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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.

Please reach out to the St. Mary Athletic Director, John Wiese, at

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Weekly Newsletter

May 5th, 2023

Thank you, Officer Weber, for helping teach them this important safety 10 **Teachers Celebrated Teacher** Appreciation Week! Special thanks to Ann MacGillis and Arin Nguyen who organized the

Monday: Sunshine Cart: With the help of our school families, Arin and Ann set up a "Sunshine Cart" of goodies in the breakroom for the teachers to have access to all week (+) long Teachers could choose yummy treats from the Sunshine Cart. A large "We Love Our Teachers" yard sign was set up for their Tuesday: Tote bags: Ann and Arin purchased and personalized tote bags for all of the teachers and distributed them on this day. Wednesday: Gift card tree: Each teacher was able to grab 3 gift cards and have a chance to win a plant as well. Thursday: Thankful Thursday: Each class was able to come up with something special to show gratitude to your teacher! (We saw some beautiful flowers and other special goodies come through the doors!)

special week for them!

Friday: 8th Grade appreciation lunch. We started this "tradition" just last year. This is a really nice way for the graduating class at the end of the year to show their staff appreciation. Thank you, St. Mary Teachers, for all you do to support our students! And thanks to all who contributed and helped make this a special week for our amazing St. Mary Teachers! **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

athleticdirector@stmaryparish.net if you have any questions or require more information. Registration for Volleyball closes June 30th. **Reminder:** The RaiseRight earning year runs through May 31. This means there is 1 month left to reach your \$250 fundraising requirement for this school year. June 1 will be the start of next school year's fundraising. Please <u>click here</u> for more important information. 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 amazing art

teacher, Mrs. Shea. Mrs. Shea has been teaching in Catholic Schools for 30 years. She is retiring this year, and we will miss her and her talents greatly! See what some students and families had to say:

<u>Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Shea - Art</u>

"I liked making the stick sculpture with

"As far as from me and I'm sure other

morning calling out to the kiddos by name

at the drop off. She always had a smile and

knowing my kiddo would be having a great

day in a school where she is cared for and

"We have fun doing pottery in Mrs. Shea's

"I love art! She helps me with my projects.

It is my favorite subject. Mrs. Shea is nice!"

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helped me start my day off right by

known." - Heather Wiesner

class." - Zac and Ty Meulemans

"Mrs. Shea has taught our children so

Mrs. Shea." Maggie W. (K4)

Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/STMaryAthletics

face rain or shine. I am sad to see Mrs. Shea go, but I know she has left a lasting impact on her students!" - Heidi Henke "I loved learning about layering in Mrs. Shea's class...I really love art. I want to be an artist when I grow up and have really good art like Mrs. Shea." - Nora Henke "It's always fun learning new things and all of the units we do are so fun and different." Isabella Koslo "Mrs. Shea is the best art teacher ever. My favorite projects are the safari animals and our "twins." Thank you for being our teacher. I will be sad when you retire but

ever." Emery H. (K5)

years!" Keira B.

"My daughter Nora has only had the

talks about how much she loves Mrs.

Shea's class and how she wishes she

could have more time in art. My daughter

was so excited to show her family her art

and acknowledged Mrs. Shea as the one

friendly face who welcomes the kids to

miss seeing Mrs. Shea welcoming my children in the morning with a smile on her

school every morning. As a parent, I will

on display at the Menomonee Falls Library

who encouraged her creativity. In addition to being a great art teacher, Mrs. Shea is a

pleasure of having Mrs. Shea for art for one year, but Mrs. Shea's impact on my daughter has been great! Nora frequently

the morning letting them in early with their sibling always with a smile and words of welcome." - Ashton Hilker "Thank you Mrs. Shea for sharing your time and talents with so many St. Mary students. Your patience, encouragement and dedication is commendable. Congratulations and best wishes on your retirement, it is well deserved." - The Weyker Family "I like having Mrs. Shea as my art teacher because she has fun projects in store for us. She also just makes art fun in general." - Jordyn Lemminger

always gives really good directions and lets

us work on our own. I'm going to really miss her next year!" - Grant H.

Volunteer Spotlight: Matt and Kathleen Kuhn Kristin Stanek nominated Matt and Kathleen Kuhn to be highlighted, and after hearing what everyone had to say about them, it's no surprise that they are so appreciated by the entire St. Mary Community. From Trivia nights to sports/athletics, and various school functions, you both continue to show up and support the entire community, and you are so appreciated! Check out what other families had to say: "Matt and Kathleen have done a wonderful job running Trivia Night at St. Mary's, which is a great event for parents to come together and socialize in a fun environment. In addition, Matt has put in many hours on the St Mary's athletics board, filling the position of volleyball coordinator and coaching his sons volleyball and basketball teams throughout the years. Thank you Matt for your time and commitment to St. Mary athletics! Kathleen has been a great person to volunteer with, both on event planning and working an event. Kathleen works hard and gets things done quickly. She's willing to lend a hand where she can and always has great ideas and ways to make events better! Thank you Kathleen for all your help over the years and years to come!" - Josh and Kristin Stanek

