



CHALLENGING MINDS

DEVELOPING CHARACTER

LIVING JESUS

Dear Families,

Each Friday, we will be sending you an electronic newsletter full of school and parish happenings and events. There will also be flyers and links to further information and forms. This is an important part of our ongoing communication with you. If you are a [Facebook user, please like our school page](#) for more information. Beyond that, each classroom will be connecting with families and communicating with you through email and Schoology (our learning management platform). We don't mean to overwhelm you, but we also want to make sure that we are providing you with the information you need in a timely manner. The majority of our school communications are electronic, so please make sure to keep the office up-to-date with any changes to your email or contact info. And please, never hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. We want to be your partners in the education and formation of your children and are always available to help.

The kids are settling into the routine of school quite nicely. Starting school for the first time or starting school with a new teacher is very exciting but it can also be a little overwhelming for some children. Adjusting to earlier bedtimes, the structure, new teachers and friends may cause some children to experience anxiety. While a little anxiety with the new school year is to be expected, it should fade after the first few days of school. If your child is experiencing anxiety which continues beyond the first few days, please contact me or your child's teacher so we can help you make sure they get off to the best start possible.

Fortunately, our classrooms have been pretty cool on the recent hot days and we were very grateful for the cooler weather today. Even in cooler weather it is important to stay hydrated so please remember to send a refillable water bottle and a healthy snack to school each day with your child/ren. And please make sure to label all your child's belongings. You wouldn't believe how many unlabeled water bottles end up in the trash bin at the end of the school year.

God is Good!! I am very excited to announce that we have hired a first grade teacher! Ms. Kaminski is a recent graduate from UW-Whitewater and she is very excited to meet her class on Monday. While it was delightful to spend so much time with the first graders, it is time for Mrs. Mogilevski, Mrs. Schmitt, and I to get back to our day jobs :).

I hope to see you all at the golf outing tomorrow!! Have a great weekend!

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 9

Annual St. Mary Golf Outing

Sept. 18[Piano Lessons](#) with John Heffer Begin**Sept. 27**[Young Rembrandts Drawing Class](#) Session 1 begins**Sept. 27**[Panera Night](#) 4 - 8pm**Oct. 10**

Picture Re-take Day

Oct. 21

Catholic Schools Walk

Oct. 23

Home and School Meeting, 7pm

Oct. 26

Early release at 11:30am

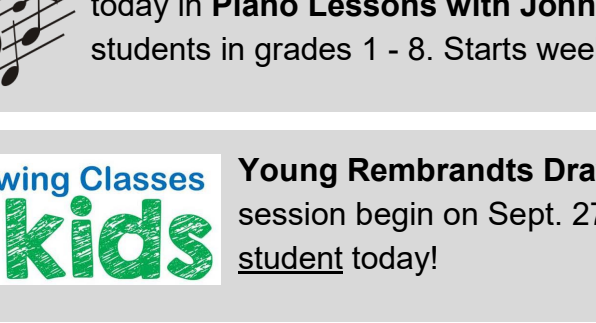
(Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:30pm)

Oct. 27

No School (Parent-Teacher Conferences 8am - 12pm)

[View Full Calendar](#)

Calling all Moms! If you are mom to an adolescent, teenage, or young adult daughter, I urge you to [watch this 10 minute video](#) with her. Every young woman needs to hear this message!



Daily Playground and Lunchroom Volunteers are Needed

We still have several slots open for our daily lunchroom and recess volunteer needs. If you are available to help with lunch (11:20am - 1pm) or recess (10:55am - 12:30pm), on any of the open dates listed below, please use the links below to sign up.

Week of 9/11/23	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchroom Servers (Need 2)	Jessica McDowell 1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed 1 Parent Needed	Kristin Stanek (Costco) Ann MacGillis	Libby Hietpas 1 Parent Needed	Angela Cousineau Angie Tappa
Playground Helper (Need 1)	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	Kristin Latham	Karen Micallef
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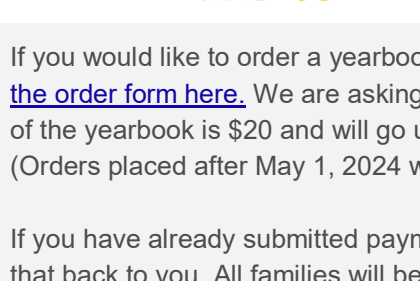
Our St. Mary Volunteers are the best, and we couldn't do it without you.

