

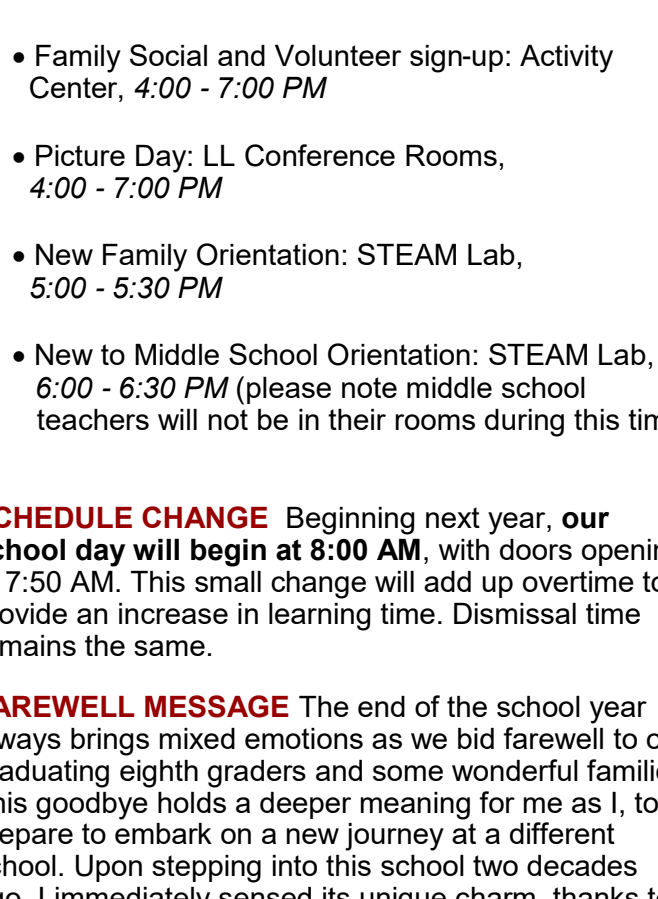


CHALLENGING MINDS • DEVELOPING CHARACTER • LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

We had a blast this week, and the photos prove that even a little mud can't stop us from having fun on Field Day! Huge thanks to our Home and School Association and everyone who made the Brat Fry a success!

**CONGRATULATIONS EIGHTH GRADERS**  
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2024! Our eighth graders officially graduated and are off to high school. We'll miss them and wish them the best on their educational journey! Check out a few more pictures of their last week at St. Mary [here](#).



**LOOKING AHEAD** As we wrap up this school year, preparations for 2024-25 are in full swing. One exciting change coming up is our revamped Back-to-School Family Night on Thursday, August 22, 2024, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

**Event Details:**

- Supply drop off and meet your teacher: 4:00 - 7:00 PM
- Family Social and Volunteer sign-up: Activity Center, 4:00 - 7:00 PM
- Picture Day: LL Conference Rooms, 4:00 - 7:00 PM
- New Family Orientation: STEAM Lab, 5:00 - 5:30 PM
- New to Middle School Orientation: STEAM Lab, 6:00 - 6:30 PM (please note middle school teachers will not be in their rooms during this time)

**SCHEDULE CHANGE** Beginning next year, our school day will begin at 8:00 AM, with doors opening at 7:50 AM. This small change will add up overtime to provide an increase in learning time. Dismissal time remains the same.

**FAREWELL MESSAGE** The end of the school year always brings mixed emotions as we bid farewell to our graduating eighth graders and some wonderful families. This goodbye holds a deeper meaning for me as I, too, prepare to embark on a new journey at a different school. Upon stepping into this school two decades ago, I immediately sensed its unique charm, thanks to the incredible students, families, faculty, and staff. The strong sense of community here has been truly remarkable, and it has been a great honor and privilege to serve as our principal for the past twenty years. I carry with me countless cherished memories, and I will dearly miss each and every one of you! As I leave, I humbly request that you keep our school in your prayers, asking the Holy Spirit to guide the selection of a new principal. May the Blessed Mother, Mary, watch over our parish school, teachers, students, and families with the grace of God.

