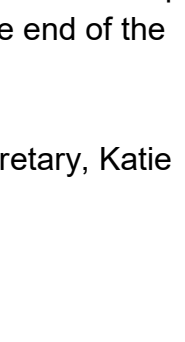
St. Mary School is looking for a part-time teacher's aide for our 3K classroom. The 3K aide is responsible for working in collaboration with the teacher in the implementation of daily activities, assisting in the care of the children, and providing a nurturing environment that is in line with the mission for Catholic Education. The ideal applicant will be passionate about working with young children, be patient, collaborative, have the ability to take direction, and have excellent communication skills. Training in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, or willingness to attend training is preferred. Must have completed Safeguarding All God's Children before August 28, 2023. Please contact Mrs. Joyner if you or anyone you know may be interested.

Join us for a
TOWN HALL MEETING
May 30 | 6-7:30 PM
in the Activity Center

Learn about our 5-year Strategic Plan & Share your feedback!

Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best!

We're proud of our St. Mary teachers and want to show off how wonderful they are. This week we are highlighting our fun and talented music teacher, Mr. Haimann! See what some students and families had to say:



- Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Haimann—Music**
- "Thank you for making music class fun and exhilarating."* - The 8th grade class

"I love when he lets us do a freeze dance at the end of class. He's really nice and funny." - Emery Hilker

"I like when we learn new songs." - Khloe K.

"I love when Mr. Haimann helps us learn fun songs. I also love to see what snacks he has for himself that day. He helps us by reminding us to be quiet in the hallways. He's a really great teacher. I love how he plays the piano in class too, he just makes it look so easy!" - Michael D.

"He is respectful, and he gives us hints if we need a question incorrect." - Ava H.

"He plays good music." - Joseph S.

"He tries to make everything fun." - Owen W.

"Thank you for helping me so much with my songs for Rafiki. I had a lot of fun!" - Keira B.

"He always makes sure we are safe." - Levi M.

"You are a good music teacher and I like you to teach us, but you make it fun in class." - Dameron Kirchoff

"He is very nice." - Julia C.

"I really like that Mr. Haimann is kind to us and that he teaches us new songs everyday. I really like that he taught us "One in the Middle." He is great at music and great at teaching." - Oliver H.

"I really enjoy singing songs in music class. He lets us play the music games in class." - Loreli D.

"His class is awesome! I loved learning to play the ukulele and boomwhackers. He's a really nice and fun teacher." - Jordyn L.

"I love music with you! You always make it fun. Thanks for all you do!" - Addison R.

"He helps us play games and a lot of other fun stuff." - William K.

"I love when we have classes when we are learning/playing a song on the boomwhacker." - Loreli D.

"Mr. Haimann plays fun games with us." - Scarlet K.

"I love music and I like to play the music games in class." - Dameron Kirchoff

"He lets us play boomwhackers and ukuleles." - Everett P.

"When we do boomwhackers he always plays fun songs." - Johnny N.

"He is kind and always helps us." - Mia B.

"He lets us do fun activities." - Dominic S.

"He gets to play 'pass the beat' around the room." - Myles K.

"I really love to see what snacks he has for himself that day. He helps us by reminding us to be quiet in the hallways. He's a really great teacher. I love how he plays the piano in class too, he just makes it look so easy!" - Michael D.

Thank you, Mr. Haimann, for sharing the gift of music with our students. You are so appreciated!

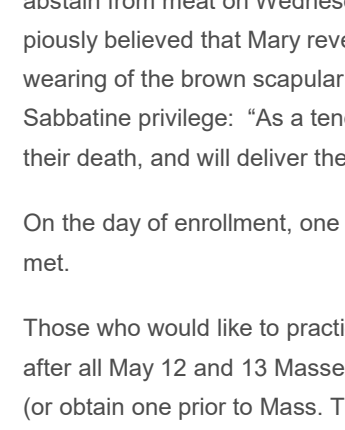
Home & School Updates

Volunteer Spotlight:

If you know of someone who deserves a little extra recognition and should have their name here, please email Heather at mccabeh@smps.school. Include the name of who you wish to nominate along with a quote, and we will reach out to additional parents for more kind words!

