

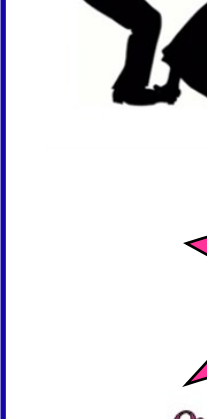
CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

After April 15th, we are unable to bill for extra curricular non-tuition items through SmartTuition. Therefore, you should have received some “**paper**” invoices this past week, via kidmail, that will need to be paid by cash or check. Hopefully, these are not still riding around in the bottom of your youngest child’s backpack. All invoices are due upon receipt. If you have any questions, please contact Missy Janzer at the school office.



Please join us on **Tuesday, May 30th** as we unveil our new five year strategic plan. We have a lot of exciting plans and goals to share. **You won’t want to miss this meeting!** The meeting begins at 6:00 PM in the Activity Center. Following the presentation, there will be time for small group discussions and feedback. See below for more information. Hope to see you there!



Do you love toddlers? If you answered **yes**, then you **may be just the person we are looking for!** Call us today, to learn more about becoming a teaching assistant for our three-year-old kindergarten classroom.

Have a wonderful and safe Memorial Day weekend!

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

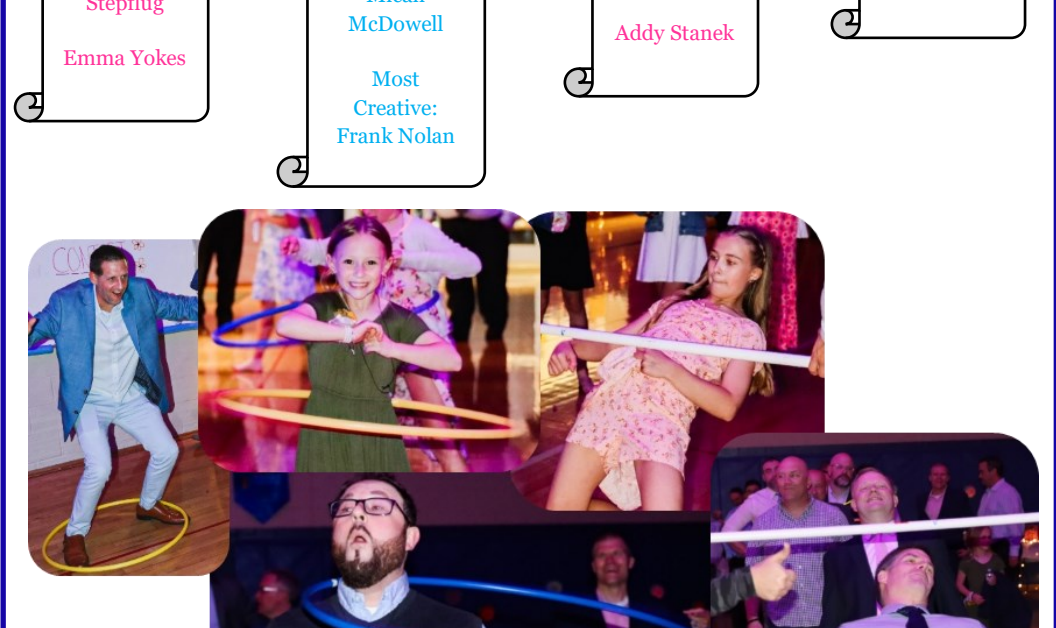
UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 29**
No School
Memorial Day
- June 2**
5th Grade D.A.R.E. graduation
- June 2**
8th Grade Dance
[Permission Slip Here](#)
- 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
[View Fryer Here](#)

[View Full Calendar](#)

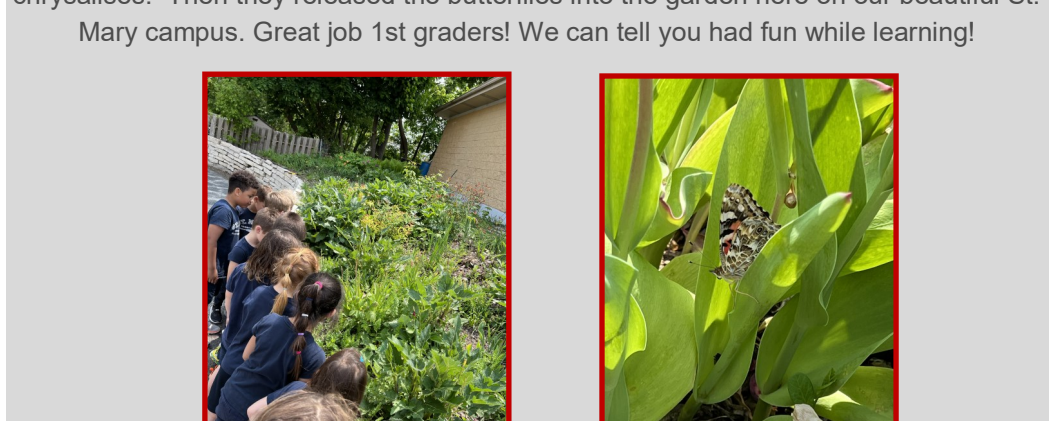


From the Event Coordinators, Michele Spaeth and Becky Rusch....