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Aug. 22**  
Back-to-School Family Night  
4 - 7pm
- Aug. 26**  
First Day of School
- Aug. 30**  
No School
- Sept. 2**  
No School  
Labor Day
- Sept. 27**  
Early Release (at 11:30am)
- Oct. 3**  
Early Release (at 11:30am)  
PM Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 4**  
No School  
Parent-Teacher Conferences

[View 2024-2025 Academic Calendar here](#)

Thank you parents, staff/faculty and our entire St. Mary community for a wonderful 2023-24 school year! We look forward to another great school year this Fall!  
  
Have a wonderful summer break!

## Congrats to all of our Graduates!

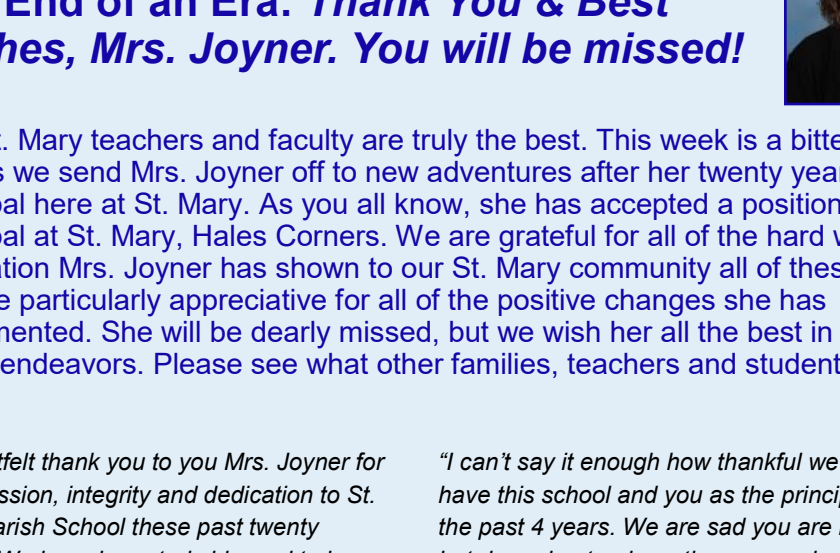
### 8th Grade Class of 2024:

From their 8th grade retreat, dance, a field trip, one last "run" through the halls, buddy breakfast and finally graduation, it has been a very busy and exciting time for our 8th graders the past few weeks! We are so proud of all the accomplishments each of you have made during your time here at St. Mary. We wish you the best as you move on to High School. You will be missed! God bless you all. *(View and upload your own pictures from the past week to share [here](#)!)*



### Congratulations to our Kindergarten Graduates!

Just as our 8th graders are moving up, so is Mrs. Hartwig's Kindergarten class! These little ones are proud to be moving on up to first grade this fall. Congrats to each and every one of you for your hard work! We can't wait to see what your future holds here at St. Mary! View a few more pictures of K5 Graduation [here](#). *(And parents, please feel free to add your own pictures to the album to share!)*



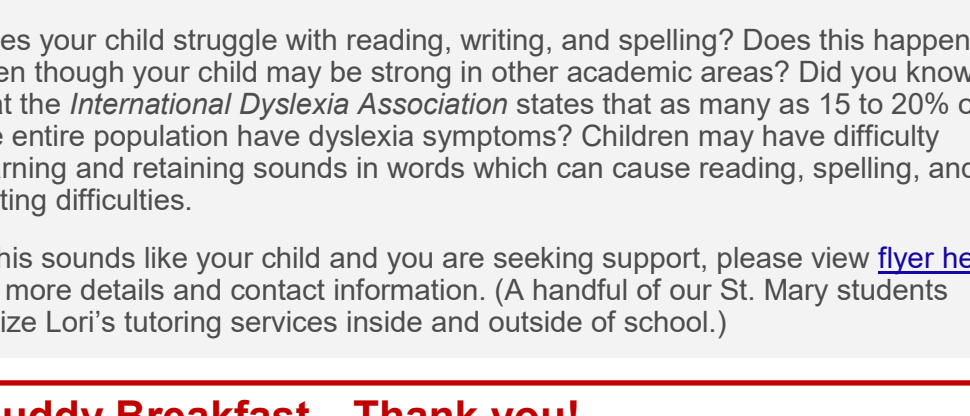
Our graduates don't get to have all the fun themselves! The rest of our St. Mary students (and teachers/volunteers) enjoyed Field Day and a few other fun events throughout the past week. Check out the full album of Field Day pictures [here](#), and a few misc. pictures from the end of the school year [here](#). *(Parents/Volunteers, please feel free to add to these albums if you have any!)* \*And thank you to all who made this fun day possible, especially Mr. Wallace and our parent volunteers!



