August 21, 2026

THE CONNECTION

Weekly Newsletter

ST. MARY
SCHOOL

St. Mary Parish School creates Catholic leaders through academic excellence, supporting diverse learners, and seeing Jesus in every person.

Dear Families,

We are only **days away from the start of the school year!** Isn't it exciting?!

It was so wonderful to see so many of you at Supply Drop-Off Night. Children in the building again makes it finally feel real. **We are ready for you!**

A huge thank you to our Home & School for providing the frozen treats, especially the **Limbach family** for taking on the event. Thank you, too, to the many people who jumped in at the end of the evening to help us rearrange the Activity Center and prepare the space for the next day. Finally, thank you to the families and children who came back the next day to help put supplies away! Many hands really do make light work!

And perhaps the most unusual thank-you I'll write this year: **thank you to everyone who calmly participated when the tornado warning began!** While we certainly didn't schedule that part of the evening, it gave our staff an unexpected opportunity to use our new Raptor Alert emergency management system in real time. We rarely have an opportunity to practice our procedures with so many adults in the building, and everyone responded beautifully. Thank you for rolling with us!

Tomorrow is the Golf Outing! It promises to be a **tee-rific** day. We've **putt** a lot of work into making it a great hole-in-one, so we're hoping the weather doesn't land us in the **rough**. We know everyone will have a **fairway** to have fun.

A tremendous amount of work goes into making this event happen. A special thank you to all of our Golf Outing Team with special outs for **Missy Martinez**, who has been the hub keeping all of those wheels turning; **Jesse Christen**, who secured some fantastic prizes; and **Beth Hartwig**, whom we may forevermore refer to as our **Raffle Basket Queen**. Most importantly, thank you to everyone participating, sponsoring, donating, or volunteering. The proceeds from this year's outing will help us purchase our **new middle school ELA and literature curriculum**, continuing the literacy work we began in our elementary grades last year. It means more real books in students' hands, less reading from screens, and a stronger, connected literacy experience from our youngest learners through eighth grade. It is going to be loads of fun, and I can't wait to share pictures!

And then... here we go! 💚

The classrooms are ready. The teachers are ready. The supplies are here. All that's missing now are the kids. So this weekend, set the alarms, get some sleep, lay out those uniforms, and take that first-day picture. A new school year is waiting for us.

There will be new friendships, new challenges, new discoveries, plenty of laughter, and countless opportunities to **Live Jesus** in the little moments of our days. This year, we will **Plant the Seeds**—of kindness, faith, hope, love, curiosity, courage, and all that God is calling our children to become.

2026–2027, here we come!

Mrs. Wood

LIVE JESUS
PLANT THE SEEDS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tomorrow!
Annual Golf Outing
8AM shotgun start
Golf Outing Schedule of Events

August 25
First Day of School

August 26
First Day for K3 students

Sept. 4
No School

Sept. 7
Labor Day

Sept. 9
Parents' Night
6-7PM

Sept. 18
Early Release at
11:30AM

Sept. 25
Movie Night
(More info to come)

October 2
No School
(In-Service)

October 7
Early Release at
11:30AM

October 9
Spaghetti Dinner
See flyer here

October 20
VIP re-take day

2026-2027 Academic Calendar

VOLUNTEER CORNER:

Check out our current parent volunteer opportunities!

