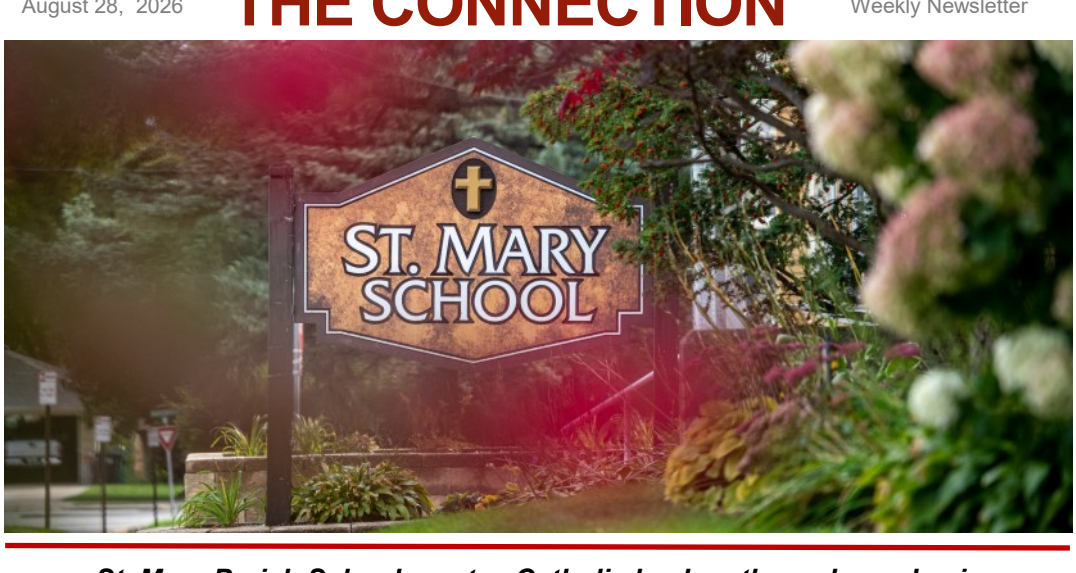
August 28, 2026 **THE CONNECTION** Weekly Newsletter



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

Dear St. Mary's Families,

Week One is officially in the books!

New shoes are still relatively clean, pencils haven't *all* disappeared yet, everyone is learning new routines, and the hallways are once again filled with the sounds that make St. Mary's feel like St. Mary's.

This year, we've begun with our theme, Live Jesus: Plant the Seeds, encouraging our students to think about the little seeds they plant every day through their words, choices, effort, and faith.

And after just one week, we're already seeing them everywhere.

I've seen seeds of kindness when a student notices someone who needs a friend.

Seeds of courage when someone walks into a new classroom or tries something that feels hard.

Seeds of learning in the questions being asked, books being opened, problems being solved, and teachers beginning to discover exactly what makes each of their students shine.

And seeds of faith as we pray together, celebrate Mass, and remind one another that seeing Jesus in every person begins with how we treat the person right in front of us.

Those little moments may not seem extraordinary on their own. But planted day after day, they become the culture of a school. And we are off to a pretty wonderful start.

The best part? The fun is just getting started!

As we move into the weeks ahead, there will be so many opportunities to come together beyond the school day.

Parent Night on September 9 is a chance to leave the children with a sitter for a bit and connect as adults through information, conversation, and plenty of laughter. And if you happen to join some St. Mary's friends for a little more fun after you leave the building…I won't tell. 😉

Our upcoming Eucharistic Procession gives our families a beautiful opportunity to publicly celebrate our faith and walk together with Christ at the center of our community. Soon after, we'll gather around tables for one of our favorite (and newest) St. Mary's traditions—the Spaghetti Dinner!

One feeds the soul. One feeds a whole lot of hungry people. Both are pretty wonderfully St. Mary's.

These events are more than dates on a calendar. They're opportunities for our children to experience what it means to belong to a faith community—to pray together, serve together, laugh together, eat together, and build relationships that extend far beyond the classroom.

So, after Week One, I hope your children are coming home tired in the very best way, with stories to tell and new things to share. Thank you for trusting us with them each day. Thank you for helping us start this year with such joy.

We've planted the first seeds.

Now let's see what God grows.

Have a wonderful weekend, St. Mary's!