### Middle Schoolers Experience Dissection in Hands-on Activities

Our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students were given the opportunity to dissect (or "expose to view") various parts of animals. From dissecting a frog to exploring the electromagnetic spectrum and light by dissecting a cow eye, each student was able to gain a deeper appreciation for science and the natural world.

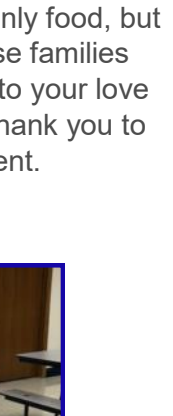
Please see the [full article here](#) to learn more about what each class dissected and what they were able to observe and learn! The article contains links to albums to view more photos, too!



## Home & School Updates

### Faculty (Farewell) Spotlight: Mrs. Joyner

#### The End of an Era: Thank You & Best Wishes, Mrs. Joyner. You will be missed!



Our St. Mary teachers and faculty are truly the best. This week is a bittersweet one as we send Mrs. Joyner off to new adventures after her twenty years as principal here at St. Mary. As you all know, she has accepted a position as principal at St. Mary, Hales Corners. We are grateful for all of the hard work and dedication Mrs. Joyner has shown to our St. Mary community all of these years. We are particularly appreciative for all of the positive changes she has implemented. She will be dearly missed, but we wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Please see what other families, teachers and students had to share:

"A heartfelt thank you to you Mrs. Joyner for your passion, integrity and dedication to St. Mary Parish School these past twenty years. We have been truly blessed to have you as our principal and guiding light. You will forever hold a special place in our hearts and we will miss you dearly. We wish you the very best on your next endeavor." - The Koslo Family

"I can't say it enough how thankful we are to have this school and you as the principal over the past 4 years. We are sad you are leaving, but do understand wanting a new challenge in your career. The school you will be leading are very lucky to have you! We wish you all the best. Again, thank you for all that you've done. We will miss you!" - The Cousineau's

"Thanks very much to Mrs. Joyner for her leadership at St. Mary's over the past 20 years! We have greatly appreciated her dedication and commitment to the school community, and the ways our children have thrived in their development as a result. We wish her all the best as she begins this next chapter." - The Bonner Family

"Mrs. Joyner has led our school through many challenging times. She does her job with professionalism and grace. We as parents aren't always happy to hear everything she has to say, but we know she is always looking to the good of the school and our children. Thank you for your years of leadership, service and care for our children." - Sarah Harenke

Read many more messages of thanks for Mrs. Joyner [here](#)!

### Volunteer Spotlight: Nicole Hall

St. Mary School is blessed with many amazing volunteers and we are so grateful for each of them. This week we are giving a shout-out to Nicole Hall. Nicole has been a huge help filling in for our daily recess and lunchroom volunteer slots, among many other things. She also has been working hard the past few weeks helping to organize and plan the Last Day of School Brat Fry! We appreciate all you do! Check out what others had to say:

"Nicole Hall and the Parish family have been a great addition to our parish school. Nicole is not only a dear friend but is always willing to lend a hand to the many volunteer needs at St Mary's including the Brat Fry, Catholic Schools Walk & is a regular at lunch/playground duty. She always seems to find time to volunteer even with her busy work schedule. Thank you for all you do, you are appreciated!" - Jess(e) McDowell

"Nicole is constantly finding time in her busy work schedule to dedicate to our school and kids. She's always willing to help with lunch / recess, in supporting the theatre program and is leading the charge on our second annual Brat Fry because she saw an opportunity to take the last day of school social and make it better benefit our school. A great friend and member of our school family, we are lucky to have her. Thanks Nicole!" - Ann MacGillis

"Thank you, Nicole, for always being willing to help! Your kind and generous acts don't go unnoticed! We appreciate you!" - Lisa Crivello

"Nicole has stepped up to help me lead the Brat Fry again this year and I love working with her! She has great ideas and knows how to get stuff done. Nicole is a busy working mom, but also finds time to volunteer for lunch or recess duty during the school year. Thank you, Nicole, for your passion and selfless service to make our school a better place! You are a blessing to St. Mary Parish School!" - Kristin Stanek

Read More Quotes about Nicole Hall [here](#)!