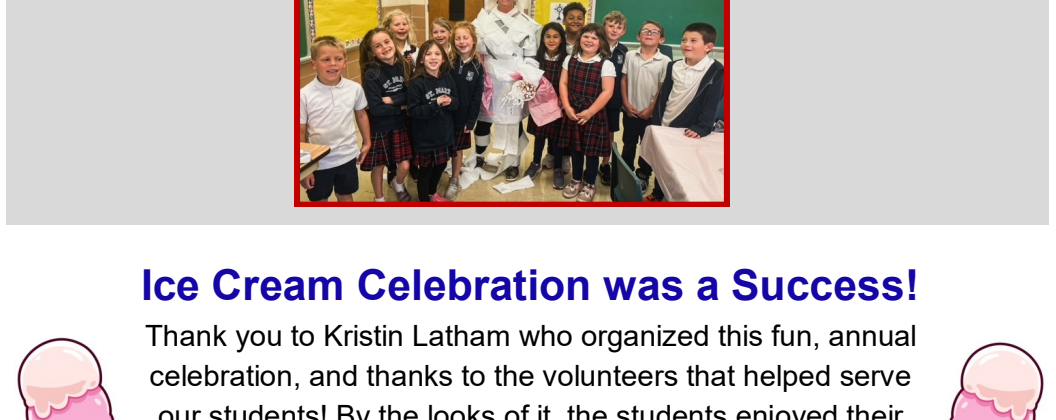
The event would not have been successful without the contribution of time and talent from these amazing people:

Mr. Adam Theisen and his daughter Gianna (DJ)
Mrs. Ann MacGillis (photographer) see her amazing work [HERE](#)
School Office (communications and collection)
Volunteers: Amanda Prosser, Pam Woznick, Bri Leonard, and Anne Gall



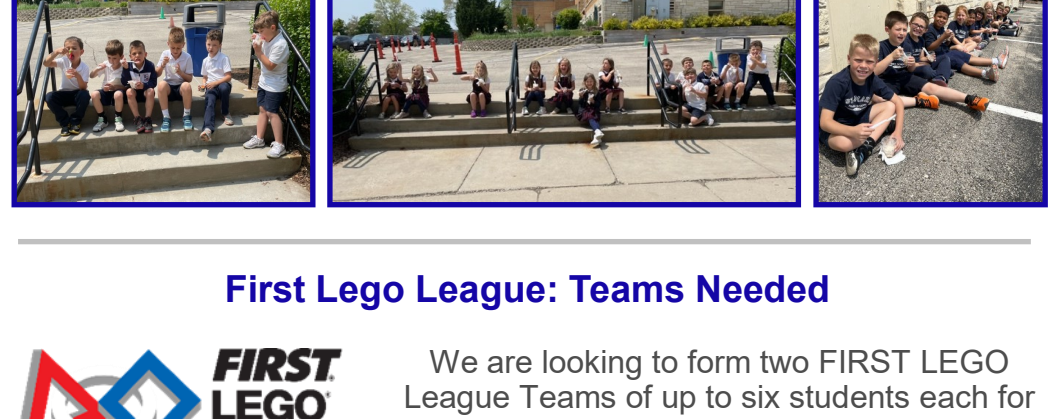
First Graders Learn all about Butterflies!

First graders learned about the life cycle of butterflies this week; Pink Lady Butterflies, to be exact! They observed the caterpillars eating, growing and changing into chrysalises. Then they released the butterflies into the garden here on our beautiful St. Mary campus. Great job 1st graders! We can tell you had fun while learning!



Speaking of first grade, while Ms. Barenz is usually the one doing all the fun, special things with the students, this week, the students had their turn to do something special for Ms. Barenz! As some of you may already know, Ms. Barenz is getting married this summer! The kids showered Ms. Barenz on Thursday and gave her a wedding advice book and restaurant gift card and made her into a beautiful bride. :) Cupcakes and wedding bingo, too!