offer help even when she is running her three kids around to their many sports and activities. Our school is better because of these two individuals. Thanks for all you do to support our school we are lucky to have you!" - Sheri Kirchoff "Matt and Kathleen bring tremendous passion and dedication to everything they do for our kids and St Mary School. We are all grateful for everything they do!" - Brian and Stephanie Rinke "Are you at a school function? Look left, I bet you will see Kathleen. No? Look right, I'm sure Matt is there. Kathleen and Matt Kuhn are incredibly dedicated to our school, whether it be volunteering for an event, room parent, coach, or athletic board. Their devotion of time and talent is inspiring, and we are very blessed to have them as part of the St. Mary's Family. - The Spaeth Family (Michele, Jerod, Claire, Hazel and Arya) "We are very thankful Matt and Kathleen are part of our St. Mary Parish School community. Matt spends countless hours in the gym on board duty, enabling other kids to play, even when his kids aren't on the court. He also generously shares his passion for the game of basketball by coaching our 6th grade boys, teaching fundamentals and helping lead our team to another winning season based on teamwork and contributions from all the players. Kathleen freely gives of her time as well, serving as one of the room parents for the 6th grade class. Her commitment allows the rest of us to rest easy knowing that all the important moments at school will be skillfully taken care of with love and care. Thanks for all you do, Matt and Kathleen!" - Lucas and Laurie Rocole

Tuesday, May 9, there will be no 6:30 am Mass at St. Mary May 8 St. Mary and St. Anthony's Parishes are hosting a blood drive from 1:30-6:30 pm on May 8 at St. Mary Parish School in the lower level conference rooms. Register at bit.ly/StMaryStAnthony050823

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be used for the enrollment.

The Devotion of the Brown Scapular

The devotion of the brown scapular originated with the Carmelite order,

Church

In the Community Catholic Memorial Junior Crusaders Girls Volleyball (and Arts/ Athletics/Activities Summer Camps): Evaluation Registration for volleyball is now open for all girls entering 5th—8th grade. Evaluations are held May 12. Click image for registration information. CMH is also offering SUMMER CAMPS for rising 1st-9th grade students, including Athletics, Arts, Activities and More. Click here for

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 <u>lteetz@piusxi.org</u> for additional information. Click image to view flyer. information. more info and to register. and to register.

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much in the area of art. We appreciate the technique instruction, multi-media work, art history, and the Art museum experiences they all have gained because of her. We are also really grateful for the art docent program she has offered and the skills Ben gained by doing the 5th grade project and presentation. They have broguht home so many fabulous art pieces over the yearsseveral are actually framed in our home. We really appreciate all of her dedication to our St. Mary's students for so many years. You will be greatly missed!!! Happy retirement!" - The Kuhn Family "Mrs. Shea, thank you so much for teaching me and having us do all of these you will still be my favorite art teacher fun projects over the past years. I liked the Big Head project we did last year, it was a blast! Thank you so much for being the Art "Emery is always asking when art is and teacher!" - Addy telling us all about what she's making. She loves the process of making art in Mrs. "Thank you for taking us to the art museum Shea's class. I also appreciate her greeting and letting us do the Junior Docent Project. of the little kids as they come into school in I had a lot of fun with it!" - Ava "I love doing our paper mache masks." - Maria O. "It was fun making a rainforest in class." - Owen W. "I loved the creative project of buffalo hides. It was fun! Mrs. Shea is very creative and good at art." - Ava H. "Mrs. Shea is helpful when we don't understand something." - Madelyn B. "When we get off track she helps get back on the right track." - Levi M. "She helps us get caught up when we miss "Thank you for all the fun projects over the a class." - Elaine H. "When we are absent, she might get a project started for us." - Julia C. "Mrs Shea is such a fun art teacher. She

Isla M.

Thank you, Mrs. Shea, for sharing the gift of art with our students all these years. You will be dearly missed!

Home & School Updates

"Matt and Kathleen are always ready to jump in and help out – athletic board, home and school committee, coaching sports teams and being a room parent are just a few of the things I know they take on. They also put on a great trivia night! We are lucky to have them." - Emily Rinzel "Matt and Kathleen are both involved in many school events. They make trivia night fun, keep kids motivated in sports and help organize many class events. If Matt and Kathleen are organizing, you can be confident it will be well-rounded and fun at the same time!" - Becky Leupi "Matt Kuhn has been a great member of the St. Mary Athletic board. He not only has worked countless shifts in the gym, he has dedicated himself to coaching and to being one of the volleyball coordinators which is a huge task. We are so thankful for all that he does to make St. Mary
Athletics successful!" - Terri and Shaun Meulemans "Matt has been an integral part of the volleyball program the past few years. Initially Matt lead the girl's program and last year he also took on leading the boys as well...all while also coaching. From league meetings, tryouts, the end of year awards nights and everything in between Matt is there. Matt frequently helps out when other board members need assistance as well and has been a great addition to the athletic board. We couldn't thank Matt more for all that he does to help ensure the students have a great experience." - John Wiese "Kathleen and Matt are such an important presence in our school in a variety of roles including, athletics, room parent, scouts and trivia to name a few. They are always positive and willing to go above and beyond to make sure events and organizations are successful at our school. Thank you two for your commitment to our kids and school!" - Ann MacGillis "Matt and Kathleen have done so much for the St. Mary's community. Matt is very active in the schools athletics coaching a variety of sports including volleyball and basketball in addition he's the volleyball coordinator and is always open to helping no matter what the ask is. His contributions go far beyond that... including being the face of trivia night. Kathleen always seems to be the one stepping up to help out with school activities and when classroom volunteers are needed. Both are instrumental in making St. Mary's the school and parish it is today .. " - Brandon Kirchoff "Matt and Kathleen dedicate an endless amount of their time and talent to serve our students, church, school, and community. Thank for you being such incredible volunteers, servants and amazing people!" - Woznick Family "Where do you even start with Matt and Kathleen Kuhn. What an incredible example of giving, community, and support. Matt has donated so many hours to coaching our youth in sports like volleyball and basketball. He also serves on the Athletic Board and helps run all of our school events.

