

CHALLENGING MINDS

DEVELOPING CHARACTER

LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

Today we closed the book on the 23-24 school year and it has been nothing short of a great year of learning and growing!

Congratulations to our Wednesday evening students! who officially graduated the 8th grade! I would like to take a minute to acknowledge some very special families who also "graduated" with their youngest or only child.

Earl & Leslie Chisholm
Jerry & Annette Dudzik
Joe & Joanne Eagley
Kristine & (the late Rob) Haveman
Chris & Julie Holke
Dan & Deanna Jaeger
Donald & Theresa Noll
Scott & Erin Oliver
Thomas & Karalee Ptak
John & Eileen Schultz
Jeffery & Danielle Siclovian
Scott & Amy Weyker

Thank you for all you have done to support your children and our school community over the past nine plus years. We wish you the best as you move on to high school with your graduate!

And to everyone, thank you for another great school year! Thank you for entrusting your child to us and for the countless hours of volunteer work and fundraising that you do to help keep our school up and running. We couldn't keep this place going without you! Have a safe and relaxing summer...and keep those kids reading!

Faithfully,
Linda Joyner

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 23

Back to School Parent Night
6pm (tentative)
- Aug. 25

Picture Day/Open House (8am-1pm)
- Aug. 28

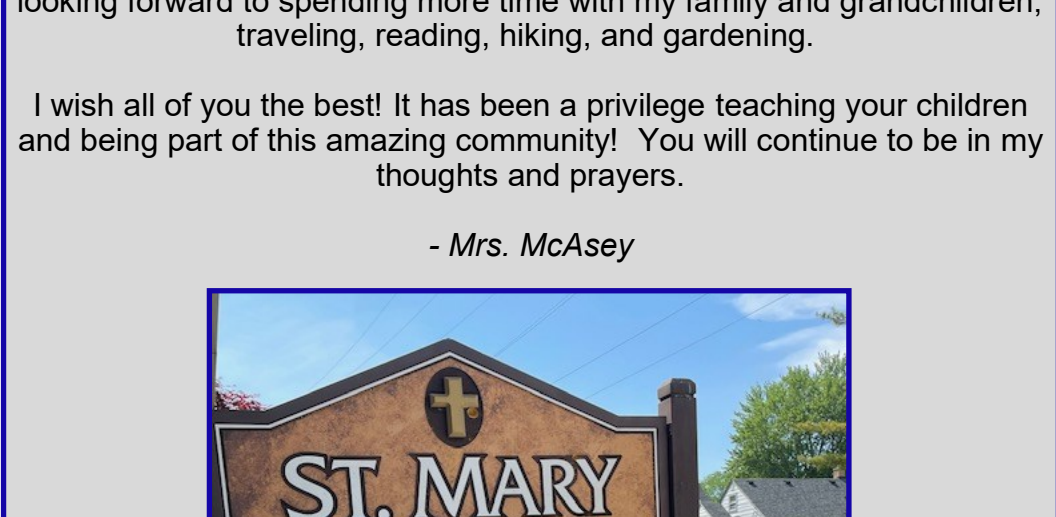
1st day for K4-Gr 8 students
- Aug. 29

1st day for K3 students
- Sept. 1-4

Labor Day Break
- Sept. 9

Annual St. Mary Golf Outing

[View 2023-24 Academic Calendar Here](#)



Library Books - All library books need to be returned. If your student has lost or damaged a book, it must be paid for so it can be replaced. All book fines must be paid by June 14th.

Lost and Found - Please check the Lost and Found table and clothing rack in the first floor hallway. Items remaining after June 15th will be donated or discarded.

Medications - All medications should be picked up from the school office by an adult on or before Friday, June 16.

Final Report Cards - will be emailed home on Tuesday, June 13.

Payments - All invoices must be paid by Friday, June 16.

