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## Embracing the Spirit of Giving: Why Your Support Matters

Dear St. Mary Parish School Families,

As we journey into another exciting school year at St. Mary Parish School, we are grateful for the unwavering support that each of you provides. Your involvement, whether through donations or volunteering, is *crucial in fostering an environment where our students can achieve academic excellence and grow in their Catholic faith.*

## Investing in Our Future: The Power of Giving

At St. Mary Parish School, we are dedicated to providing an academically rigorous education, deeply rooted in our Catholic faith. This year, our focus is on enhancing professional development for our dedicated teachers, expanding our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) curriculum, and fostering a vibrant community that exemplifies our shared values.

**This year, we have set an ambitious goal: to raise \$250,000 by the end of the year.** This significant milestone will *directly impact each child and the future of our 108-year-old school. This money directly aligns with our school's vision and strategic plan. It is an investment in your child's development and the best practices for achieving their highest potential. God has a plan for each child, and it is our commitment, passion, and duty, to support His plan.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- TONIGHT**  
Back-to-School Family Night  
4 PM - 7 PM
- Aug. 26**  
K4 - 8th  
First Day of School
- Aug. 27**  
K3 First Day of School
- Aug. 30**  
No School
- Sept. 2**  
No School  
*Labor Day*
- Sept. 10**  
*Smart Cow Night*  
4 - 8PM
- Sept. 14**  
Annual Golf Outing  
[Flyer Here](#)
- View 2024-2025 Academic Calendar [here](#)**

1. **Investing in our staff:** Our educators are the heart of our school. We ensure they remain at the forefront of educational best practices by investing in their ongoing professional development. This commitment not only translates into more effective teaching methods, enriched classroom experiences, and a continuously improved learning environment for your children but also plays a crucial role in retaining our dedicated teachers. When we support and develop our educators, we create a stable and nurturing environment where your children can thrive. Your contributions help fund workshops, training sessions, and resources that enable our teachers to inspire and guide our students with confidence and creativity, ensuring they stay motivated and committed to our school community for the long term.

2. **Investing in Excellence:** Your support helps us cultivate a school culture where faith and learning go hand in hand. Your donations play a crucial role in providing modern, high-quality educational tools and materials, which directly contribute to a richer learning environment. Through various initiatives and programs, we strive to build a community where future Catholic leaders not only excel academically but also grow spiritually and morally.

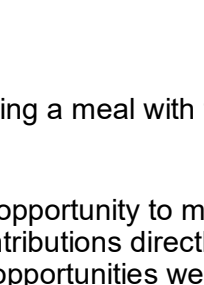
3. **Invest in STEAM Innovations:** As we look to the future, our commitment to a STEAM-focused education is stronger than ever. By integrating science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics into our curriculum, we are preparing our students to be innovative thinkers and problem-solvers. Your financial support and volunteerism directly impact our ability to provide state-of-the-art resources, hands-on learning experiences, and opportunities for our students to engage with these critical areas of study.

If we meet this goal, the students will vote on various zany antics or rewards.

Your financial contributions are instrumental in helping us achieve our goals. Whether through one-time donations or recurring gifts, every dollar makes a difference. These funds are critical for maintaining and enhancing our programs, facilities, and resources, ensuring that every student receives the best possible education in a faith-filled environment. *But reaching this goal requires collective effort, and that's where you come in.*

We offer several ways for you to contribute:

- Direct Donations via QR Code:** Quick and easy, allowing you to support our mission immediately and when it best suits your time.



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- Annual Golf Outing:** A fun and engaging way to contribute while enjoying a day on the greens. Sponsorships and spots are still available, please contact the office to sponsor.

ST MARY PARISH SCHOOL ANNUAL  
**GOLF OUTING**  
SATURDAY, SEPT. 14, 2024  
Blackstone Creek Golf Course  
Germantown, WI

REGISTER ONLINE OR USE THE QR CODE  
[tinyurl.com/stmarygolf2024](https://tinyurl.com/stmarygolf2024)

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- Calendar Raffle:** Check your purple folder at Back-to-School night for all the information you need to maximize this fundraising opportunity and your chances to win.

2025 SMPS CALENDAR RAFFLE

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL  
Challenging Minds • Developing Character • Living Jesus

185 Chances to Win!!! \$30 \$150 \$250 PRIZES

Tickets \$25 each or 5 for \$100  
Drawing held at School Office on date indicated below  
N89W9213 Chestnut Avenue, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051 (262) 251-1050  
Calendar Raffle License # R0001141-A-90102

- Catholic Schools Walk:** This event is a powerful symbol of our community's unity and commitment to Catholic education. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 19th! More information to come.
- Raise Right Program:** Shop with a purpose—every purchase supports our school.

## Raise Right Program

- Restaurant Nights:** Enjoying a meal with family and friends becomes an act of generosity.

Each of these initiatives is an opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of our students. Your contributions directly impact the quality of education and the breadth of opportunities we can offer.

## Building a Stronger Community: The Power of Volunteering

Fundraising is just one part of the equation. The other is the invaluable gift of your time. Volunteering at our events is a wonderful way to get involved, build connections, and strengthen the bonds that make our school community so special. Your involvement enriches the lives of our students and fosters a spirit of service that is at the heart of our Catholic faith.

Every hour volunteered, brings us one step closer to our vision. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute your time.

