

CHALLENGING MINDS

DEVELOPING CHARACTER

LIVING JESUS

Dear St. Mary Families,

As we approach the close of this school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible welcome I've received during my first year as your principal. It has truly been a blessing to be part of the St. Mary Parish School community. From day one, I have felt your support and partnership, and it has affirmed what I already believed—this is a school filled with faith, joy, and deep commitment to our children.

Every day, I have the honor of witnessing the potential in each child and the privilege of walking alongside families in moments of both triumph and challenge. I'm so proud of the growth we've made this year and excited for the bright future ahead.

Staffing Updates

We are pleased to share that nearly all of our current teachers and staff are returning next year. Additionally, we have some outstanding new members joining our team who bring experience, energy, and heart:

- **5th Grade: Mrs. Cleo Stenzel** Mrs. Stenzel has been teaching for seven years, most recently in the Brown Deer School District. Her experience with Bridges Math and Literacy Centers aligns closely with our curriculum. She and her husband are active parishioners at Good Shepherd and proud members of the Menomonee Falls community. They are expecting their second child any day now—please keep them in your prayers for a safe and joyful delivery!

- **Physical Education: Mr. Matt Behling** Mr. Behling joins us after ten years with Milwaukee Public Schools. He brings a passion for physical education, student development, and structured play. He is excited to uphold and elevate the rigor, sportsmanship, and school spirit we value so deeply.

- **Music: Mrs. Amanda Prosser** We are thrilled to welcome back Mrs. Prosser as our in-house music teacher and musical director! Amanda's creative and engaging approach combines fun with a high level of musical excellence. Whether nurturing future performers or drawing out our quietest singers, she brings music to life for every student.

Budgeting and Program Adjustments

Each year, our budget is built around the needs of our students, the values of our school, and the resources available to us. This year, we prioritized **investing in people—our teachers and staff—because we know that great teachers are at the heart of a great school.**

This commitment came with some hard choices, and we've had to adjust based on **supply and demand**:

- **Supply (resources):** We are a small school with finite funding. We work carefully to be faithful stewards of every dollar.
- **Demand (priorities):** Based on parent feedback and student needs, core academics and strong classroom instruction remain top priorities.

As a result:

- We will **not renew our contract with the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music**. While we loved having Mr. Haimann and appreciate his energy, it simply became unsustainable. He will truly be missed!
- We also made the difficult decision to **pause Spanish instruction** next year. The cost of a replacement program was outside our means, and survey data indicated that other academic areas held higher value for most families. Senora Vega has been a valued member of our Middle School and hope she returns soon.

- This change is not permanent. We are actively working to **grow enrollment** back to 250 students or more, which would open the door to restoring programs like Spanish and increasing enrichment opportunities. We hope to bring Spanish back for students K5-8th. Every child who joins our school strengthens the community and builds our capacity to serve.

Classroom Moves – Volunteers Needed!

As part of next year's reorganization, several classrooms will be moving. The moving window is set for **June 9-13**, and we need your help! Whether you can lift a box, hang a bulletin board, or offer encouragement, we welcome volunteers of all abilities—even if just for an hour. Mrs. Kathleen Kuhn is leading this effort, and we'll share more details soon.

Honoring Our Incredible Educators

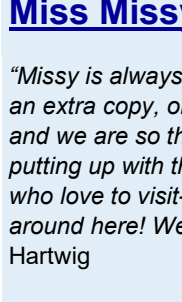
As we wrap up this school year, I want to offer my heartfelt gratitude to the extraordinary teachers and aides who make St. Mary Parish School such a special place. Their dedication, creativity, and unwavering care for our students have made all the difference—whether through multiplication, guiding faith formation, managing recess, or offering quiet encouragement when a child needs it most. Our teacher aides are the quiet heroes in the building, supporting instruction, offering individualized care, and helping the day run smoothly. Every member of our staff gives their whole heart to our mission, and I am humbled to serve alongside them. Please join me in thanking them for a year of purpose, perseverance, and love.

With continued growth, renewed energy, and the grace of God guiding us, the future is bright. Thank you for being part of this journey and always living Jesus.