See some more pictures [here!](#)

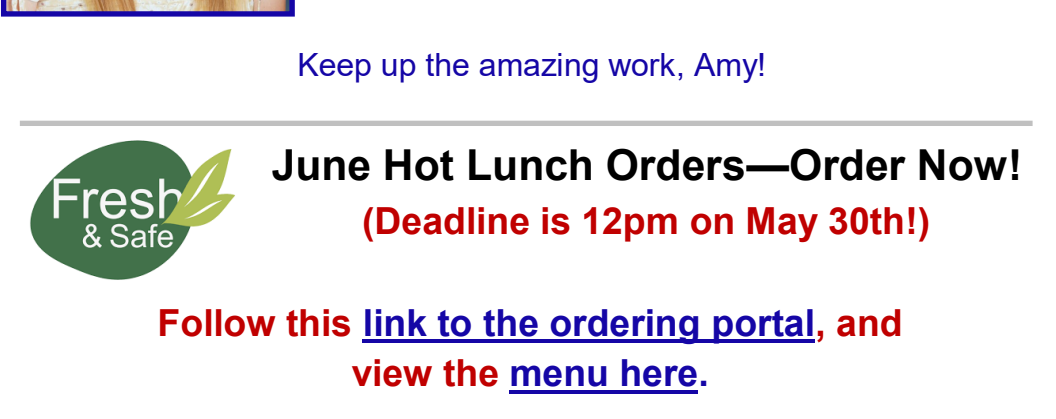


Ice Cream Celebration was a Success!

Thank you to Kristin Latham who organized this fun, annual celebration, and thanks to the volunteers that helped serve our students! By the looks of it, the students enjoyed their special treat and some extra time together in the sun!

See a few more pictures [here](#).

Special thanks to the Kennedy family & McDonald's for sponsoring!

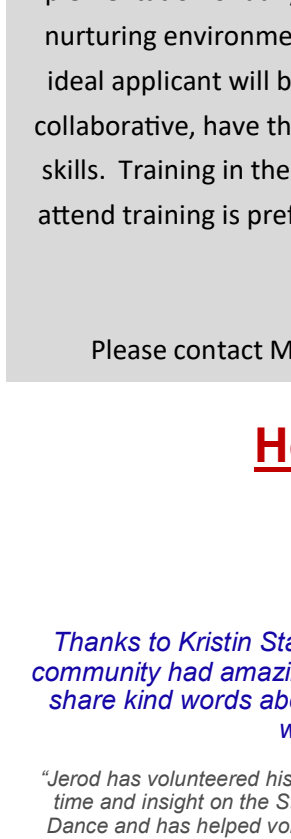


First Lego League: Teams Needed

We are looking to form two FIRST LEGO League Teams of up to six students each for the 2023 season. Students in grades five and greater will be considered. Contact Eric Nielsen (ericnielsen@gmail.com) by June 2, if interested or if you have any questions.

See [here](#) for an overview/flyer.

Optimist Club Student of the Month: Amy Kohlmetz



Congrats to Amy Kohlmetz who is the Optimist Club Student of the Month for May! Amy is such a dedicated and bright student. She has improved in both communication skills and self-discipline. Amy has grown in her self-confidence and is willing to share ideas during class. She is a valued contributor to group work and will work with anyone in the class. She always puts forth her best effort and is willing to participate. Amy brings a kind, helpful, and positive disposition to the classroom.

Keep up the amazing work, Amy!

June Hot Lunch Orders—Order Now!

(Deadline is 12pm on May 30th!)

Follow this [link to the ordering portal](#), and view the [menu here](#).

Our St. Mary Teachers are the Best!

Our teacher highlight will back next week! Please keep your eyes open in your email for requests for quotes.

Thank you!

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.

Home & School Updates

Volunteer Spotlight

Jerod & Michele Spaeth

Thanks to Kristin Stanek for nominating Jerod and Michele Spaeth. Our St. Mary community had amazing things to say about them. And what better time than now to share kind words about them after a very memorable Father-Daughter dance last week. See what some families had to say!

"Jerod has volunteered his time on the School Committee for many years and most recently offering his time and insight on the Strategic Planning Committee. Michele recently chaired the Father Daughter Dance and has helped volunteer at other school events including School Day Fun Fair and the School plays, to name a few. The Spaeths have been generous sponsors for many school events including the St. Mary Golf Outing, Parent Night, School Day Fun Fair and the Catholic Schools Walk. Thank you Jerod and Michele for helping make our school & events successful!" - Kristin Stanek

"Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Spaeth for your support and involvement in our school and parish community! Thank you for your help with back-to-school parent night, the Christmas musical, Fun Fair, Daddy/Daughter Dance and the many other ways you both are involved! Mr. Spaeth is an awesome referee for the teacher vs. 8th grade basketball game. You both are very appreciated!" - Ms. Barenz

"It was a pleasure working with Michele during the Father, Daughter Dance. Thank you for all of your hard work and time spent on putting together such a special night. The kids had so much fun! Great job!" - Brianne Leonard