Thank you!

St. Mary Parish School: 2023-24 Calendar



Our Calendar for the upcoming 2023-24 school year is now available. Please note some events are still tentative. You can view the calendar [here](#). Please reach out to the school office if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Friday, May 19th
7PM - 9PM
St. Mary Activity Center

Please join us for a fun evening of dancing, beverages, snacks, as well as a hula hoop and limbo contest! \$10 per family.

[View Flyer and RSVP Here.](#)

Ways you can SERVE

Leadership Role Sign Up for 2023-24

Our Home and School Committee needs your help! Several new chairs/coordinators are needed for the 2023/24 school year. Please help us fill open leadership parent/volunteer positions before the end of the school year!

Please read this [important letter](#) from our current H&S Secretary, Katie Esser.

[Click here to view the Sign Up.](#)

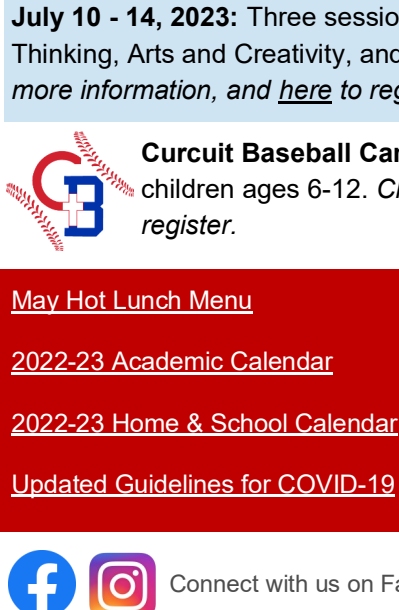
THANK YOU!

Home and School Meeting Updates:

View Meeting Minutes from the May 8th meeting [here](#).
OUR NEXT HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, JUNE 5 AT 7 PM AT 3 CELLARS.
(Business meeting from 7 to 7:30 and social afterwards!)

Hope to see you there!

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 if you have any questions or require more information.

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.

262-501-2501 briangold40@yahoo.com

Parish Updates

Did You Know? We Sing 'Regina Caeli' During Easter!

"Regina caeli" (Queen of Heaven) is an antiphon addressed to the Blessed Virgin Mary that is used in the liturgy during the Easter season. It also replaces the Angelus Prayers.
Listen to it online at bit.ly/reginacaeli

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 Mary's 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 Sabbath 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.

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 winners that were drawn on May 10th:
Aaron Kleebe, Sam Gold, Bonner Family, The Koslo Family, and Karalee Ptak.

Thank you for your support.

In the Community

St. Lawrence Seminary High School Summer Action Retreat: Open to 7th, 8th, and 9th grade boys. Calling all current middle school boys! Bring yourself and a friend Monday, June 12 - Wednesday, June 14 to St. Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt Calvary, WI for three days of field olympics, games, team building, and prayer. [Click image for more information.](#)

Catholic Memorial Arts/Athletics/Activities Summer Camps: CMH is offering SUMMER CAMPS for rising 1st-9th grade students, including Athletics, Arts, Activities and More. [Click here for more information about summer camps and registration.](#)

WCM Summer Camps: WCM has begun enrollment for our summer Music Exploration camps. This camp series is for children going into 2nd - 6th grade and provides them the opportunity to learn how to play a variety of instruments and hone their singing, rhythm, and musical notation skills. [Click the image to view the flyer.](#)

Gosz 2023 Basketball Day Camp Sessions: Open to boys and girls entering grades 1-8. Fundamental, Offensive, and Shooting Camps available to choose from. [Click the image for more information.](#)

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 final report card).

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.](#)

Girls Summer Athletic Youth Camps at PIUS XI: Choose from Boys or Basketball, Cross Country, Football Camp, Volleyball Camp, and more. Contact Lynn at lleetz@piusxi.org for additional information. [Click image to view flyer.](#)

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.](#)

Matthew 25 Local Work Camp 2023 Registration is Open: June 19 - 23 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church: Open to students in 5th—12th grade. Registration deadline is May 20th. [Click 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.](#)

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.](#)

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