Dear St. Mary Families and Staff,

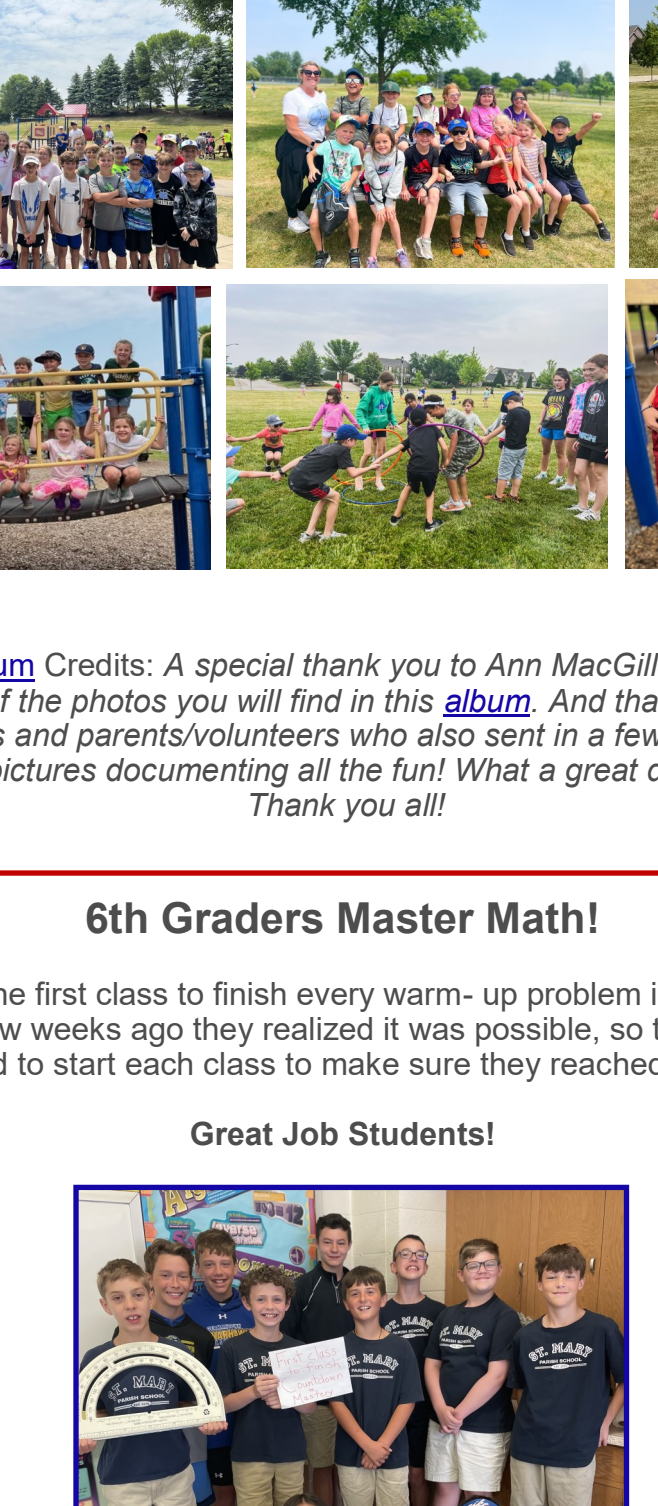
Thank you so much for the opportunity to teach many of your children. I have loved spending my days teaching Kindergarten, and have enjoyed watching the children grow throughout the years. They are all very special to me. I have been so blessed to have been a part of such a supportive and caring school community with wonderful students, parents, and teachers.

I'm especially grateful for the awesome retirement send off you have given me. You have gifted me with many wonderful things that will be perfect for my retirement plans: the Southwest Gift Card and Vera Bradley bag will be perfect for traveling, the Barnes and Noble gift card and hammock chair will be great for my afternoons of reading, and the Bartolotta's gift card great for an evening of fine dining. Thank you so much for the thoughtful gifts!! I love them all!! I appreciate your kindness and generosity.

I am retiring after 30 years of teaching, including 21 years at St. Mary Parish School. I am excited to move into the next stage of my life. I'm looking forward to spending more time with my family and grandchildren, traveling, reading, hiking, and gardening.

I wish all of you the best!! It has been a privilege teaching your children and being part of this amazing community! You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

- Mrs. McAsey



Dear St. Mary Families and Staff

Wowzers! Your generosity and thoughtfulness have been overwhelming!! What a retirement send-off you have given me!!!! I just love everything: the awesome comfy hammock chair, the tote (in my favorite color I might add), the "special" beverages, the gift cards covering everything from travel to a very special night dining out...and so many more very special touches. Thank you all so much.

I have been blessed with the best "job" these past 42 years. I have to write "job" because can you call it that when it's been so much fun, has fed my soul, made me laugh with joy every single day, and allowed me to work with wonderful children, parents and like-minded, dedicated adults every day? I have been so happy at St. Mary school during the last 26 years! It is a beautiful community that is faith based and has supported my mission of recognizing children's creativity and developing their artistic gifts.

