THE CONNECTION

Weekly Newsletter



CHALLENGING MINDS

DEVELOPING CHARACTER

LIVING JESUS

Dear Parents,

PLEASE JOIN US TONIGHT! - Our inaugural parent social event is tonight, from 6-9 PM at the American Legion, conveniently located just up the street from our school. We encourage you to come and mingle, forge new friendships, and be a part of our vibrant school community. Looking forward to seeing you there!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK - May 6–10,

2024. Join us in celebrating our awesome teachers during teacher National Appreciation Week! Our teachers are truly remarkable, playing a vital role in molding the minds and faith life of our children. We are extremely grateful for their unwavering dedication and tireless efforts both inside and outside the classroom. Thank you teachers!!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Congratulations to our second grade students who will be receiving their first holy communion this weekend. Second grade students will also lead the May Crowning On Friday, May 10th at the 8AM Mass.

Traveling Monstrance Blessed by St. John Paul Il is Headed Here! All of us, as children of God, are all called to holiness! In recognition of that call, St. Mary Parish School will be hosting Holy Hours for the Vocations on May 17. On this day, all are invited to Adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the last Monstrance blessed by St. John Paul II, entrusted to us by Arise Milwaukee for the day. Jesus will be exposed after the all school Mass (about 9 am) and reposed at 3 pm. A volunteer, called a "Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament" or "Adorer" is needed in the church every hour of Adoration. Parents are asked to sign up for a Holy Hour online and students will visit throughout the day to pray. <u>Click here</u> to learn more about the Traveling Monstrance.

NEWS WORTH REPEATING! We have a delivery date! Weather permitting, we will do the Community Build on Friday, August 16th and the surface will be poured the following week. We will be needing a lot of strong helpers to put the playground together on the build day. There will be different skill sets needed. If you are interested in helping, please <u>click here</u>. The new playground should be ready to go when the kids arrive back to school!



LINK TO 2024-25 ONE PAGE CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight! Parent Social 6 - 9pm

May 5 First Communion 9:30 - 10:30am

May 6 - 10 **Teacher Appreciation** Week

May 9 3 - 5th Gr. Field Trip to Old World Wisconsin (Permission slip)

May 10 5th Grade Field Trip to Art Museum (Permission slip)

> May 10 May Crowning

May 14 Robert's Frozen **Custard** Restaurant Night

May 15 School Rosary **Glorious Mysteries** 11:15am

May 17 Father-Daughter Dance RSVP <u>Here</u>

View Full Calendar

	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 5/6/24	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Lunchroom Servers (Need 2)	Jessica McDowell	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	Chris Stueland	1 Parent Needed	
				1 Parent Needed			
	Playground Helper	1 Parent Needed	Becky Leupi	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	Karen Micallef	
	Week of 5/13/24	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Lunchroom Servers (Need 2)	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	Chris Stueland	1 Parent Needed	
				1 Parent Needed			
	Playground Helper	1 Parent Needed	Becky Leupi	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	Rick Stelpflug	

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

Fourth graders become "paleontologists" learning about Earth!

Our fourth grade students were "paleontologists" this week as part of their science unit on the study of Earth! They had to imagine that their chocolate chip cookie was a piece of Earth's surface. They needed to excavate the fossils (chocolate chips) using their picks (toothpicks) to carefully extract the fossils without causing too much damage to the land. Some were able to excavate over 20 'fossils'. Great job, students!



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 Middle School Spanish teacher, Senora Vega. Check out what some students, families and fellow teachers had to say:



Teacher Spotlight: Senora Vega, M.S. Spanish

"Senora Vega helps us when we are working on projects and need help finding the Spanish words that we need for our projects and writing." - Leona A.

"Senora Vega made me able to speak in Spanish sentences and helped me with pronunciation." - Kellan L.

"Senora Vega, I really like learning a new language and your class is really fun." - Dom S.

"Senora Vega has made my Spanish knowledge go up so high! I really enjoy learning in her fun and amazing classroom!" - Owen M.



Home & School Updates

Read more quotes about Senora Vega here!



Volunteer Spotlight:

We're looking for your nominations! If you know of a parent volunteer who deserves a special shout out here, please email their name along with a quote to mccabeh@smps.school, and we will reach out to additional families for more quotes to share!

Thank you!

CALLING ALL BABYSITTERS!!!



We are looking to start an ongoing list for all St. Mary

families to use when needing a babysitter. This list is open to all current and former St. Mary students. We are asking a series of questions to help families know more about their sitters. The information will only be distributed when requested by the office.

Please click <u>here</u> if you wish to add your child(ren) to the list.

St. Mary Home & School Meeting May 20 7pm



School Conference Rooms (lower level, enter through Hayes alleyway doors)

All are welcome!

Robert's Frozen Custard Restaurant Night Tuesday, May 14th, 4-9PM Dine in our carry out and support St. Mary School! View flyer here.



Peter Pan Jr. Performed by 6th, 7th and 8th grade May 30th St. Mary Activity Center

Parents of Middle Schoolers, please see the Sponsorship/Ad form here. Due date is May 13th.



Parish Updates

Celebrate Dcn. Siehr's Ordination!

St. Mary Parish will be offering refreshments after all of the Masses on May 11 & 12 (St. Mary) to celebrate the ordination of Deacon Aaron Siehr. In Thanksgiving for his vocation, his ministerial service during his formation time here at his teaching parishes, and for his diaconal ministry throughout the coming year, we will be getting him a gift. If you would like to contribute, please send your donation to the



Parish Office with the memo "Aaron's ordination.

May 5 Speaker Series -- CANCELLED

The final speaker series scheduled for May 5 has been cancelled due to First Holy Communion at St. Mary. Christian Formation Classes will still meet.

Give Blood, Get a Water Park Pass!

St. Anthony & St. Mary Blood Drive will be from 1:30-6:30 pm on Monday, May 13 at St. Mary Parish School in the lower level conference rooms. Fifty people aged 16 and older are needed to help meet local patient demand in area hospitals. Please make an appointment <u>online</u> or by calling (877) 232-4376 for assistance. Donors will be offered a ticket to Mt. Olympus water park and entered in a drawing to win \$1,000 in gift cards to Great Wolf Lodge Resort!

May 11 Parish Clean Up Day

St Mary invites families and parish members to help with our Parish "Clean Up" on May 11 as we work on some landscaping projects and general spring maintenance for our church campus. Families and students are encouraged to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to earn service hours. Lunch will be provided! <u>Sign up now!</u>

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn on May 1st: James Lenahan, McDowell Family, Janice Dujmovic and Helen Koopman

And special congrats to this \$150 winner drawn May 3: Joe Ghocka

Thank you for your support and participation!

In the Community