Playground Supervisor *(Grades K5 - 8th - daily needs)*

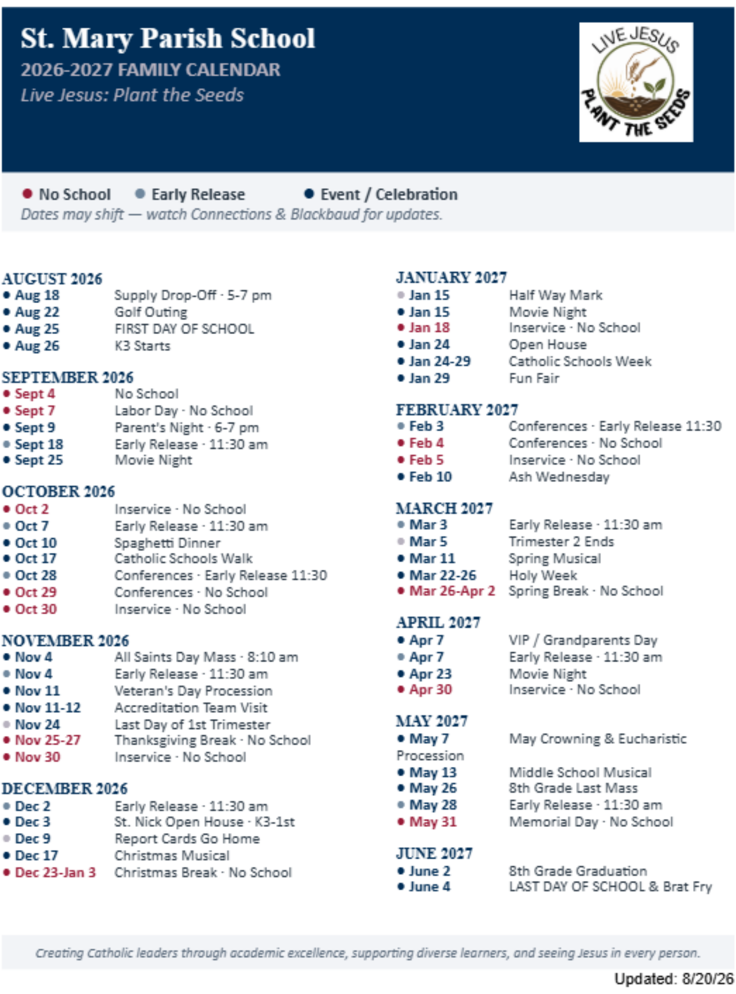
Lunchroom Supervisor *(2nd - 8th grade—daily needs)*

Lunchroom Helper for K3—1st Grade only *(daily needs—this isn't as much of a priority as our regular lunchroom supervisor, but we still appreciate the help)*

Athletics Dept. *(reach out to Brandon Kirchoff if you'd like to help.)*

2026-27 Family Dates - Updated Calendar:

Families, please use the calendar below to replace the Family Calendar that was shared during Supply Drop-Off Night. The calendar included in the family packets contained a few errors, and we want to ensure everyone has the corrected version. We will also be sending a hard copy of this updated calendar home with students on Tuesday.



St. Mary Parish School

2026-2027 FAMILY CALENDAR

Live Jesus: Plant the Seeds

LIVE JESUS
PLANT THE SEEDS

● No School ● Early Release ● Event / Celebration

Dates may shift — watch Connections & Blackbaud for updates.

AUGUST 2026	
● **Aug 18**	Supply Drop-Off · 5-7 pm
● **Aug 22**	Golf Outing
● **Aug 25**	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
● **Aug 26**	K3 Starts
SEPTEMBER 2026	
● **Sept 4**	No School
● **Sept 7**	Labor Day · No School
● **Sept 9**	Parent's Night · 6-7 pm
● **Sept 18**	Early Release · 11:30 am
● **Sept 25**	Movie Night
OCTOBER 2026	
● **Oct 2**	Inservice · No School
● **Oct 7**	Early Release · 11:30 am
● **Oct 10**	Spaghetti Dinner
● **Oct 17**	Catholic Schools Walk
● **Oct 28**	Conferences · Early Release 11:30
● **Oct 29**	Conferences · No School
● **Oct 30**	Inservice · No School
NOVEMBER 2026	
● **Nov 4**	All Saints Day Mass · 8:10 am
● **Nov 4**	Early Release · 11:30 am
● **Nov 11**	Veteran's Day Procession
● **Nov 11-12**	Accreditation Team Visit
● **Nov 24**	Last Day of 1st Trimester
● **Nov 25-27**	Thanksgiving Break · No School
● **Nov 30**	Inservice · No School
DECEMBER 2026	
● **Dec 2**	Early Release · 11:30 am
● **Dec 3**	St. Nick Open House · K3-1st
● **Dec 9**	Report Cards Go Home
● **Dec 17**	Christmas Musical
● **Dec 23-Jan 3**	Christmas Break · No School
JANUARY 2027	
● **Jan 15**	Half Way Mark
● **Jan 15**	Movie Night
● **Jan 18**	Inservice · No School
● **Jan 24**	Open House
● **Jan 24-29**	Catholic Schools Week
● **Jan 29**	Fun Fair
FEBRUARY 2027	
● **Feb 3**	Conferences · Early Release 11:30
● **Feb 4**	Conferences · No School
● **Feb 5**	Inservice · No School
● **Feb 10**	Ash Wednesday
MARCH 2027	
● **Mar 3**	Early Release · 11:30 am
● **Mar 5**	Trimester 2 Ends
● **Mar 11**	Spring Musical
● **Mar 22-26**	Holy Week
● **Mar 26-Apr 2**	Spring Break · No School
APRIL 2027	
● **Apr 7**	VIP / Grandparents Day
● **Apr 7**	Early Release · 11:30 am
● **Apr 23**	Movie Night
● **Apr 30**	Inservice · No School
MAY 2027	
● **May 7**	May Crowning & Eucharistic Procession
● **May 13**	Middle School Musical
● **May 26**	8th Grade Last Mass
● **May 28**	Early Release · 11:30 am
● **May 31**	Memorial Day · No School
JUNE 2027	
● **June 2**	8th Grade Graduation
● **June 4**	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL & Brat Fry