Annemarie Wood

**Director of Teaching: From the Desk of Mrs. Moqilevsky:**

Great news! We received a grant to continue using **Friendzy**, our faith-based SEL (Social Emotional Learning) program, through the 2025–2026 school year. Rooted in Scripture, Friendzy teaches students how to build healthy friendships, manage emotions, and grow in character. As Proverbs 27:17 says, *“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”*

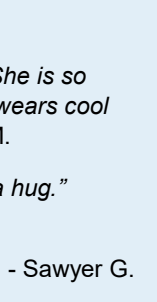
Telling our Good News:

The Good News is...
"8th Grade DC trip, First Communion and Teacher Appreciation"

It's been a truly exciting and joy-filled week in our school community! Our 8th graders returned from their educational and memorable trip to Washington, D.C., our 2nd graders celebrated their First Holy Communion, and we honored our incredible teachers throughout the week. A heartfelt thank you to Ann MacGillis, Arin Nguyen, and all the parents who helped show appreciation for our dedicated teachers—we're so grateful for you! Congratulations to our First Communicants, and welcome back to our 8th graders. We have so much to celebrate and be thankful for this week!

**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. This week we are highlighting our Administrative Assistant, “Miss Missy” Martinez.

**Miss Missy: Administrative Assistant**

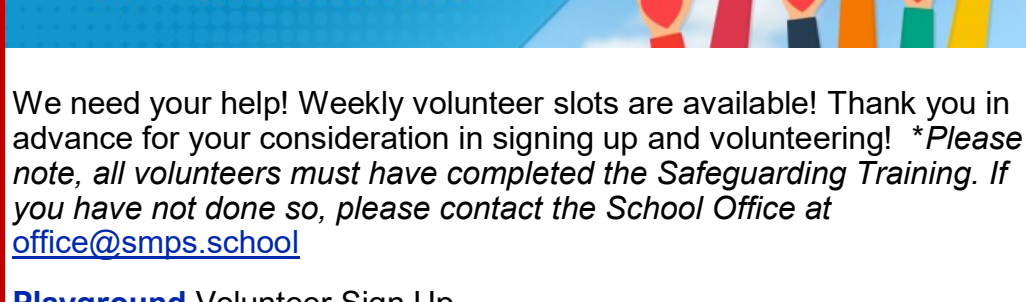
“Missy is always there for a mint, an icepack, an extra copy, or a quick story. She does it all and we are so thankful for her! Thank you for putting up with the revolving door of K5 friends who love to visit- You are definitely popular around here! We are thankful for you!” - Mrs. Hartwig

“Miss Missy is the best bestie. She is so funny, kind and helpful and she wears cool outfits on special days.” - Joey M.

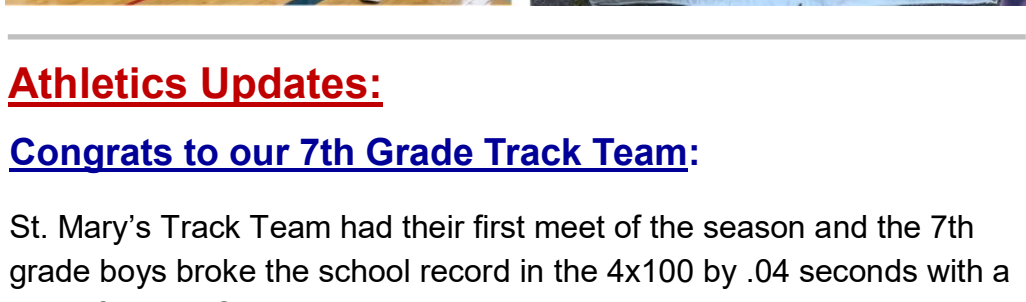
“Whenever I see her, I give her a hug.” - Charlie

“She is the best secretary ever!” - Sawyer G.

Read more quotes shared about Miss Missy [here](#).