Mrs. Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 4
No School

Sept. 7
Labor Day

Sept. 9
Parents' Night
6-7PM

Sept. 14
Piano Lessons w/Mr. Hefter begin
Info/Registration here

Sept. 16
Young Rembrandts Art/ Drawing Classes begin
Register Here

Sept. 18
Early Release at
11:30AM

Sept. 25
Movie Night
Hoppers
(More info to come soon)

October 2
No School
(In-Service)

October 7
Early Release at
11:30AM

October 9
Spaghetti Dinner
See flyer here

October 17
Catholic Schools Walk

October 20
VIP re-take day
(Students having a re-take done may be out of uniform)

October 28
Early Release at
11:30am
(Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferencces)

October 29
No School
Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 30
No School
Teacher PD

2026-2027 Academic Calendar

VOLUNTEER CORNER:

Check out our current parent volunteer opportunities!

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

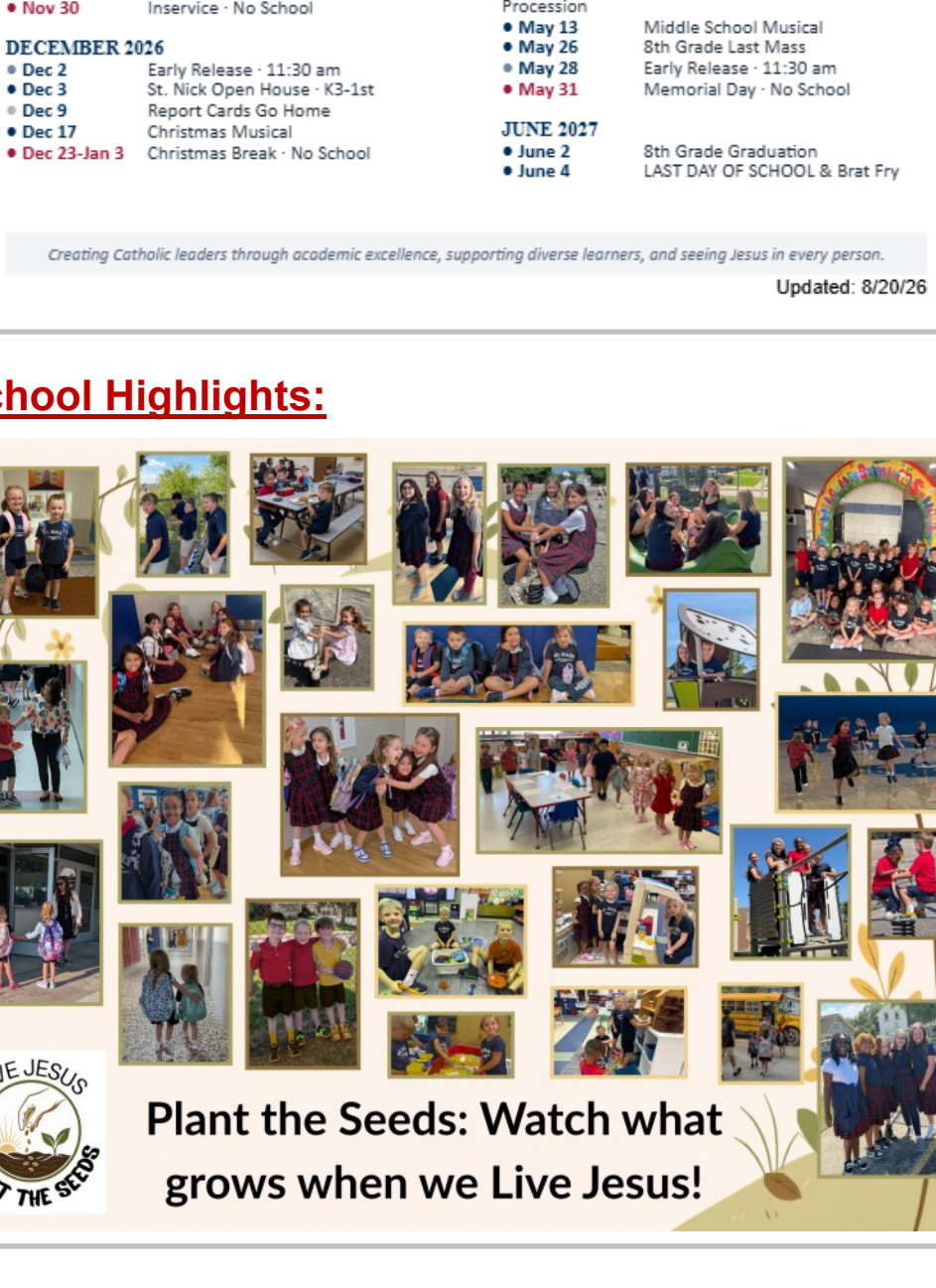
Lunchroom Supervisor *(2nd - 8th grade—daily needs)*

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. A hard copy of the calendar was also sent home this week.