He brings such passion to the game and really truly cares about the students. He's also been a huge voice donating his time and talent for St. Mary trivia night. Kathleen is always a welcome face and incredibly kind. She works behind the scenes in so many ways from organizing class projects as a room Mom and jumping at the chance to donate her time wherever needed. She will be the first one to

Thank you Matt and Kathleen for all you do for St. Mary! What better time than now to share some pictures from our most recent Trivia night, organized by the Kuhn's! Check them out and considering joining when Trivia returns in November! Trivia Night Was a Success Many new faces joined us including Fr. Linn, Mr. Burleigh and Ms. Janzer. There was some heated competition, but our costume winners were the "Mario Cart" table organized by Katie Weiske, and the trivia winners were "You are What You Drink" table organized by the Essers. Please watch for our next Trivia Night in November when we hope to introduce a traveling trophy for the winners! Check out the fun group pictures (and Mother Son 3 Marker Contest Our recent Mother-Son Event a few weeks ago was also a great hit! At the event, participants could choose to participate in a 3 marker contest in which they colored a shoe using only 3 markers. We are excited to announce those winners! The winners are Marie and Owen Welch (top) and Karla and William Karczewski! (Bottom) Great job, teams, and thank you for participating!

costumes!!)

Please contact the school office to claim your prizes.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual St. Mary Parish School Golf Outing

Saturday, September 9, 2023

• More information and formal sign up coming soon! Many Sponsorship Opportunities Available. Please contact Brian Gold for more information.

"Regina caeli" (Queen of Heaven) is

Virgin Mary that is used in the liturgy during the Easter season. It also re-

places the Angelus Prayers. Listen to

it online at bit.ly/reginacaeli

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Parish Updates

Home and School Meeting: Location Update

View Meeting Minutes from the April 4th meeting here.

Our next Home and School Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 8th at 7pm in the St. Elizabeth room in the lower level of the parish office due to the blood drive.

Hope to see you there!

Join us from 6pm - 8pm in the St. Mary Activity Center for Dancing, Games, Prizes and More!

Dress in your best Hawaiian clothes! (Out of uniform dress code applies). If you haven't signed up yet, you can still do so at the door!

Permission Slip Here

Middle School Party: TONIGHT!

Activity Center

6pm - 8pm

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 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 Sabbatine 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 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

Calendar Raffle Winners

more information about summer camps and registration.

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.

Xavier Summer Reading Enrichment Programs: Open to 4k through 12th grade students. Classes are 1 hour once per week, live/on-line. Click the

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 Matthew 25 Local Work Camp 2023 Registration is Open: June 19 -23 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church: Open to students in 5th—12th \grade. Early bird registration is \$75 now through May 1st. Click image for 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

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

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

Curcuit Baseball Camp Summer 2023 is open for registration: Open to children ages 6-12. Click the image for more information and to 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. Change of Dismissal Inclement Weather Policy <u>Lunchroom</u> Volunteer Sign Up Playground Volunteer Sign Up

PIUSXI

(Applications due July 1st with full, final report card).

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May Hot Lunch Menu 2022-23 Academic Calendar 2022-23 Home & School Calendar <u>Updated Guidelines for COVID-19</u>

Monday, May 8 & Tuesday, May 9 there will be no confession at St. Anthony Give Blood, Save Lives! Monday, Did You Know? We Sing 'Regina Caeli' During Easter!

Schedule Changes for the Week of May 7

Monday, May 8, Adoration will be at St. Anthony

Congratulations to these \$30 winners that were drawn on May 3rd: Carol Shulteis, Marilynn Hartl, Ryan Garvey, and Shelby Mass And special congrats to this \$150 winner drawn May 5th: St. Mary Parish School (on behalf of the Yokes family). Thank you! Thank you for your support.

WCM Summer Camps: WCM has begun enrollment for our summer Music Exploration camps. This camp series

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.

Soccer Skills Clinic at Dominican High School: Co-Ed Clinic open to grades 6,7 and 8. Sunday, May 7th, 12pm - 1:30pm. Click image for

is for children going into 2nd - 6th grade and

more information.