"We are really fortunate to have Michele and Jared as part of our school community. Jared provided leadership in investing in the long term success of St. Mary Parish school thru his involvement in the strategic planning and other work on the school advisory committee. Michele shares her talent and passion coaching volleyball as well as chairing the daddy daughter dance. They are great role models for our entire community by serving and demonstrating Catholic identity thru their service. We are fortunate to have them so invested in our St. Mary community." - Matt and Kathleen Kuhn

"Michele did a fantastic job coordinating the father-daughter dance. She is organized and always ensures that everyone has a great time. She is truly dedicated to St. Mary and helps people feel welcomed and part of the St. Mary community. Jerod has been instrumental in forming the future of St. Mary with his work on the finance committee and the Strategic Plan. His commitment and dedication to the school and parish are obvious in the work he does." - Rebecca Rusch

"Jerod and Michele Spaeth are 100% dedicated to the future of St. Mary Parish School. I love their enthusiasm, ideas, and willingness to support what we do at St. Mary's. Their support of teachers is very humbling and I am so grateful for their gifts of time and generosity." - Mrs. Mrozinski

"The Spaeth's are always willing to volunteer their time for our fun school activities. Thank you Michele for bringing smiles to the kiddos faces when you dressed up as a gecko for Fun Fair and thank you Jerod for always refing the student vs staff basketball game. We are so thankful for your time and positive energy that you bring to St. Mary school. These fun activities are memories that the kiddos will hold onto forever!" - Ms. Rosner

"Michele did a great job coaching the 6th grade volleyball team this year and the future looks bright for this group of girls with all her volleyball knowledge." - Nicole Fischer

"Jerod and Michele Spaeth are quite the dynamic duo. They are two of the most hardworking people I have met since joining the St. Mary Parish School Community. Whether they are directly or indirectly involved in a school event, the Spaeths are always willing to lend a helping hand. Michele and Jerod truly encompass a strong faith based life and my family and I look up to them in many ways. They truly live by example and our community is lucky to have them." - Katelyn Kennedy

"Jerod and Michele are incredible supports of St. Mary's School and Parish. They have been active participants for many years. It is easy to see how much they value and care about the strength and future of St. Mary School and Parish." - John and Jenny Nygaard

"Michele and Jerod are so incredibly giving of their time to serve our school, parish and community. Regardless of how much they're already doing, they're always right there to help out in any way they can. Thanks for everything!" - The Woznick Family

"Michele and Jerod are always willing to lend a helping hand as well as donate items to committees or fundraisers here at St. Mary's. Their generous gifts are a blessing to our school!" - Regent-Smith Family

"Jerod and Michele are true disciples of Jesus. The Spaeth's have devoted their time and expertise in helping make SMPS a better place. Both of them will volunteer their time in a classroom, coaching a sports team, being a chair of a school event or on a school/church committee just to list a few. In addition, they never say no to sponsoring a school event (golf outing, fun fair, catholic school walk etc.) or donating cases of beer to help out a cause. The Spaeth's were one of the first families to reach out to us when we joined St Mary's letting us know they were there for us. It was so welcoming and we're thankful to be able to call them friends today. A bonus is seeing their smiling faces during Sunday Mass or hearing Jerod's "perfect announcer voice" doing a reading at church. Thank you for all you do at SMPS!" - The Weiske's

Last Day of School: Brat Fry

Please [R.S.V.P. here](#) so the organizers can plan accordingly!



Fundraiser Updates:

Thanks to all who participated in our recent fundraising nights at Panda Express and Robert's!

St. Mary's made a profit of **\$70.58** from Panda Express and **\$275** from Robert's.

Thank you for supporting our local community while also helping St. Mary!

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 brangold40@yahoo.com

Parish Updates

Memorial Day Schedule

Memorial Day Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery on Monday, May 29. Confession and Adoration will follow at St. Mary church. There will be no noon confession. The parish office will be closed.

Have a Blessed Memorial Day!

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 winners that were drawn on May 24th:
Todd & Christine Courtney, Micallef Family, Aaron Kleebea, Janet Pfeffer, and Jesse Christen.

Thank you for your support.

In the Community

Menomonee Falls Childrens Choir: Beginning Fall, 2023. Open to all children regardless of residency. Open to grades K-4 and grades 5-8. One rehearsal per week with a concert in December. *Click the image to view the flyer and additional info.*

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 full, 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.*

Summer Athletic Youth Camps at PIUS XI:

Choose from Boys or Girls Basketball, Cross Country, Football Camp, Volleyball Camp, and more. Contact Lynn at leeetz@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.*

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.*

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.*

May Hot Lunch Menu [Chance of Dismissal](#)

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