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Updated: 8/20/26

Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures:

Please see below for our Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures. Most of you already know the drill, but this is a friendly reminder to please follow these guidelines. They help ensure the safety of our students and allow drop-off and pick-up to run as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

DROP OFF

Busses

Buses unload at the front entrance. A staff member is on duty to greet students, monitor arrivals, and direct students into the gym.

Carline

The carline is designed to allow three vehicles to unload simultaneously.

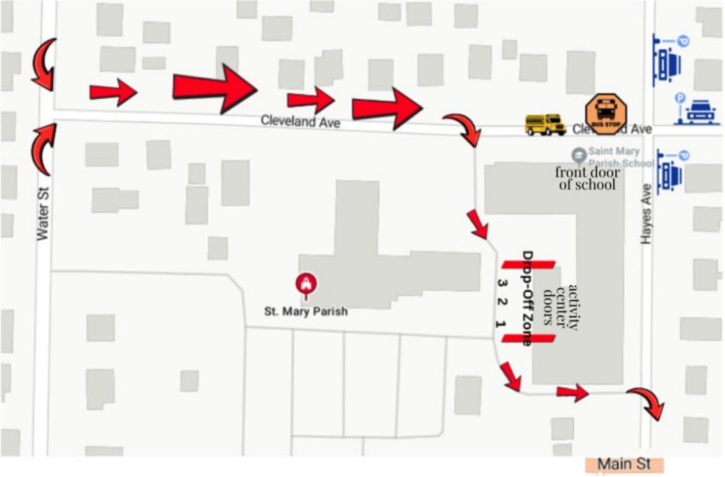
- 1st Car: Pull all the way forward to the brown School sign. Students should exit onto the walkway/ramp.
- 2nd Car: Pull forward so students exit at the front of the steps.
- 3rd Car: Stop just behind the steps. Students should walk in front of the vehicle and proceed to the steps.

Please follow the red arrows on the map below. Vehicles should enter the side driveway from the west end of Cleveland Avenue.

Walk-Ins

Parents who are walking students into the building should park their vehicle and walk their child to the front entrance. Please do not have children cross streets on their own.

K3 parents may accompany their child to the classroom at the beginning of the year until independence is established.



PICK UP

Busses

Students riding the bus will be dismissed to the front entrance of the school, where buses load and depart.

After-Care

Students enrolled in After-Care will report to Rooms 118 and 120 at dismissal, where After-Care staff will check them in.

Families registered for After-Care will receive additional information regarding pick-up procedures and expectations when they register. Registration comes out in early August.

Parent Pick-Up

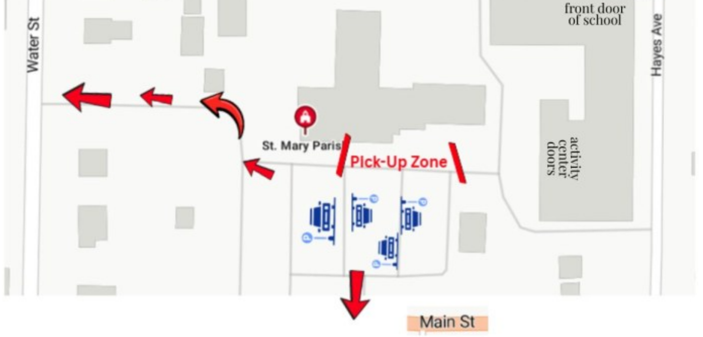
Parents picking up students should park in the back parking lot and walk to the area near the backstairs of the church.