Our lives are very busy. *Taking your lunch hour with us once a week can have a substantial impact on our whole community. I invite you to join us either indoors or outdoors to join your child and their friends by volunteering to help.*

- Playground Helpers:** 11:35-12:35 [Playground sign-up](#)
- Lunchroom Helpers:** 11:15-12:45 [Lunchroom Sign-Up](#)

You are cordially invited to join us for any or all of the following needs: [Volunteer Opportunities](#)

- Library Helper
- Friendship Family
- Theater Guild
- Room Parent
- Home & School Opportunities:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| A. Used Uniform Sale      | H. Grandparents/Guest Day |
| B. Catholic Schools Walk  | I. Teacher Appreciation   |
| C. Movie Night            | J. Father Daughter Dance  |
| D. Bookfair               | K. Ice Cream Social       |
| E. Middle School Socials  | L. Parent Socials         |
| F. Holiday Treasures Shop | M. Field Day              |
| G. Fun Fair               | N. Brat Fry               |

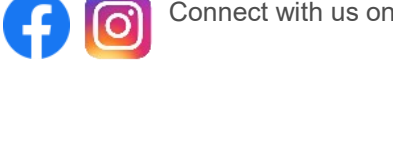
Please Note: **You must be Safeguard Certified to help!** While meeting for an in-person course can feel daunting, it truly gives wonderful tips to keep everyone safe and you only need to attend the course once. This training will be offered on our St. Mary campus in October but you can attend training at any Archdiocesan location. [Safe Environment Training Events](#).

Together, we can make this year's fundraising and volunteer efforts our most successful yet. Let's come together as a community to support St. Mary Parish School and build a school community that is rooted in faith, committed to academic excellence, and dedicated to preparing our students for a bright future. Thank you for your unwavering support and for being an integral part of the St. Mary Parish School family.

With gratitude and blessings,

Mrs. Wood

## Used Uniform Sale Pick Up:



Kindly visit the Concessions area to collect any remaining items from the used uniform sale. Due to space limitations, the school cannot retain any unsold items that families wish to leave behind. To ensure you receive your funds, it is essential to retrieve all unsold uniforms. Thank you!

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**Please Help!**

**Please contribute to our First Floor Hallway**

Our hallways have been painted a clean and crisp eggshell. Now we would like to add a new corkboard alternative, in our school colors, to display student work. Please consider donating a set to help us create a beautiful entrance to our school!

Click here for the Amazon Wishlist for Bulletin Board tiles

## Telling our Good News!

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped on our Community Playground Build Day! A special huge "thank you" to Katie Weiske who has led this exciting project. Your dedication, time and leadership are so appreciated!



The playground is coming together and will be ready soon!



## Director of Teaching: From the Desk of Mrs. Mogilevsky:

Hello, I'm Erika Mogilevsky, the Director of Teaching and Learning. I'm excited to announce that I'll be providing weekly tips on how you can engage with your children about their learning. With the transition to the Bridges Math Curriculum and iReady as our new assessment tool, these tips will focus on helping you support and understand your child's progress. Expect your child to engage in hands-on activities and math games during the first few weeks with the Bridges Math Curriculum. Support their learning by asking them to explain how they solved a math problem or by playing math-related games at home to reinforce their skills.

## Home & School Updates:

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Our St. Mary volunteers are the best, and we couldn't do it without you. Thank you in advance for your consideration in signing up and volunteering! \*Please note, all volunteers must have completed the Safeguarding Training. If you have not done so, please contact the School Office at [office@smps.school](mailto:office@smps.school)

[Playground](#) Volunteer Sign Up

[Lunchroom](#) Volunteer Sign Up

[Additional Volunteer Opportunities for the 2024-25 School Year](#)

**Smart Cow Night: Sept. 10th 4 - 8 PM**

Stop by Smart Cow on Sept. 10th between 4 and 8pm for a sweet treat! 15% of sales will go back to St. Mary Parish School! Thanks for your support! [Click image for flyer.](#)

## Reminders & Resources:

**Don't Forget: NO SCHOOL August 30 - September 2! Enjoy your Labor Day weekend!**

## St. Mary School Yearbook: Orders Now Open!

We are asking orders to be placed by **Thursday, Sept. 19th**. Price of the yearbook is \$20. Price will go up to \$25 for orders placed after Sept. 19th. (And any order placed after April 1, 2025 will go up to \$30 per yearbook). [Order here.](#)

**ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!**

## Parish Updates:

**Faith Formation REGISTRATION**

For students entering 6th through 11th grade, please join us for **deeper formation in the Catholic Faith!** Group will meet Sundays from 10:45 AM - 12 PM. Your teens are also welcome to join us for our **Friday Night Youth Group**. Please click [here](#) for a letter from Aaron Ebert, Director of Formation for more information. Click [here](#) for a Faith Formation Year-at-a-glance calendar.

**RAISING Saints IN THE MODERN WORLD**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Lumen Christi Catholic Church 2750 W. Mequon Road, Mequon

FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE for kids 6 months to 12 years old. \$100 appreciated. Drop in anytime.

**PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS!**

Join us for an inspiring evening with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia as they share their personal experiences of family and parish life to teach us ways to pray as a family. Whether you're new to family prayer or already have a deep spiritual life, this event will guide you in bringing your children and grandchildren closer to God.

**FREE, and no registration is required - bring a friend!**

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