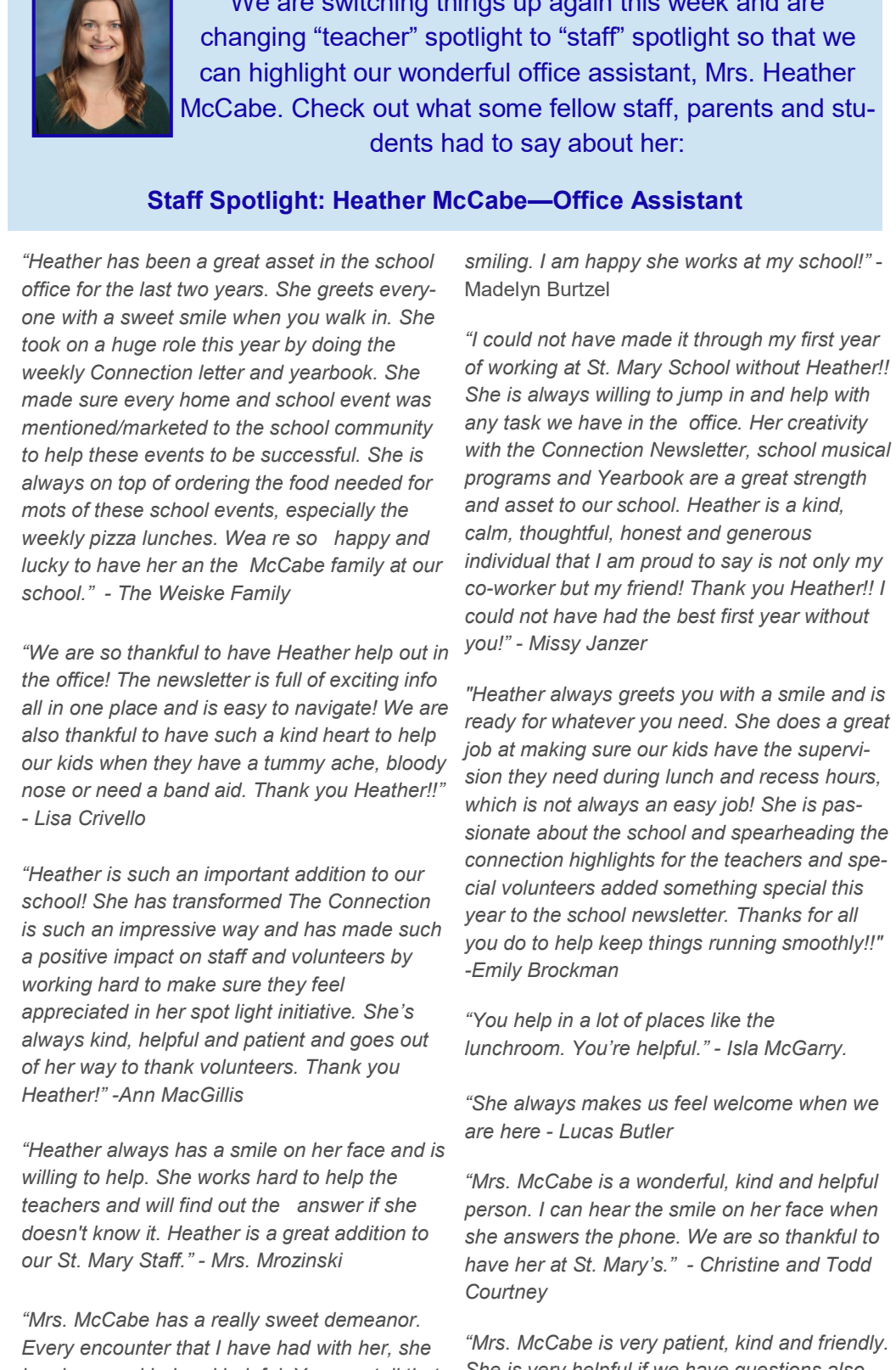
Just so you know, I won't be far away, just a few blocks away down Main Street in our new studio and gallery, tomshepaints.com. You'll find us right off Lime Kiln Park, along the river, under Stanford Stain Glass. One or both of us will be there most days or a quick phone call away. Tom and I would so love to see you!

With Love, Faith, and Deep Appreciation,
Suzanne Shea (a.k.a. Sheala)

St. Mary School Students Enjoyed FIELD DAY!

Field Day was a great time! Thank you to all of the volunteers, teachers and 7th grade helpers who helped make this day a success! What started out as a cold, rainy day turned into a lovely sunny day! The day (like the weather) just kept getting better, beginning with fun and games at the park, enjoying the splash pad and playground and ending with popsicles back at school. Many blessings to you all!

Have a great summer!
Mrs. Leonard



[Photo Album](#) Credits: A special thank you to Ann MacGillis for sharing many of the photos you will find in this [album](#). And thanks to the teachers and parents/volunteers who also sent in a few additional pictures documenting all the fun! What a great day! Thank you all!