Students are dismissed in the following order: K3 and K4, Grades K5–5, then Middle School

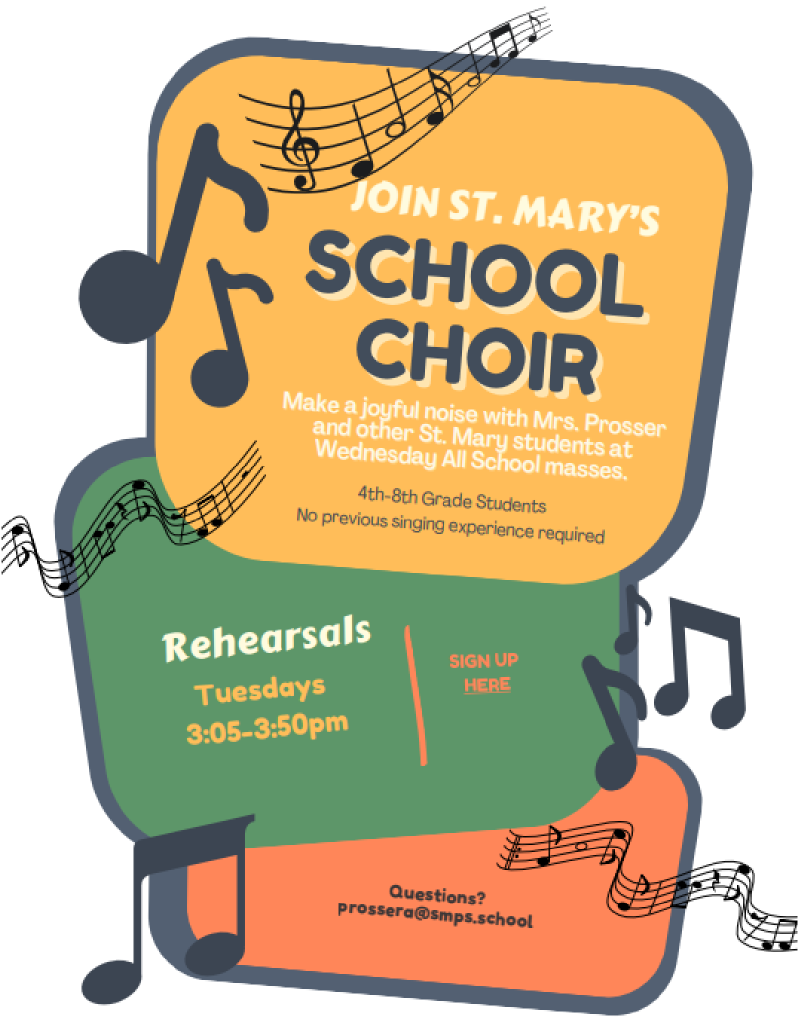
For student safety, parents must exit their vehicles and personally meet their child at dismissal.

Students in Grade 5 and below are taught to remain with their teacher until they see a parent or other authorized adult. Before leaving, students must notify their teacher that their approved pick-up person has arrived.

Cleveland Ave
Cleveland Ave
BUS STOP
Saint Mary Parish School



Reminders/Resources:



JOIN ST. MARY'S

SCHOOL CHOIR

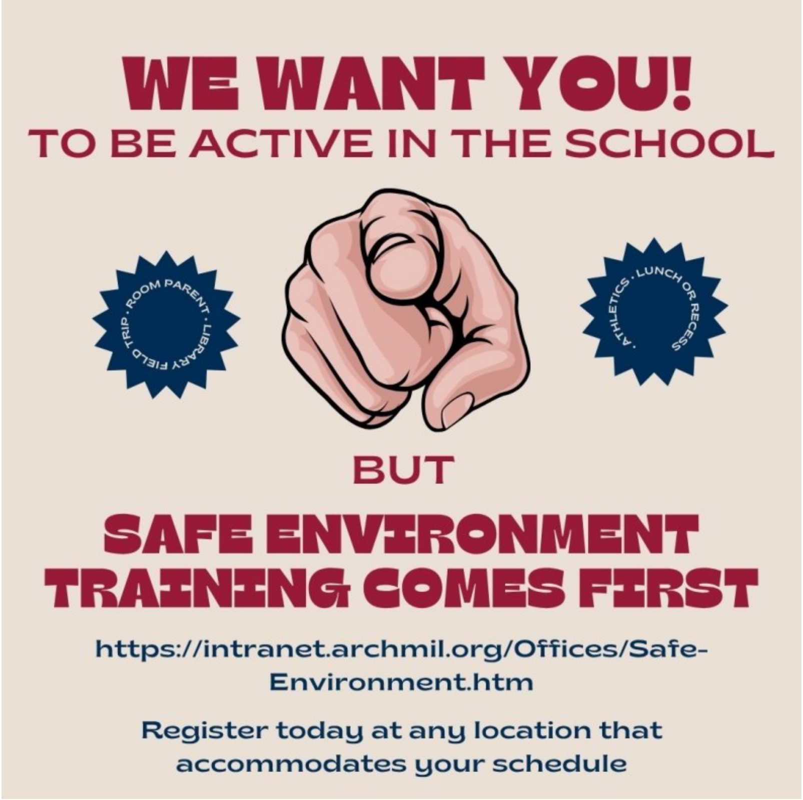
Make a joyful noise with Mrs. Prosser and other St. Mary students at Wednesday All School masses.

4th-8th Grade Students
No previous singing experience required

Rehearsals
Tuesdays
3:05-3:50pm

SIGN UP HERE

Questions?
prossera@smps.school



WE WANT YOU!

TO BE ACTIVE IN THE SCHOOL

ROOM PARENT · LIBRARY · FIELD TRIP ·
ATHLETICS · LUNCH OR RECESS ·

BUT

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING COMES FIRST

https://intranet.archmil.org/Offices/Safe-Environment.htm

Register today at any location that accommodates your schedule

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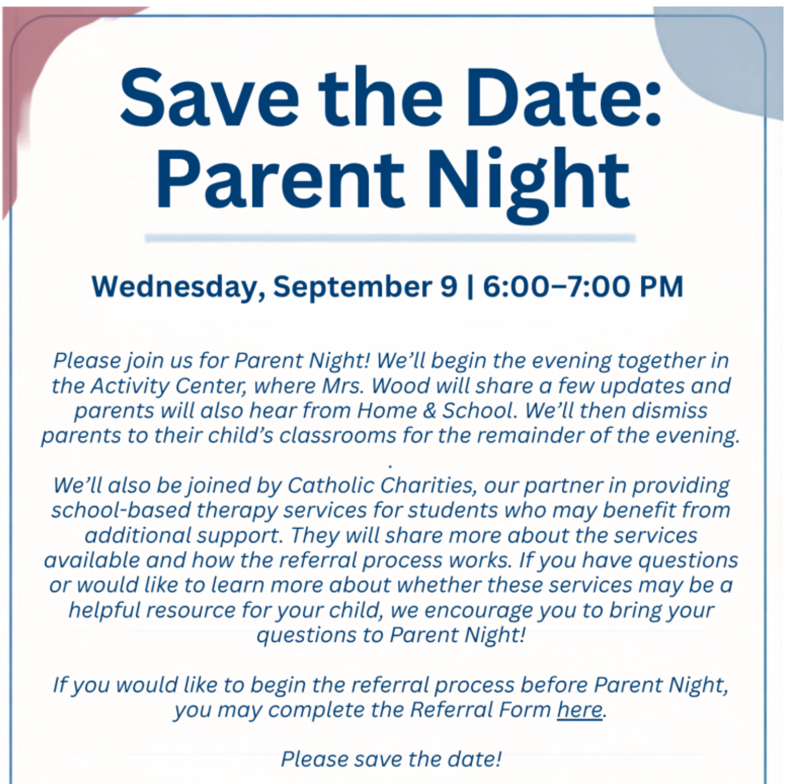
Save The Dates:



Save the Date: Parent Night

Wednesday, September 9 | 6:00–7:00 PM

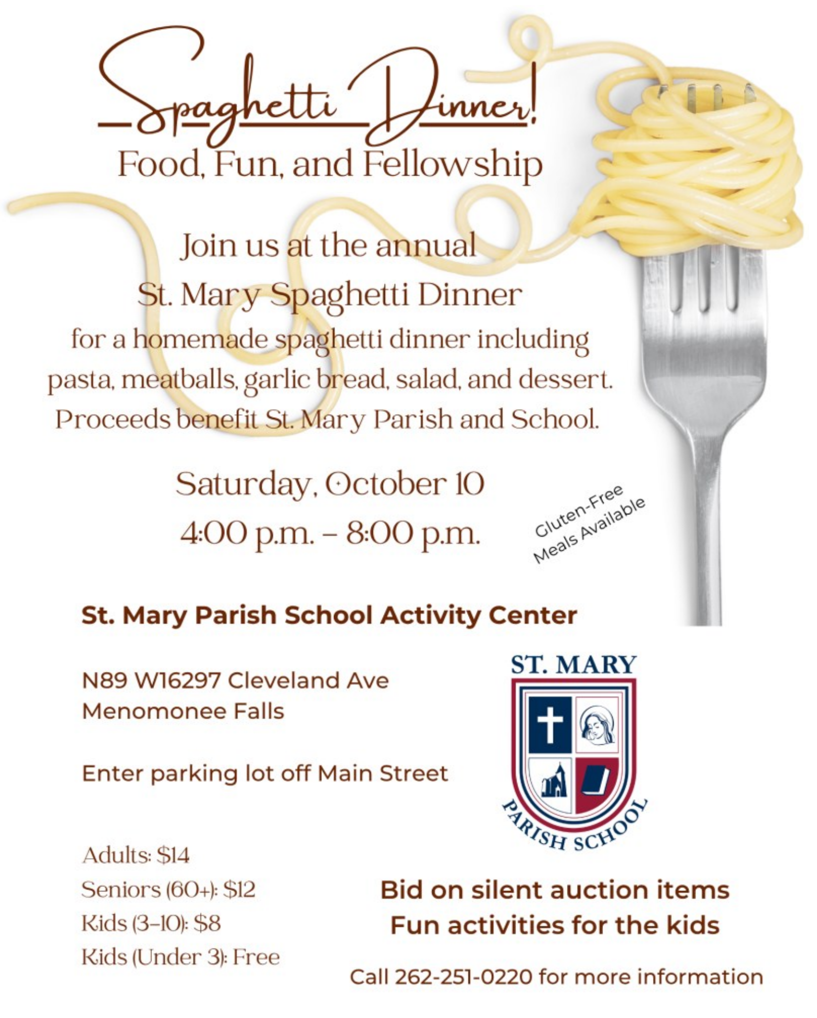
Please join us for Parent Night! We'll begin the evening together in the Activity Center, where Mrs. Wood will share a few updates and parents will also hear from Home & School. We'll then dismiss parents to their child's classrooms for the remainder of the evening.

We'll also be joined by Catholic Charities, our partner in providing school-based therapy services for students who may benefit from additional support. They will share more about the services available and how the referral process works. If you have questions or would like to learn more about whether these services may be a helpful resource for your child, we encourage you to bring your questions to Parent Night!

If you would like to begin the referral process before Parent Night, you may complete the Referral Form here.

Please save the date!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
SERVING NEIGHBORS IN NEED



Spaghetti Dinner!

Food, Fun, and Fellowship

Join us at the annual
St. Mary Spaghetti Dinner
for a homemade spaghetti dinner including
pasta, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, and dessert.
Proceeds benefit St. Mary Parish and School.

Saturday, October 10
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Gluten-Free
Meals Available

