



CHALLENGING MINDS ● DEVELOPING CHARACTER ● LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

We practiced our first fire safety drill this afternoon with the new fire system and per usual we got everyone out of the building in one minute and twenty-three seconds. Besides the typical blaring horns we had before, the new system has strobe lights and a recorded message that plays while it is activated. The new fire system is also linked directly to emergency services.

We had great weather last Sunday for the 26th Annual St. Mary Golf Outing! Many thanks to everyone who came out to golf and special thanks to the golf committee and volunteers.

We are kicking off our annual school theme, **Love Like Jesus**, with a prayer service on Monday morning. This theme will be our focus for the school year and for our Catholic Schools Walk. T-shirts are available to purchase for a limited time. See [link](#). Students who purchase a t-shirt may wear it as a gym uniform shirt for the remainder of this school year. *Everyone is encouraged to wear their Love Like Jesus t-shirts on the Catholic Schools Walk.*

Excitement for the annual Catholic Schools Walk is building! Please make plans to join us for the walk at Rotary Park on Saturday, October 15th from 9-11AM. We will be having a Pep Rally on Friday, September 30th at 2:30 p.m. to help everyone get fired up! Classes who have met half of their goal by Thursday, September 29th will have a special role at the pep rally. [Our goal this year is to raise \\$25,000](#) and we are a little over one quarter of the way there! As of this afternoon, we have raised \$6,420 towards our goal!

In conjunction with the walk, we are collecting new and gently used shoes for [Soles for Jesus](#). Shoes can be dropped off now through October 15th in the box at the school entrance. Soles for Jesus is a charity that provides shoes to children in Africa who are unable to attend school without a proper uniform, which includes wearing shoes.

Many thanks to Krueger's Entertainment Center in Menomonee Falls, for donating a Bowling Party to the class raising the most money per student.

The fall fundraiser deadline has been extended to September 27th, so there is still time to score some [cookie dough](#) and order your [holiday wrapping paper](#), [purchase gifts](#), [renew magazines](#), [or get your own St. Mary tumbler](#). And don't forget to check out the [Save Around Coupon Books](#). The Coupon Books are available through the end of this month and the coupons are good through November '23.

Enjoy the weekend!

Linda Joyner

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 26-30th
MAPS testing continues

Sept. 27th
Updated Fall Fundraiser Deadline
(Cookie Dough, Magazine Sale and Holiday Gifts/Wrapping)

Oct. 6-10th
No School/ In-Service Days

Oct. 11th
Picture Re-take Day

Oct. 15th
[Catholic Schools Walk](#)

Oct. 17-21st
Scholastic Book Fair

[View Full Calendar](#)

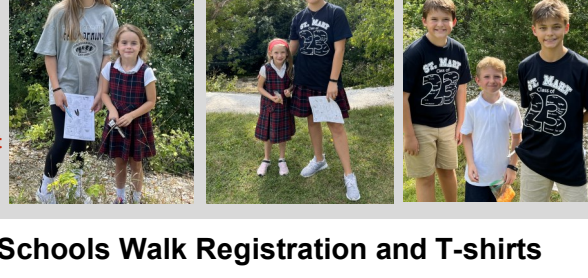
Fall Fundraiser has been EXTENDED HELP US MEET OUR GOAL!

As of 9/23, we are at \$8,537 of our \$13,000 goal. Funds raised help us purchase classroom materials.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Our [Cookie Dough Sale](#) and [Annual Holidays Gifts/Wrapping/Tumbler Sales](#) new deadline is **Sept 27th**. [Save Around Coupon Books](#) can continue being sold through the end of the month.

1st & 8th Grade Buddy Walk Highlights!

Our 1st and 8th grade students took a walk to Lime Kiln Park last week to explore nature together!



Catholic Schools Walk Registration and T-shirts



1. Registration is now open for the Catholic Schools Walk which will be held at Rotary Park on Saturday, October 15th (9-11am).
2. Our St. Mary 2022-23 school theme "Love Like Jesus" is now a gym [shirt option!](#) Use the link below to order and to register! (Orders due Sept. 30th)

Click on logos for more info!

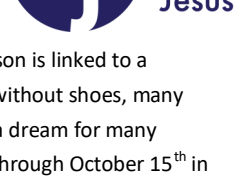
Register and/or order here: [Order/Registration Link](#)



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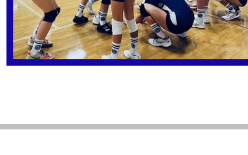
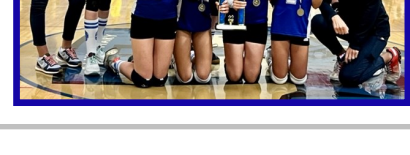
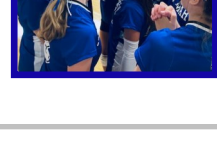
Soles for Jesus - Shoe Drive

In coordination with our Catholic Schools Walk campaign, St. Mary Parish School will be collecting shoes for the Soles for Jesus charity. Soles for Jesus provides new and gently used shoes to the people of Africa who desperately need them. Right now, 40% of primary age school children in sub-Saharan Africa are not attending school. One reason is linked to a child's access to shoes. Shoes are normally required as part of the school uniform, so without shoes, many children are unable to attend their classes. Owning shoes and attending school is only a dream for many children. Help support this charity by dropping off gently used shoes in all sizes NOW through October 15th in the [front entrance of school!](#)



Congrats to our 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Team!