6th Graders Master Math!

This was the first class to finish every warm-up problem in one school year! A few weeks ago they realized it was possible, so they worked extra hard to start each class to make sure they reached their goal!

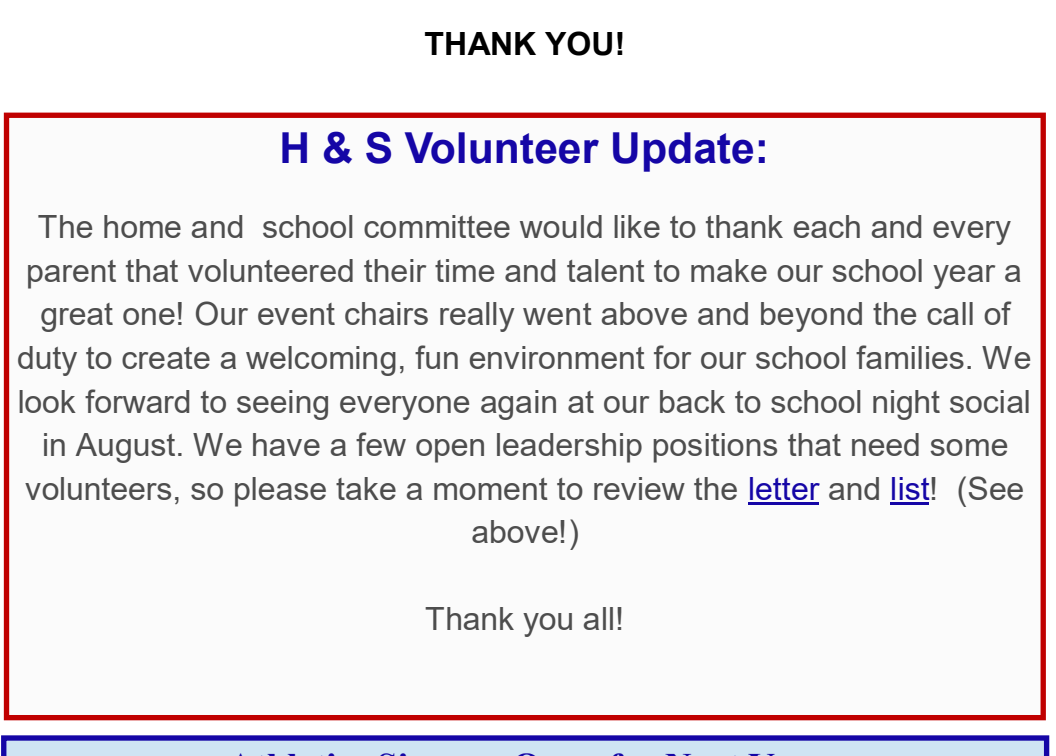
Great Job Students!



Congratulations to our 8th Grade Graduates!

From their 8th grade retreat, dance, a field trip to the zoo with their 1st grade buddies, one last "run" through the halls, 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 a few more pics from the last few weeks of 8th grade here.](#)



Attention Parents of 8th Grade Students:

If your student may be interested in scoring for volleyball or basketball next year, please email athletics@stmaryparish.net with their contact info. Any help is appreciated! Thank you.

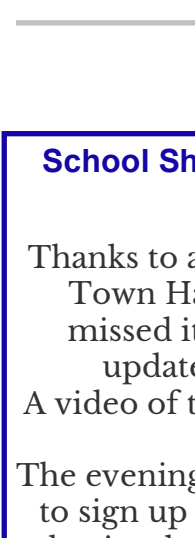
Lost and Found — Please come claim your child's belongings



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Thank you!

Our St. Mary Staff is the Best!



We are switching things up again this week and are changing "teacher" spotlight to "staff" spotlight so that we can highlight our wonderful office assistant, Mrs. Heather McCabe. Check out what some fellow staff, parents and students had to say about her:

Staff Spotlight: Heather McCabe—Office Assistant

"Heather has been a great asset in the school office for the last two years. She greets everyone with a sweet smile when you walk in. She took on a huge role this year by doing the weekly Connection letter and yearbook. She made sure every home and school event was mentioned/marketed to the school community to help these events to be successful. She is always on top of ordering the food needed for most of these school events, especially the weekly pizza lunches. We are so happy and lucky to have her on the McCabe family at our school." - The Weiske Family

smiling. I am happy she works at my school!" - Madelyn Burtzel

"I could not have made it through my first year of working at St. Mary School without Heather!! She is always willing to jump in and help with any task we have in the office. Her creativity with the Connection Newsletter, school musical programs and Yearbook are a great strength and asset to our school. Heather is a kind, calm, thoughtful, honest and generous individual that I am proud to say is not only my co-worker but my friend! Thank you Heather!! I could not have had the best first year without you!" - Missy Janzer