St. Mary Parish School Activity Center

N89 W16297 Cleveland Ave
Menomonee Falls

Enter parking lot off Main Street

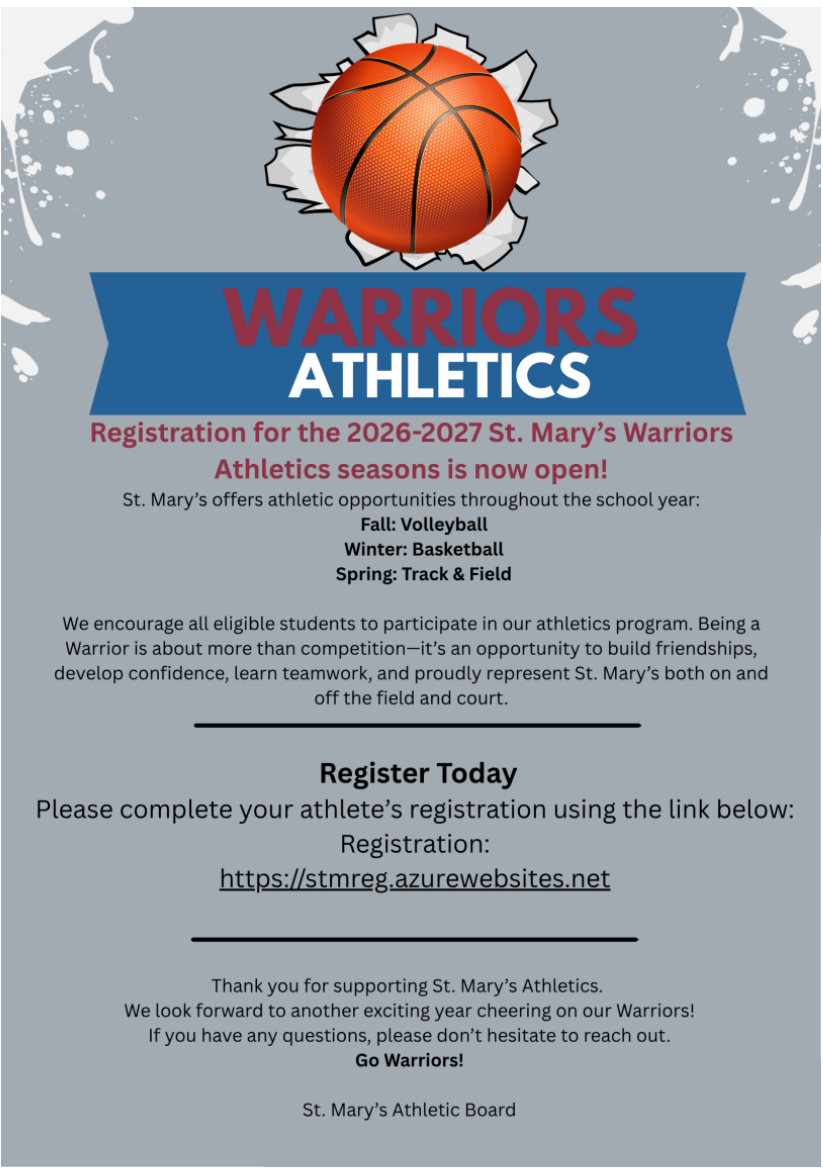
ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

Adults: $14
Seniors (60+): $12
Kids (3-10): $8
Kids (Under 3): Free

Bid on silent auction items
Fun activities for the kids

Call 262-251-0220 for more information

Warriors Athletics Updates:



WARRIORS ATHLETICS

Registration for the 2026-2027 St. Mary's Warriors Athletics seasons is now open!

St. Mary's offers athletic opportunities throughout the school year:
Fall: Volleyball
Winter: Basketball
Spring: Track & Field

We encourage all eligible students to participate in our athletics program. Being a Warrior is about more than competition—it's an opportunity to build friendships, develop confidence, learn teamwork, and proudly represent St. Mary's both on and off the field and court.

Register Today

Please complete your athlete's registration using the link below:
Registration:
https://stmreg.azurewebsites.net

Thank you for supporting St. Mary's Athletics.
We look forward to another exciting year cheering on our Warriors!
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.
Go Warriors!

St. Mary's Athletic Board

Parish Updates:

Faith Formation Registration

Registration for the 2026–2027 Faith Formation program through St. Anthony the Hermit and St. Mary, Mother of God Parishes is now open.

Families interested in learning more or registering can do so using this link.

In the Community:

Community Care in Action: Foster with Children's Wisconsin:
Children's Wisconsin is seeking additional treatment and respite foster homes to support kids who are facing challenges. Learn more about the program here.

- 2026-27 Change of Dismissal Form
- 2026-2027 Academic Calendar
- Scrip Raise Right App
- Scrip Raise Right Schedule
- Safeguarding Training/CMG Connect
- Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up
- Playground Volunteer Sign Up
- August/September Hot Lunch Menu
- 2026-2027 Tuition Schedule
- SMPS Family Guide

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