

CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear Parents,

It seems impossible to me that there are only 9 days left in this school year, but then I haven't been counting down like the 8th graders. This year seems like it has flown by way too fast but we still have a lot of activities and events coming up before we wrap up the 23-24 school year.

Thursday, May 30....Middle school students perform - Peter Pan Jr. @1:30 and 6:30 PM
Friday, May 31.....5th grade DARE graduation - 1:45 PM & 8th grade dance 6 PM
Monday, June 3.....8th grade retreat @Chesterton Academy & K5 Graduation 10 AM
Tuesday, June 4.....8th & 1st grades, Buddy Breakfast 8:30 AM
Wednesday, June 5...Field Day @Kinderberg Park & 8th grade graduation 5PM
Thursday, June 6.....Move up day, AM
Friday, June 7.....Last day of school. Closing of school Mass & Awards 8AM. Early dismissal & Brat Fry

FIELD DAY: In celebration of an awesome year of learning and growing, we will be taking the whole school to Kinderberg park in Germantown for a fun day of games and activities in the park. This was originally scheduled for Tuesday, however **due to a conflict at the park, we had to move our field day to Wednesday, May 5.** Therefore, **pizza day will be held on Tuesday, May 4** and students will need to bring a non-perishable lunch to the park on Wednesday. Please note the list of items on the field trip form that students need to bring with them and make sure to slather them up with sunscreen that morning.

EXCITING NEWS! We are thrilled to announce that we just hired a full-time Learning Support Teacher for the 24-25 school year. See below for her introduction.

4K Program Expansion- Due to a surge in enrollment for our K4 program, we are delighted to share that we will be hiring a half-time 4K teacher. This expansion will enable us to welcome more students into the K4 program, providing them with enhanced educational opportunities.

Spread the Word! Please help us spread the word to friends and family about these exciting updates. Thank you for being a part of our school community!

REMINDER: No School on Monday, May 27

LINK TO 2024-25 ONE PAGE CALENDAR

Have a great weekend,
Linda Joyner

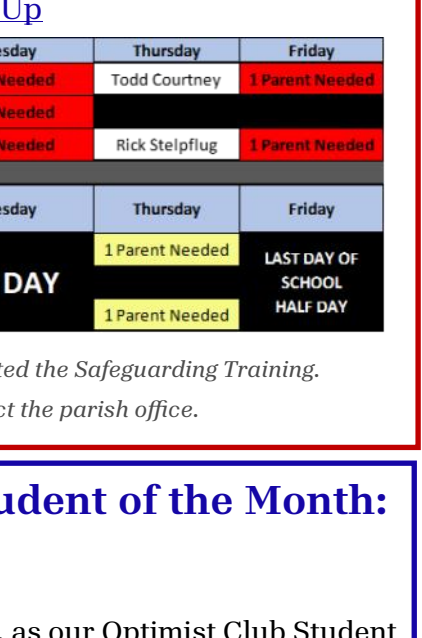
UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 27**
No School
Memorial Day
- May 29**
Milwaukee Co. Zoo
Field Trip
(K5-2nd)
[Permission Form here](#)
- May 30**
Peter Pan Jr.
1:30pm
6:30pm
[Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- May 31**
D.A.R.E. Graduation
- May 31**
[8th Grade Dance](#)
- June 3**
K5 Graduation
- June 3**
8th Grade Retreat
[Permission Slip](#)
- June 4**
Buddy Breakfast
- June 4**
Pizza Lunch (due to change of field day)
- June 5**
Field Day
[Permission Slip](#)
[Important Details here](#)
- June 5**
8th Grade Graduation
- June 7**
Last Day of School
(11:30am dismissal)
[School Brat Fry](#)
([BSVP Here](#))

[View Full Calendar](#)

INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBER

We are pleased to introduce Emily Riffle as the newest addition to the St. Mary family. Emily will assume the role of Learning Support Specialist, commencing in August. With an impressive twenty-three years of experience in Catholic education, Emily brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our team.



Throughout her career, Emily has taught a range of grade levels, including first, fourth, sixth, seventh, and eighth. Her dedication to helping students of all ages progress in their academic journey and achieve their full potential is truly commendable. She is committed to fostering a positive learning environment and building a community of engaged learners.

On a personal note, Emily has been happily married for 24 years and is a proud mother of two children, aged 22 and 20. In her free time, she enjoys spending quality moments with her family and indulging in her love for reading.

"I am excited about the opportunity to collaborate with you as we support your child's academic growth together."