St. Mary Parish School
2026-2027 FAMILY CALENDAR
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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School Highlights:



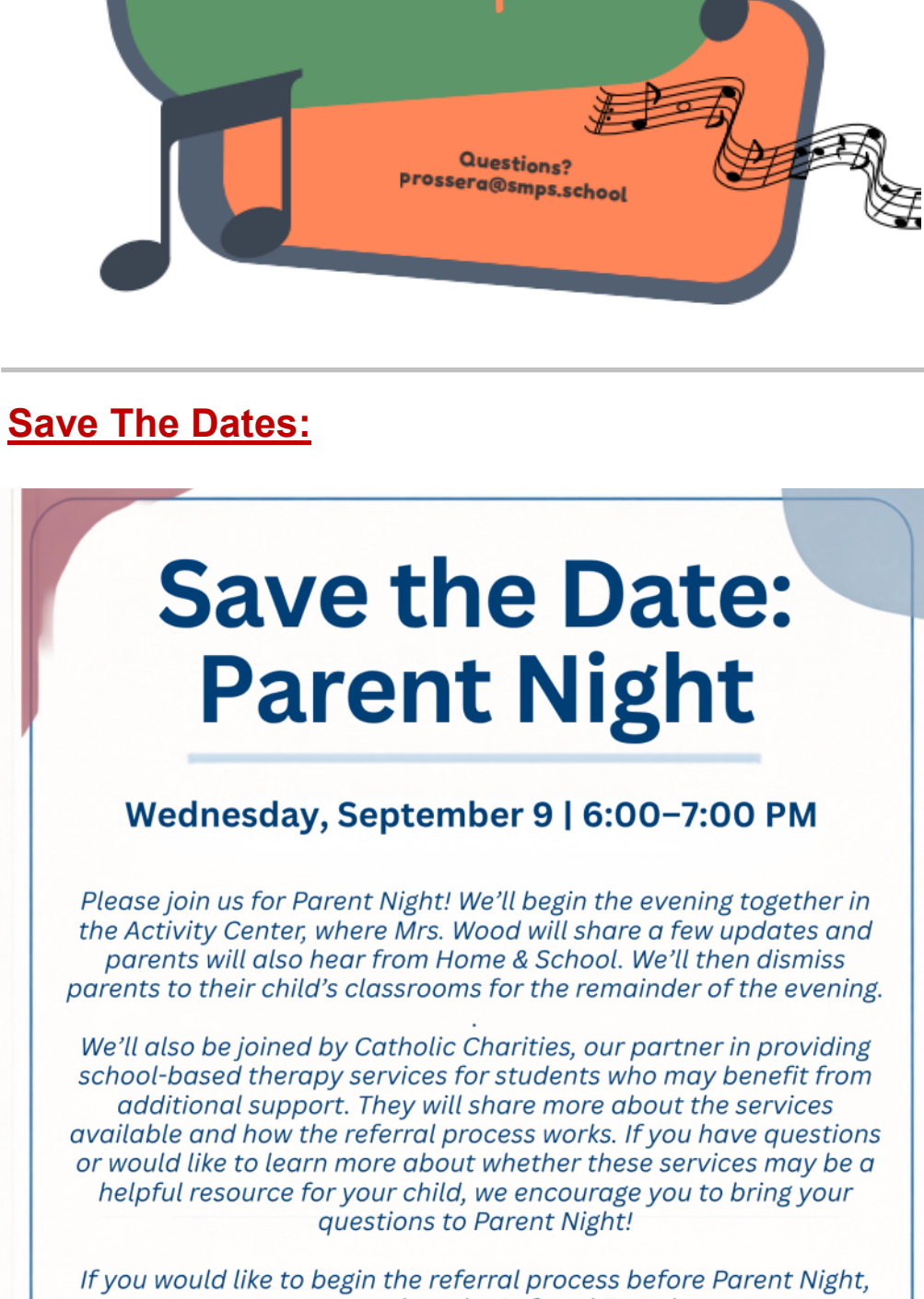
Reminders/Resources:





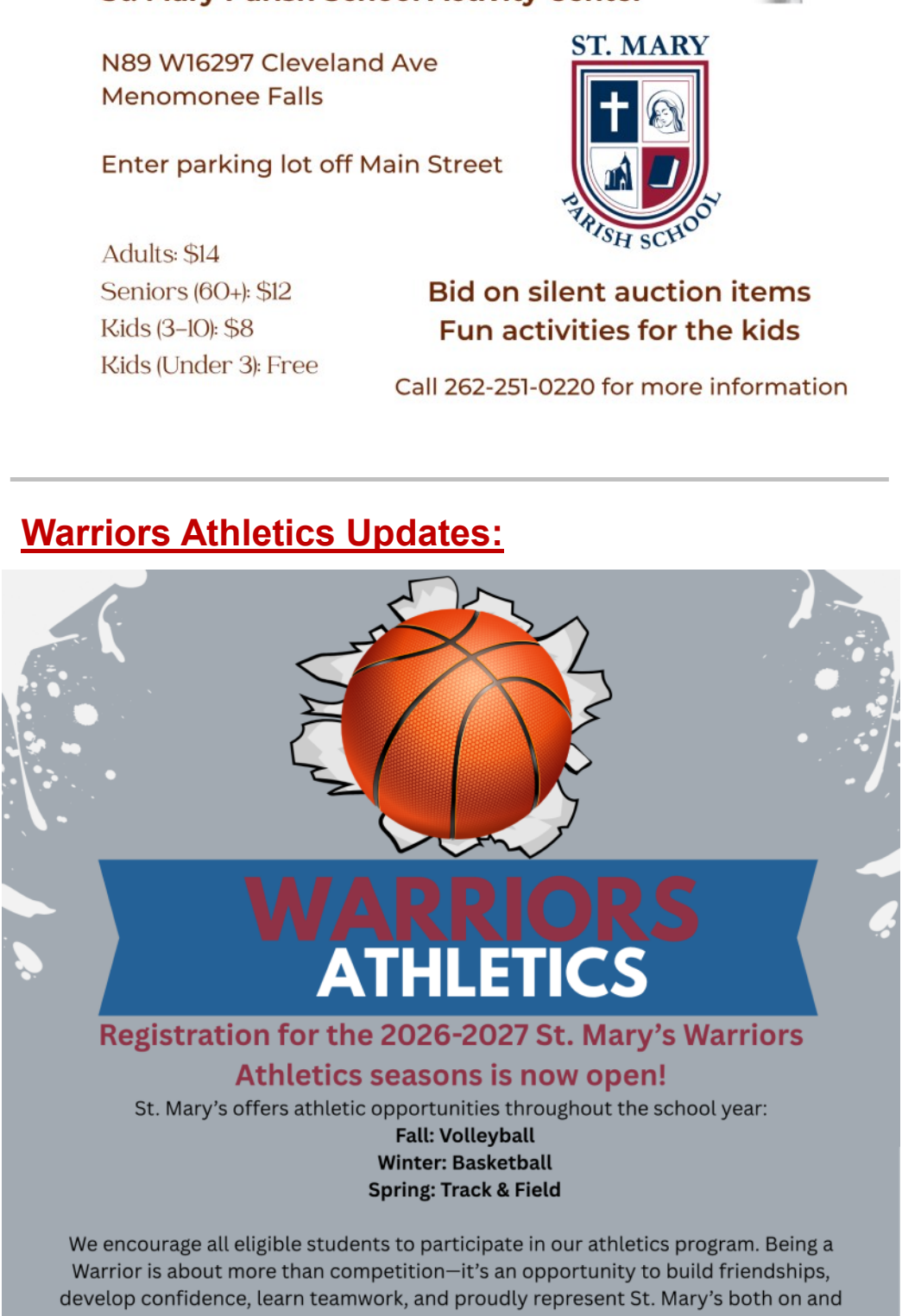




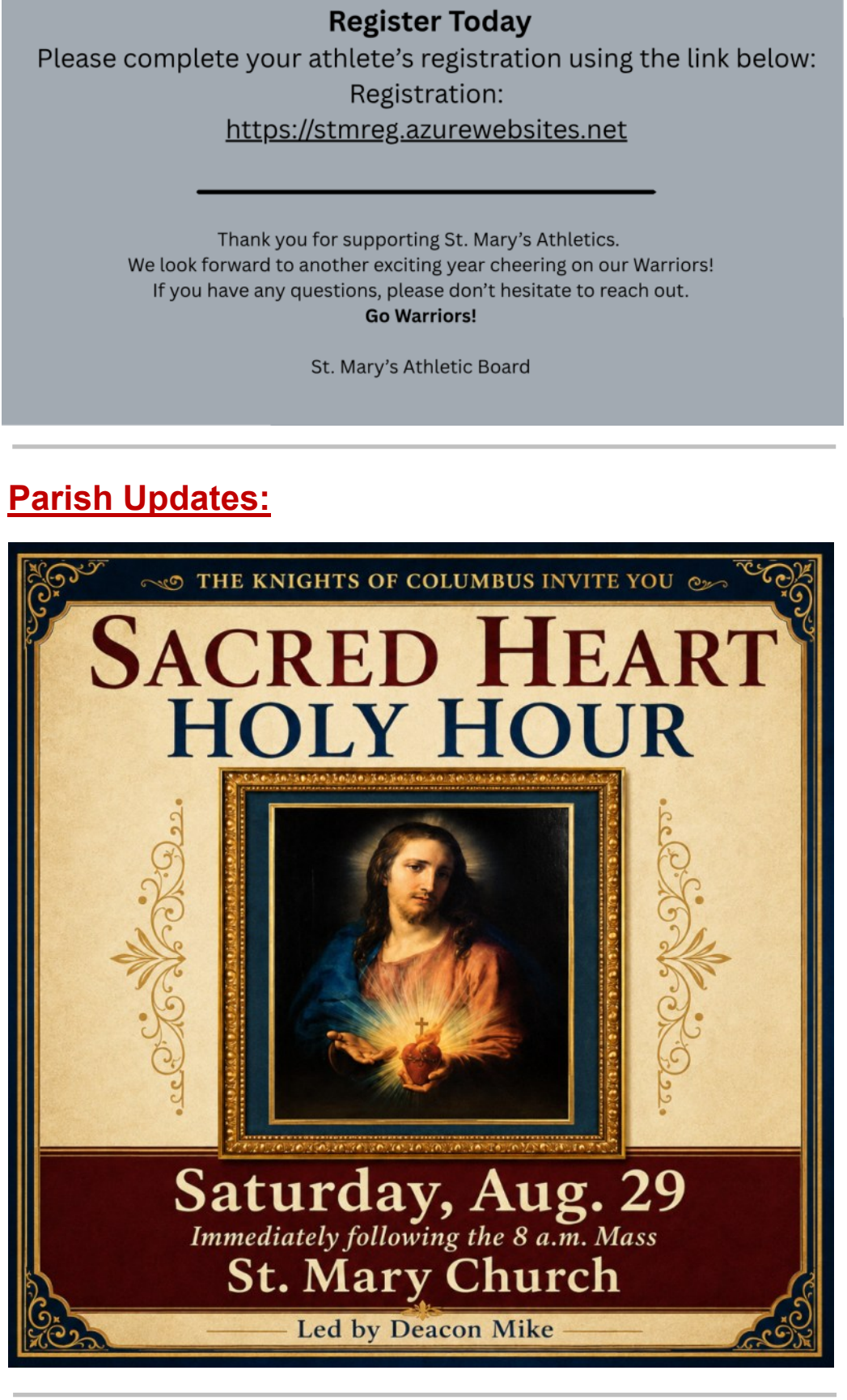


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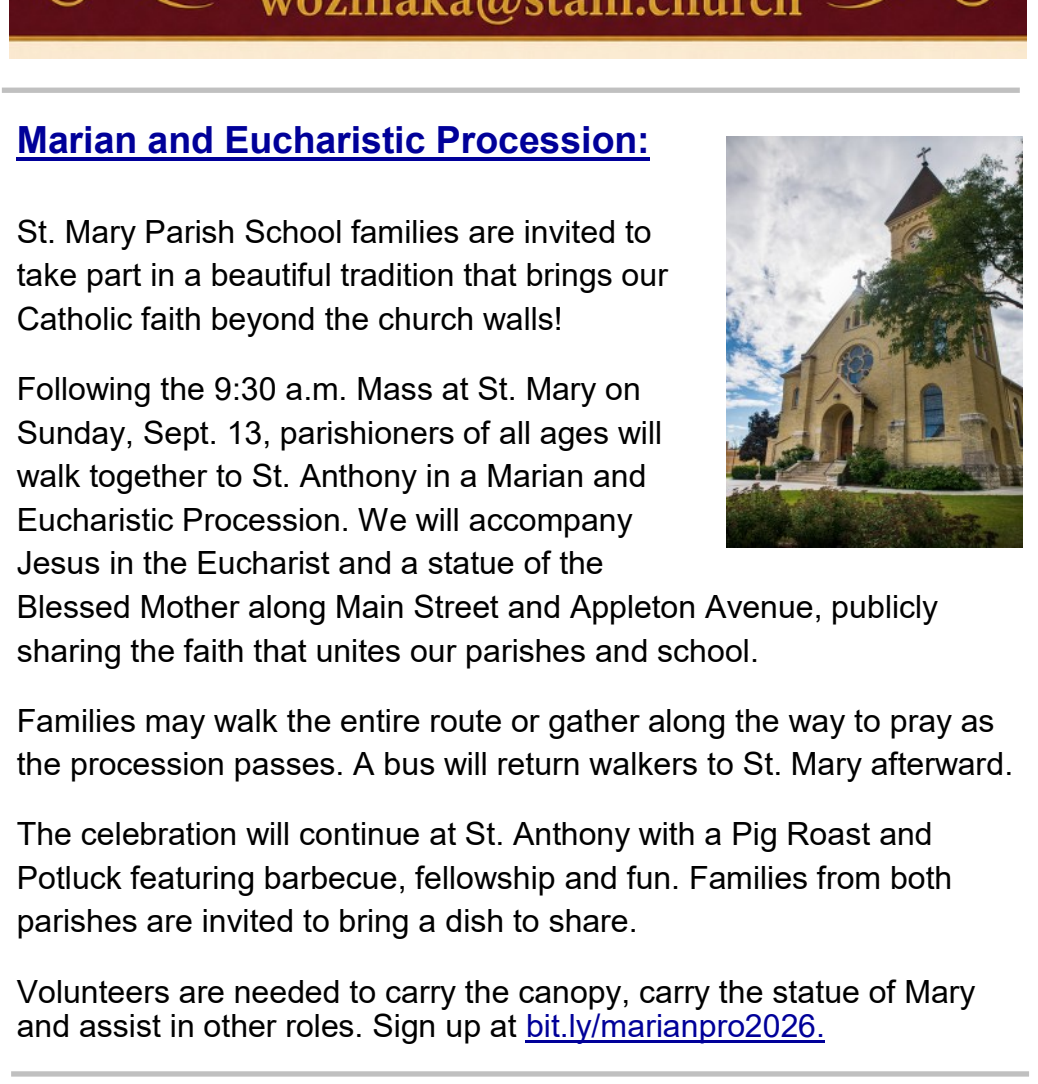


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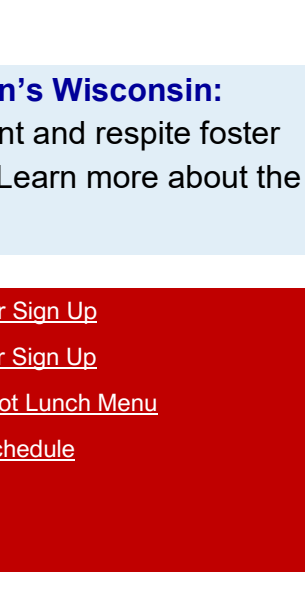


Parish Updates:





Marian and Eucharistic Procession:



St. Mary Parish School families are invited to take part in a beautiful tradition that brings our Catholic faith beyond the church walls!

Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary on Sunday, Sept. 13, parishioners of all ages will walk together to St. Anthony in a Marian and Eucharistic Procession. We will accompany Jesus in the Eucharist and a statue of the Blessed Mother along Main Street and Appleton Avenue, publicly sharing the faith that unites our parishes and school.

Families may walk the entire route or gather along the way to pray as the procession passes. A bus will return walkers to St. Mary afterward.

The celebration will continue at St. Anthony with a Pig Roast and Potluck featuring barbecue, fellowship and fun. Families from both parishes are invited to bring a dish to share.

Volunteers are needed to carry the canopy, carry the statue of Mary and assist in other roles. Sign up at bit.ly/marianpro2026.

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
2026-27 Family 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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