### Reading, Literacy, and Dyslexia Tutoring Resource:

Does your child struggle with reading, writing, and spelling? Does this happen even though your child may be strong in other academic areas? Did you know that the *International Dyslexia Association* states that as many as 15 to 20% of the entire population have dyslexia symptoms? Children may have difficulty understanding and retaining sounds in words which can cause reading, spelling, and writing difficulties.

If this sounds like your child and you are seeking support, please view [flyer here](#) for more details and contact information. (A handful of our St. Mary students utilize Lori's tutoring services inside and outside of school.)

### Buddy Breakfast—Thank you!

The Buddy Breakfast committee members would like to thank EVERYONE involved for their efforts towards a successful event. A special THANK YOU to the Kennedy Family, who graciously donated the delicious meal. After the buddies spent time eating and talking about their plans for the summer, the crew got to work assembling bags containing water and non-perishable food items to be distributed by the Open Door Café. The Open Door Café serves those impacted by homelessness and hunger. They provide not only food, but also a caring environment rooted in God's love. Thank you to those families who donated food or money towards this service project. Thanks to your love and generosity, the students were able to make 140 bags total! Thank you to all of the volunteers that took the time to help on the day of the event.

More Pictures [Here](#).



### St. Mary School Office Assistant Opening

Join our welcoming school community where you'll play a vital role in supporting students, parents, teachers, and school leadership. Be a part of a team that values collaboration, dedication, and Catholic values. Experience the joy of making a difference every day in an environment that fosters growth and connection!

Qualified candidates must be able to work 25 hours per week, 11 months a year (off in July), and must have a proven track record of success in a fast-paced environment with the ability to multi-task.

Please [click here](#) for the full job description and the link to the job posting! Please share if you know someone who may be interested!

**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 [biangold40@yahoo.com](mailto:biangold40@yahoo.com)

## Parish Updates

### Parish Receptionist (St. Anthony & St. Mary Central Office Staff)

St. Anthony and St. Mary Central Office is seeking a front office receptionist/office assistant to answer phones, provide administrative support to our Catholic parishes, and welcome visitors to our community. Are you someone who is...

- Friendly (in person and on the phone)
- Organized and able to multitask
- Comfortable in a Parish Setting
- Computer & Copier Savvy



If you answered yes, you might be a good fit! A job sharing option will be considered for this position. [View requirements and apply.](#)

## Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn on June 5th:

Diane Harley, Tappa Family, Arin Nguyen, and Tom & Pam Henke

And special congrats to this \$150 winner drawn June 7th:

Reid Hietpas

Thank you for your support and participation!

## In the Community

**Milwaukee Sport Club Soccer:** the Falls Region of Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club. Recreational, Academy, Select and Mikro programs are available for kids ages 3 and up.

**Menomonee Falls Jr Phoenix Baseball:** Tryouts are this coming July to form their 2025 Select Baseball teams. Rising 1st through 8th graders are encouraged to try out.

**NFL Alumni Youth Football Camps:** Open to Boys and Girls 6-14 for Football Skills, Life Skills and Fun!

**CMH Summer Camps: Open to all rising 1st - 9th graders.** Get involved at CMH, stay active, learn new skills and meet new friends!

**Summer Music Camps: Wisconsin Conservatory of Music.** Music Exploration Camps available for students in grades 2 - 12.

**Rocket Aquatics Swim Clinics at Menomonee Falls High School:** Ages 4 - 9 and 9 - 16.

**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.

**DSHA Summer Camp Program, Summer Cool:** Choose from over 100 camps offered for girls in rising grades 1 - 9.

**Mike Gosz Basketball Camps: Choose from Day Camp Sessions (1-8th graders) or Academy Camp grades 3-8).** Enrollment is limited, so register early!

**2023-24 Academic Calendar** | **Playground Volunteer Sign Up**  
**2023-24 Home & School Calendar** | **Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up**  
**2024-25 Academic Calendar** | **Change of Dismissal**  
**Scrip Raise Right App** | **Safeguarding Training/CMG Connect**

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