"We are so thankful to have Heather help out in the office! The newsletter is full of exciting info all in one place and is easy to navigate! We are also in one place and have a kind heart to help our kids when they have a tummy ache, bloody nose or need a band aid. Thank you Heather!!" - Lisa Crivello

"Heather always greets you with a smile and is ready for whatever you need. She does a great job at making sure our kids have the supervision they need during lunch and recess hours, which is not always an easy job! She is passionate about the school and spearheading the connection highlights for the teachers and special conventions added something special this year to the school newsletter. Thanks for all you do to help keep things running smoothly!!" - Emily Brockman

"You help in a lot of places like the Gymnasium. You're helpful." - Isla McGarry.

"She always makes us feel welcome when we are here - Lucas Butler

"Heather always has a smile on her face and is willing to help. She works hard to help the teachers and will find out the answer if she doesn't know it. Heather is a great addition to our St. Mary Staff." - Mrs. Mrozinski

"Mrs. McCabe is very patient, kind and friendly. She is very helpful if we have questions also. Thank you Mrs. McCabe!" - Keira B

"Mrs. McCabe has a really sweet demeanor. Every encounter that I have had with her, she has been so kind and helpful. You can tell that Mrs. McCabe really cares about St. Mary School and the staff within. I love that she has taken upon herself to highlight teachers and staff in the Connection Newsletter. Mrs. McCabe deserves recognition for all of her hard work, too!" - Heidi Henke

"Mrs. McCabe has done such an amazing job of organizing all that is going on in our school into the weekly Connection. I appreciate how she has made everything so accessible by linking in documents so it is a one stop deal. Thank you for your hard work this year!" - The Kuhn Family

"I appreciate Heather immensely! She is so helpful and thinks of the smallest details that make a difference. If she's having a bad day, you wouldn't know it! She greets everyone with a smile and has genuine concern for the students. She has been a perfect addition to the St. Mary family and we are all so lucky to have her looking out for us!" - Julie Holke

"Mrs. McCabe is really nice whenever I come to school. She is really helpful and is always smiling. I am happy she works at my school!" - Madelyn Burtzel

Thank you, Mrs. McCabeYou are so appreciated!

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

What a great year it has been, and we couldn't have made it such a successful year without all of our amazing volunteers. Whether you helped for one hour or 40 hours, your contributions made a difference, and we appreciate each and every one of you. While not every volunteer was personally highlighted this year, we want you to know we appreciate every one of you, and our St. Mary Community is better because of your dedication and commitment to our school!

We look forward to featuring and thanking more of you this fall, and we also look forward to seeing some new faces and volunteers! All we make St. Mary the great community we are proud to be! Thank you for showing up and being an example of what "Love Like Jesus" looks like.

THANK YOU!

Leadership Role Sign Up for 2023-24

Please Help! Several new chairs/coordinators are needed for the 2023/24 school year.

Please read this updated [important letter](#) from our current H&S Secretary, Katie Esser for more detailed information about opportunities, (with some geared towards parents of younger students and others geared towards parents of older students!)

[Click here](#) to view the Sign Up.

THANK YOU!

H & S Volunteer Update:

The home and school committee would like to thank each and every parent that volunteered their time and talent to make our school year a great one! Our event chairs really went above and beyond the call of duty to create a welcoming, fun environment for our school families. We look forward to seeing everyone again at our back to school night social in August. We have a few open leadership positions that need some volunteers, so please take a moment to review the [letter](#) and [list](#)! (See above!)

Thank you all!

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 briangold40@yahoo.com

Parish Updates

School Shares Strategic Plan at Town Hall

Thanks to all who attended the Strategic Town Hall Meeting. For those who missed it, please read our important update [here from our website](#). A video of the entire meeting can also be found [here](#). The evening concluded with an invitation to sign up and be a part of the strategic plan implementation. Please contact the school office to indicate your interest and availability. Thank you for your support!

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 winners that were drawn on June 7th:
Ashton Hilker, Leon & Louise Rinke, Kirchoff Family, Maria Broik, and Katie Weiske.

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.](#)

Gosdz 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 your friend 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.](#)

Gosdz 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.](#)

Gosdz 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.](#)

Circuit Baseball Camp Summer 2023 is open for registration: Open to children ages 6-12. [Click the image for more information and to register.](#)