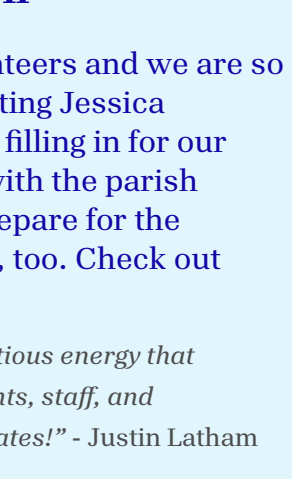
Peter Pan Jr.: Helpers Needed & Costume List

Your help is needed to make this play run smoothly on the day of performance! Please consider signing up. Many slots are available!

[Sign Up Here!](#)

Please see Peter Pan [Costume List here!](#)

Thank you!



Daily Playground and Lunchroom Volunteers Needed

Please see below for our daily volunteer needs. We greatly appreciate your time and help! Here are the links to sign up:

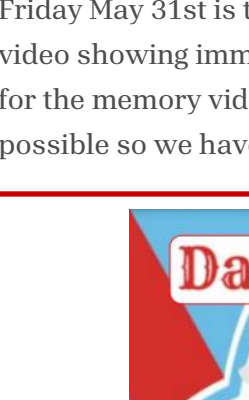
[Lunchroom Sign Up](#)
[Playground Sign Up](#)

Week of 5/28/24	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchroom Servers	NO SCHOOL	Chris Stueland	1 Parent Needed	Todd Courtney	1 Parent Needed
Playground Helper		1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	Rick Stelpflug	1 Parent Needed

Week of 6/3/24	Monday	Tuesday (PIZZA LUNCH)	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchroom Servers	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed		1 Parent Needed	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL HALF DAY
Playground Helper	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	FIELD DAY	1 Parent Needed	

**IMPORTANT: All volunteers must have completed the Safeguarding Training. If you have not done so, please contact the parish office.*

Optimist Club Student of the Month: Tilly M.



Congratulations to Tilly M. as our Optimist Club Student of the Month. Tilly has grown socially, spiritually and academically throughout her middle school years. Tilly is an avid reader, soccer player, a member of the forensics team and an altar server. She has learned time management and knows how to complete her work well and on time. Tilly perseveres through difficult concepts, is an analytical thinker, and knows how to put in the effort to reach proficiency in all subject areas. Tilly can be relied on to answer discussion questions when the rest of class is silent. She is very well versed in US History, including concepts that have not been presented to the class.

Most recently, Tilly was an outstanding participant during our trip to Washington DC. She was attentive as we learned about each site, asked and responded to questions and was a great example to her peers. Tilly has demonstrated that she is well prepared for high school!

Congratulations, Tilly!

Home & School Updates

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 how much they're appreciated! This week we are highlighting our K3 teacher's aide, Mrs. Bley! Check out what some students, families and fellow teachers had to say:



Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Bley, K3 Aide

"Mrs. Bley likes to play Playdoh and the train with me. We make a train with the chairs. She also reads books to me. All three of those things are fun!"
- Melody D.

"Mrs. Bley is very special and I love when she gives me a hug or helps me at school." - Josiah B.

"We are so grateful that you were able to fill in as the role of the 3K aide. You have allowed our 3K classroom to remain a successful classroom because of your presence. Your energy is kind, patient, and positive. Thank you for helping our children become better people and prepare them for their educational journey!" - Mrs. Bingenheimer

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

Volunteer Spotlight: Jessica McDowell

St. Mary School is blessed with many amazing volunteers and we are so grateful for each of them. This week we are highlighting Jessica McDowell. Jessica is a huge help on a regular basis, filling in for our daily lunchroom and recess needs. She also helps with the parish auction and is currently helping the theatre guild prepare for the upcoming Peter Pan show! She does so much more, too. Check out what other families/teachers had to say:

"Jessica always has a smile when serving hot lunch even if the children say yuck I don't want that. She is willing to help out in the extreme the weather and go will playground duty. Jessica is an expert at retrieving balls!" - Sue Brandt

"Jess has an infectious energy that transfers to students, staff, and organizing teammates!" - Justin Latham

[Click below to read more....](#)

[Read more quotes about Jessica here.](#)

St. Mary Parish School Proudly Presents

PETER PAN JR.

Thursday, May 30

St. Mary School Activity Center

1:30pm: Matinee Performance (Doors Open 1pm)
6:30pm: Evening Performance (Doors Open 6pm)

Admission is \$5 for adults
High school and college students: \$3
Children and students: free

Cash Only! Donations are welcome!

Reminder! 8th Grade Dance!