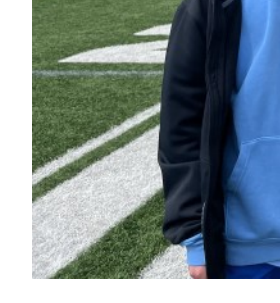


LOOKING FOR A FEW HELPFUL PEOPLE TO ASSIST IN MOVING CLASSROOM!! THE TEACHERS ON THE SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS NEED TO SWAP CLASSROOM DUE TO SAFETY REGULATIONS. WE ARE LOOKING FOR ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH THIS ON JUNE 9TH AND 10TH. COME HELP FOR A FEW HOURS OR A FULL DAY! PLEASE SEE THE SIGN UP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

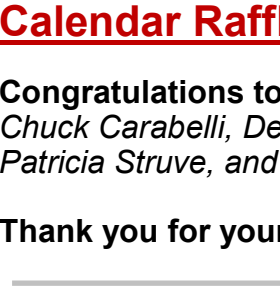
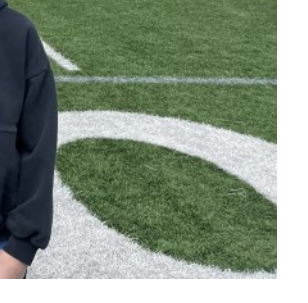
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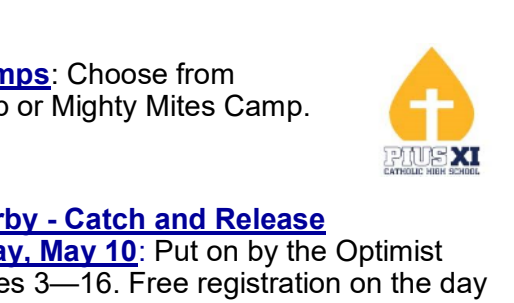
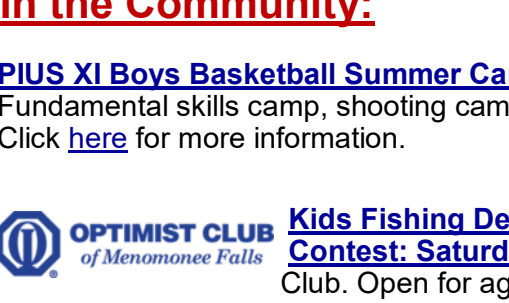
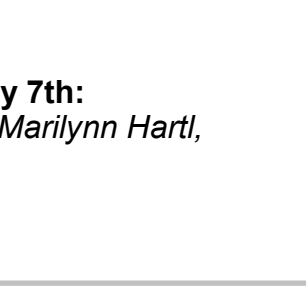
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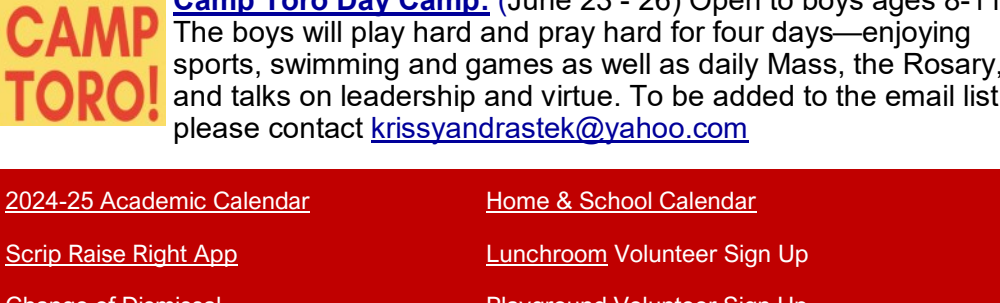
**MASS & RECEPTION
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
SATURDAY
MAY 10 • 8 AM**



*In thanks for all you do in our school and for our students, you are invited to a **Mass of Thanksgiving** at 8 am with a special volunteer blessing followed by a reception with refreshments in the school. Bring the whole family — but please RSVP at bit.ly/stamvol*

**Athletics Updates:****Congrats to our 7th Grade Track Team:**

St. Mary's Track Team had their first meet of the season and the 7th grade boys broke the school record in the 4x100 by .04 seconds with a time of 56.40. Congratulations to Brady Lemminger, Kellan Latham, Dominick Sanders, and Declan Latham (not pictured). A lot of other great performances were had by all the athletes. Next meet at Catholic Memorial on 5/10.

**Calendar Raffle Winners:**

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn May 7th:
Chuck Carabelli, Dean & Joan Phillips, James and Marilynn Hartl, Patricia Struve, and Ann Pier

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.

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 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 krissyandrastek@yahoo.com

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