



CHALLENGING MINDS

DEVELOPING CHARACTER

LIVING JESUS

Dear Members of the St. Mary Parish and School Community,

St. Mary Parish School has a long history of providing quality Catholic education for families, thanks to the teachers and staff at the school, and the dedicated involvement and committed support of our parents, families, and parishioners. We would not have this legacy without you – and we are incredibly blessed and grateful.

We don't take it lightly that you have entrusted us with your children, and we want to continue to be a trusted partner in the education and formation of future Catholics. We are approaching this goal intentionally, with the development of a long-term strategic plan that will provide a renewed vision for our school's future. We also recognize that objective, well-researched, and candid direction will be needed if we are to do this successfully. With that in mind, we are partnering with faith-based planning firm, Meitler to assist us. Meitler has a 50-year history of conducting strategic planning processes that empower and support Catholic institutions, so we are confident in their expertise.

In the coming months, St. Mary and Meitler will work collaboratively to analyze all aspects of school life. Our goal is to strengthen areas of school life that are most effective while we look for opportunities to grow. The overall objective of this process is to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for St. Mary Parish School that will be mission-driven, visionary, long-range, comprehensive, achievable, and integrated. (Think of it as a roadmap we will use to guide planning and decision-making)

The result of this process will be a plan that provides a comprehensive path for action focusing on the four primary "domains" of school life, as outlined by The National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools (NSBECES). These are Catholic mission and identity, academic excellence, strong governance and leadership, and operational vitality.

Meitler has already begun meeting with school staff and parish leadership. Parents, teachers, parishioners, and community members will be invited to participate in the planning process throughout the next few months, in a variety of ways, from serving on the planning team to participating in surveys or interviews. Everyone will have an opportunity to share their concerns and insights to ensure long-term sustainability.

We ask for your prayers as we embark on the planning study for the successful future of St. Mary Parish School.

Msgr. Ross Shecterle
Parish Administrator

Fr. Andrew Linn
Associate Pastor

Linda Joyner
Principal

The Members of the
St. Mary Pastoral
Council

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 30th
Last chance to order
Catholic Schools Walk
t-shirts

Oct. 4th
Home and School
Meeting, 7pm

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

Oct. 11th
Picture Re-take Day

Oct. 15th
Catholic Schools Walk

Oct. 18-21st
Scholastic Book Fair

Oct. 18th
Restaurant Night @Cafe
Zupas

Oct. 21, 22
Parish Feastable

Oct. 27th
School Conferences
(3-6pm)

Oct. 28th
No School/
Conferences(8am-1pm)

View Full Calendar

Catholic Schools Walk
Registration and T-shirts

Today (Friday 9/30) is the last day to order "Love Like Jesus" t-shirts! Place your order [here](#)!

Have you registered your family for the Catholic Schools Walk yet? [Registration](#) for the walk will remain open until October 14th. Sign up today!

Coloring Sheets, which were sent home with your student(s) this week, are due October 5th.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WALK

Remember, all funds raised stay right here at St. Mary School!
Click [here](#) for more important information!

Volunteers Needed!

The Catholic Schools Walk Committee is still looking for volunteers for the event on Oct. 15th.

Adults and Middle School Students, please [Sign Up to Volunteer Here](#).

Thank you!

Soles For Jesus — Shoe Drive

In coordination with our Catholic Schools Walk campaign, St. Mary Parish School is 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 Boys Volleyball Team!

St. Mary's 7th Grade Boys Volleyball Team won the St. Mary tournament on Wednesday night! They won a hard-fought battle, responded to adversity, and battled back in a total team effort with St. Dominic, taking the 3rd set, 15-10.

Congratulations boys!

Home & School Updates

Volunteer Spotlight:
Bob Kohlmetz

Bob Kohlmetz is a part of the Athletics board, and his fellow parent volunteers and board members wanted to take a chance to say "thank you" to him for all of his hard work and dedication.

Here's what a few people had to say about him...

"Bob signs up for board duty shifts at the gym which go over and above what is suggested. He frequently during the basketball season will open the gym, be at the gym all day, and close the gym. (It can be a shift from 7AM to 10:30pm.) In addition to this, he is our gym coordinator so he works hard to gather the practice times from each grade for all sports to compromise a master gym availability schedule and update when changes occur. He also is a coach for basketball with one of the 8th grade girls teams. We are so lucky to have members like Bob on the Athletic Board as it ensures we are able to provide quality youth sports for our St. Mary's kids!"

"Bob is our hero! He takes multiple board shifts in a row which means sometimes he is at the gym over 6 hours. Thank you, Bob!"

"Bob has been a board member for a few years now. He is responsible for helping to schedule the gym for practices, league games and tournaments. While each board member works to help spread the load of covering the gym during volleyball and basketball season, Bob has always been one of the first to take on extra shifts in a pinch."

Thank you, Bob, for your contributions and dedication to St. Mary! You are appreciated by so many, and we know our athletes/students thank you, too!

Home and School Meeting:

Our next Home & School meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 4 at 7 PM** in the school conference rooms. Faculty and parents are all welcome and should enter through the blue doors off of Hayes Ave. Please see the [agenda for the meeting here](#).

Parish Updates

Love One Another Campaign Kickoff is this Weekend

This weekend we officially kick off the Love One Another Campaign for all members of our parish. The Love One Another Campaign will provide future financial stability for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and our parish, as well as for needs beyond basic operations. Updates to school bathrooms and support for a STEM Lab are among the items included in our case statement. Look for information in your mailbox this weekend in the coming days.

Please click the LOGO for an important statement from Msgr. Shecterle.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Feastable is Back - Live and In-Person!

Join us at St. Mary Parish School for a feast of a meal and a fun evening on Friday, Oct. 21 & Saturday, Oct. 22, from 4-8 pm (both days). Tickets are available [online](#). We are also looking for event-day volunteers! Sign up at [bit.ly/stamfeastable](#)

St. Mary Parish Eucharistic and Marian Process is Oct. 9

Join us as we give public witness of our faith and devotion toward Jesus Himself in the Eucharist and our Blessed Mother, on Oct. 9 after the 10:30 am Mass. The procession will begin at St. Mary Parish and conclude at St. Anthony Parish. Busing back to St. Mary will be provided.

Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 raffle winners drawn on September 28th: *Kathy Farvour, Maddy Nguyen, Larry Welch, Andy Gall and Andrew Wood.*

Thank you for your support.

YOU'RE INVITED! Catholic Memorial OPEN House Sunday OCT. 16th

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.catholicmemorial.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).

In the Community

Child Development Day

Adversity Wisconsin Volleyball Tryouts

Community Affair Cafe

Milwaukee Children's Choir

October Hot Lunch Menu

2022-23 Academic Calendar

Change of Dismissal

Updated Guidelines for COVID-19

Scrip Raise Right App for Apple and Android

Scrip Schedule

2022-23 Home & School Calendar

Playground and Lunchroom Sign Up Links

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