



CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear St. Mary Families,

This weekend is a joyful and sacred moment in the lives of our second-grade students as they receive their Sacraments. What a beautiful milestone! Please keep them in your prayers as they take this important step in their journey of faith.

Like many of you, I still remember my own First Communion vividly. I loved my dress so much—ruffled socks, short gloves, and all. I truly felt like it was the fanciest thing I had ever owned. I was so nervous that day—my poofy dress was visibly shaking! I remember worrying that I might drop the host... but I didn't.

That memory remains etched in my heart because it was more than a celebration—it was a sacred encounter with Jesus. My hope for our students is that they carry that same awe and wonder into every moment they receive the Eucharist. First Communion is a beginning, but every Communion is a miracle. May they always approach the altar with reverence, gratitude, and joy.

Please join us in praying for all of our students receiving the sacraments this spring, and feel free to use the special prayer below with your own children as a way to bless them and reflect together.

A Prayer for First Communicants and All Who Receive the Sacraments
Loving Jesus,

We thank You for the gift of the sacraments, especially the gift of the Eucharist, where You come to us in the quiet, holy body and sacred blood.

Bless our children receiving First Communion. Fill their hearts with faith, their minds with peace, and their souls with the joy of knowing You are near.

Let them always hunger for Your presence, and remind all of us to treasure this sacred gift, not just today, but every time we say "Amen."

Amen.

Thank you for being part of this beautiful faith community.

Let us continue to grow together—Challenging Minds, Developing Character, and Living Jesus.

Warmly,
Mrs. Annemarie Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS	
TONIGHT	Parent Social 6pm
May 3	First Sacraments Retreat and Confession
May 4	First Communion
May 5 - 9	Teacher Appreciation Week <i>Please see sign ups below to help!</i>
May 6	Robert's Restaurant Night 4 - 9pm
May 6	4th & 5th Grade Field Trip
May 9	May Grounding
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	

TEACHER APPRECIATION HELP AND DONATIONS NEEDED

Teacher Appreciation Week is almost here – May 5-9 – and we're pulling out all the stops to make sure our incredible teachers feel the love all week long!

Wednesday – teachers will get to "shop" gift card bouquets with a chance to win one! Let's make those bouquets bloom!

How You Can Help:

- Donate Gift Cards – Drop off labeled cards ("TA GCs") in the office
- Send in a Monetary Contribution – Every dollar helps us spoil them!

Deadline: Monday, May 5

Sign up to donate here:
But that's not all – we need your help to give our teachers a break! On Thursday, May 9, we're asking parents to cover lunch and recess duties so our teachers can enjoy a well-earned, relaxing lunch.

Sign up to volunteer here:
Let's come together as a community and show our teachers just how much they mean to us. Whether it's a gift card, a few dollars, or an hour of your time – every contribution makes a difference!

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!

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!

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

STEAM Club was a great success—thank you to all of our 3rd–5th grade participants for your creativity and enthusiasm! Stay tuned for more after-school STEAM opportunities coming next school year.

Telling our Good News:

The Good News is...
"Successful Daddy-Daughter Dance"

Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who helped with this event and especially to the chairs, Becky Rusch and Michele Spaeth, who organized all of the planning! The smiling faces say it all, and we know they will have these special memories to last a lifetime!

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! **Our teacher spotlight will be back next week.** Please keep an eye out for an email with a request for quotes early next week!

MOVING CLASSROOMS

HELPERS NEEDED!

LOOKING FOR A FEW HELPFUL PEOPLE TO ASSIST IN MOVING CLASSROOM!! THE TEACHERS ON THE SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS NEED TO SWAP CLASSROOM DUE TO SAFETY REGULATIONS. WE ARE LOOKING FOR ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH THIS ON JUNE 9TH AND 10TH. COME HELP FOR A FEW HOURS OR A FULL DAY! PLEASE SEE THE SIGN UP HERE! THANK YOU!

Home & School Updates:

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

Over 50 families enjoyed an evening of dancing, games, and lots of laughter.

The event's success is greatly due to the contribution of time and talent from these amazing people:

- ❖ Adam Theisen and daughter Gianna (alum) - DJ
- ❖ Missy Martinez - Communications
- ❖ Susan Milinski - Prize donations
- ❖ Pam Woznick and Deanne Lowe - Day of Volunteers
- ❖ Ann MacGillis - Photographer
 - See some of her amazing work in the Good News image!
- ❖ Anne Dolph - 8th grade business at:
 - Check out her business at: <https://www.rosesandrootsbyanne.com/>

Daddy Daughter Dance Committee: Michele Spaeth and Becky Rusch

Ice Cream Social

Students will be treated to a delicious ice cream bar on May 22. We are looking for parents to help serve!

Thursday
May 22

Click here to sign up to help!
Thank you!

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@smmps.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 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 30th:
Amy Coraggio, Govier Family, Bri Leonard, and Nate Kuhn

And congrats to this \$150 winner drawn May 2nd:
Patrick Brandt

Thank you for your participation!

In the Community:

PIUS XI Boys Basketball Summer Camps: Choose from Fundamental skills camp, shooting camp or Mighty Mites Camp. Click [here](#) for more information.

OPTIMIST CLUB of Menomonee Falls **Kids Fishing Derby - Catch and Release Contest: Saturday, May 10:** Put on by the Optimist Club. Open for ages 3–16. Free registration on the day of the derby beginning at 8am. Please click [here](#) for more information.

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.

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

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 krisvandyarstek@yahoo.com