Friday May 31st is the 8th grade dance from 6:30-8:30pm, with class memory video showing immediately following. Parents and family are welcome to join for the memory video at 8:30pm. Please turn in permission slips as soon as possible so we have an accurate count of guests attending. Thanks!

Daddy Daughter Dance

THANK YOU

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:

- Mr. Adam Theisen and his daughter Gianna (DJ)
- Mrs. Ann MacGillis (photographer):
 - See her amazing work [HERE](#)
- School Office (communications and collection)

Also, a big thank you to St. Mary's family and area business donations that helped minimize event costs:

- Mrs. Susan Milinski (1st grade parent)
- Mrs. Beverly Foster (alumni parent)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BRAT FRY

Hot Dogs • Chips • Drinks

Face painting, chalk, bubbles and games!

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Friday, June 7, 2024
St. Mary Parking Lot

Bring a chair, socialize, and let the kids play!

cash only please!

Please [RSVP here.](#)

HELP WANTED

The Last Day of School Brat Fry Committee needs your help! We are in need of a Grill, Griller, homemade bars and 10 canopy tents for the event. Please reach out to Kristin Stanek or Nicole Hall if you can assist!

If you would like to join the Brat Fry Committee, please reach out to Kristin Stanek (klstanek3@gmail.com) or Nicole Hall (nicole.boedeker@gmail.com).

SAVE THE DATE

Annual St. Mary Parish School Golf Outing

Presented by

Saturday, September 14, 2024
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 bjgold40@yahoo.com

Parish Updates

Transitional Diaconate Ordination Novena for Jason Diebolt Starts May 24

Jason Diebolt, our parish seminarian, will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on Saturday, June 1 at 10:30 am at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Today, May 24, we will begin a novena for Jason's ordination. Please pick up a prayer card in the Gathering Space (St. Anthony) or church entrances (St. Mary). The novena can also be found on the [parish website](#). Please pray for Jason and the other seminarians to be ordained to the transitional diaconate.

Volunteers Needed for Corpus Christi Procession

Volunteers are needed to fill a variety of roles in the Corpus Christi Procession after the 10:30 am Mass on June 2. The procession will begin at St. Anthony Parish and conclude at St. Mary Parish. Join us in giving public witness of our faith. Bus transportation back to St. Anthony will be provided. To see a list of available roles, please visit bit.ly/stamcc2024.

Join Us for Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession on June 2

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi, or the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus is June 2. St. Anthony and St. Mary parishes will mark this celebration with a Eucharistic Procession following the 10:30 am Mass at St. Anthony. We will process down Appleton Avenue to Main Street to St. Mary. Bus transportation back to St. Anthony will be available. We are currently seeking canopy bearers and flower petal bearers to participate in the procession. [Sign up online at bit.ly/stamcc2024](http://bit.ly/stamcc2024)

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn on May 22nd:
Jeff & Angie Pitroff, Daniel Koslo, Christa Kleeba, Shelby Mass, and Sue Brandt

Thank you for your support and participation!

In the Community

- Dominican Junior Knights Summer Sports Camps:** Choose from basketball, soccer, cross-country, volleyball and more!
- Christian Theatre Camp at Trinity Freistadt:** July 15-18 from 9am-3pm. Ages 8-13.
- Summer Music Camps: Wisconsin Conservatory of Music.** Music Exploration Camps available for students in grades 2 - 12.
- NFL Alumni Youth Football Camps:** Open to Boys and Girls 6-14 for Football Skills, Life Skills and Fun!
- Mike Gosz Basketball Camps:** Choose from **Day Camp Sessions (1-8th graders)** or **Academy Camp (grades 3-8)**. Enrollment is limited, so register early!
- CMH Summer Camps:** Open to all rising 1st - 9th graders. Get involved at CMH, stay active, learn new skills and meet new friends!
- PIUS XI Boys Basketball Summer Camps:** Choose from Fundamental Skills Camp June 10 -13, Pure Shooting Camp June 17 - 20,
- Rocket Aquatics Swim Clinics at Menomonee Falls High School:** Ages 4 - 9 and 9 - 16.
- STARBASE Wisconsin offering two FREE STEM programs this summer:** Choose from "Life Science and Wisconsin Wildlife" and/or "Aviation and Flight Simulation."
- Summer Camps at Camp de Sales:** Summer day camps led by new Vocation Director Father Michael Malucha at the seminary for middle school men.
- DSHA Summer Camp Program, Summer Cool:** Choose from over 100 camps offered for girls in rising grades 1 -9.
- Camp Chesterton 2024:** Summer one-day camp for kids ages 8 - 12. Registration deadline is May 31. [Flyer here.](#)