St. Mary's 7th grade girls volleyball team showcased their skills and teamwork this week in their home tournament as they went undefeated in all 10 games / 5 matches, beating St. Joseph's Grafton in the championship game and adding another trophy to the case!



Home & School Updates

Volunteer Spotlight: Katie Esser

Our entire St. Mary Community has been blessed with amazing volunteers over the years, but one of them amongst us that never asks for recognition and continues to give and contribute so much is Mrs. Katie Esser. Just check what some of our St. Mary families had to say about her:

"Katie contributes not only her time and talent, but a very special attention to detail in all of her volunteer work that no doubt requires extra time, thought and effort."

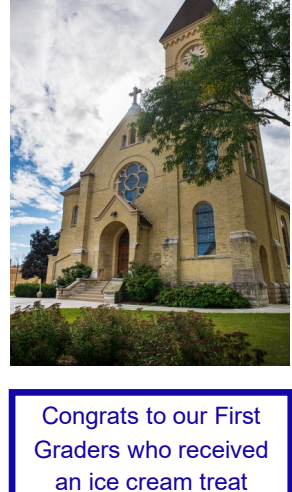
"Katie is always willing to help out others even when her plate is completely full. And she does it with a smile."

Another said, *"Katie has a heart of gold and a passion to serve. She is mission driven and there probably isn't an event within the St. Mary community that she hasn't offered to help with..."*

"Katie is always willing to lend a hand with any project! She also wants to highlight what others are doing so they know they are appreciated. We are blessed to have her at our school and Parish."

Another parent who has worked with Katie added, *"She has been instrumental in the planning and organizing of the Home & School events over the past year and for this school year. Her efforts on the Home & School calendar, planning events and organizing volunteers have been extremely helpful. Katie the Back-to-School Parent Night Social and spent countless hours reaching out to event chairs and preparing the new volunteer google form. She offers a wealth of St. Mary's knowledge to other volunteers and is never hesitant to lend a hand when needed. We are blessed to have her a part of our St. Mary's family."*

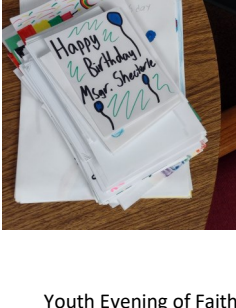
As you can see, Katie is truly dedicated to the success of St. Mary Parish School, and on behalf of our entire community, we THANK YOU!



Congrats to our First Graders who received an ice cream treat donated by Katie Esser as a reward for having the highest response rate for our Volunteer Opportunities Survey! If you still need to complete it, please click [here](#).

THANK YOU!

Parish Updates



Msgr. Shecterle says THANK YOU for the Birthday Wishes

Thank you to all of the St. Mary Parish School students for the very colorful and creative birthday cards you presented me after Mass and delivered to the parish office. It will take me a while to read them all, but I know I will enjoy them. God bless you. Know that you and your families are always in my prayers.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you have been interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is, join us this fall for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Please call the parish office at (262) 251-0220 or email Fr. Andrew Linn at frlinn@stam.church for more information.

Middle School Faith Evenings

Youth Evening of Faith is Sept. 28 Middle and high school students are invited to a monthly evening of faith-filled activities that include a formation talk, small group discussion and prayer. Fr. Linn will be our guest speaker at the first meeting on **Sept. 28**.

- Middle School session: 6:15-7:30 pm
- High School session: 7-8:30 pm

Registered Faith Formation students are required to attend, but all current students and recent graduates of St. Mary Parish School and friends are invited. For more information or to attend, email karissa.tousignant@stam.church

YOU'RE INVITED!

Catholic Memorial OPEN HOUSE

Sunday OCT. 16th

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | For Family Home Registration visit CatholicMemorial.net

6011 College Ave | Waukegan, Wisconsin 53391 | CatholicMemorial.net

Attention 8th Grade Families

The Catholic Memorial Incoming Freshman Application is NOW Open.

Reserve your spot today in the CMH Class of 2027!

Access the Application for Admission at www.catholicmeomorial.net

Applicants can reserve your 8th grade placement exam preferred date on your application. Catholic Memorial testing dates are Friday, November 4, 2022, or Saturday, November 12, 2022, from 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Click image for more info).

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on September 21st: *Darlene Boho, Maddie Beilfuss, the Weiske Family, and Matt Kuhn.*

And a special congrats to the \$250 raffle winner drawn on September 23rd: *Mike Povolo*

In the Community

- [Adversity Wisconsin Volleyball Tryouts](#)
- [Community Affair Cafe](#)
- [Milwaukee Children's Choir](#)

[Hot Lunch Menu](#)
[Scrip Raise Right App for \[Apple\]\(#\) and \[Android\]\(#\)](#)

[2022-23 Academic Calendar](#)
[Scrip Schedule](#)

[Change of Dismissal](#)
[2022-23 Home & School Calendar](#)

[Updated Guidelines for COVID-19](#)
[Playground and Lunchroom Sign Up Links](#)