Here are the links to sign up:

[Lunchroom Sign Up](#)

[Playground Sign Up](#)

Thank you in advance for your consideration in signing up and volunteering!



**Deadline Approaching:
Yearbook Orders
Due Monday, Sept. 11th**

If you would like to order a yearbook for the 2023-24 school year, please [complete the order form here](#). We are asking orders to be placed by Monday, Sept. 11th. Price of the yearbook is \$20 and will go up to \$25 for orders placed after Sept. 11th. (Orders placed after May 1, 2024 will go up to \$30 per yearbook).

If you have already submitted payment via check to the office, we will be sending that back to you. All families will be charged for the yearbook via Blackbaud.

**Additionally, all families should now have received proofs of your students' school portraits via email. If you have not, please contact the school office. (You will need to choose which pose you'd like to be included in the yearbook, but you have until late Fall to do so.)*

Picture re-take day is Oct. 10th. If you wish for your child(ren) to have theirs re-taken, please mark your calendar!

THANK YOU!

Home & School Updates

Volunteer Spotlight

Thanks so much to every volunteer that has already stepped in to help this school year! You all make St. Mary the great community we are proud to be!

Each week, we will be highlighting your wonderful contributions here. If you would like to nominate a fellow parent/volunteer, please email Heather at mccabeh@smps.school with their name along with a few sentences thanking them for all they do for St. Mary! We will then reach out to other families/teachers for additional quotes.

THANK YOU!

Panera Fundraiser Night!

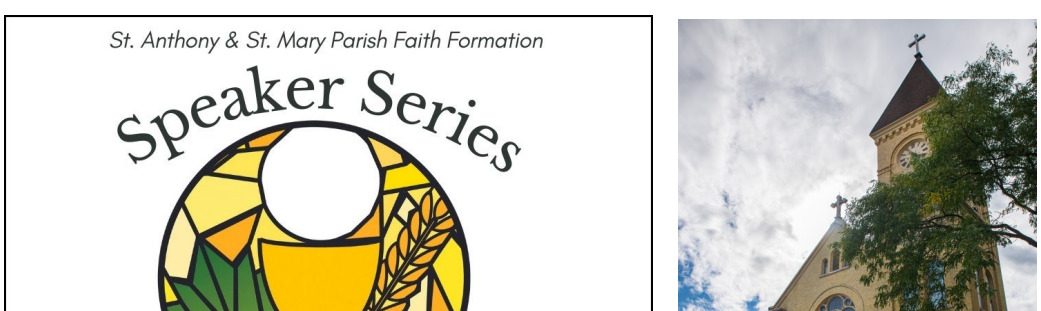
Sept. 27th

4pm – 8pm

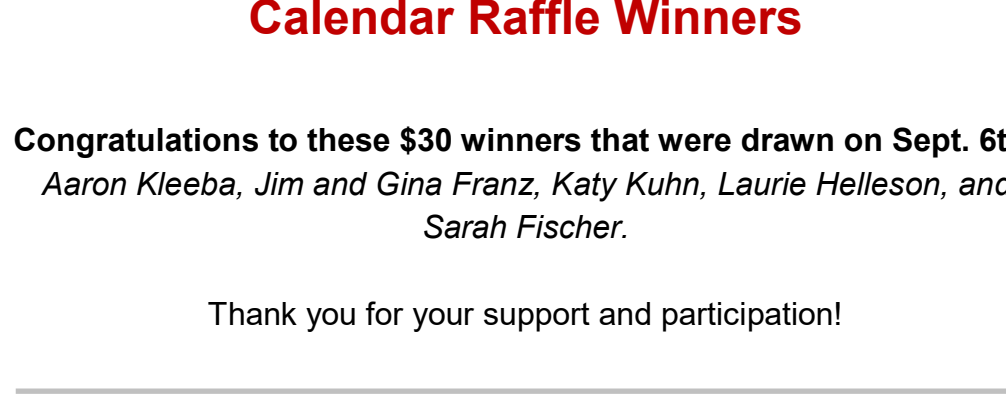
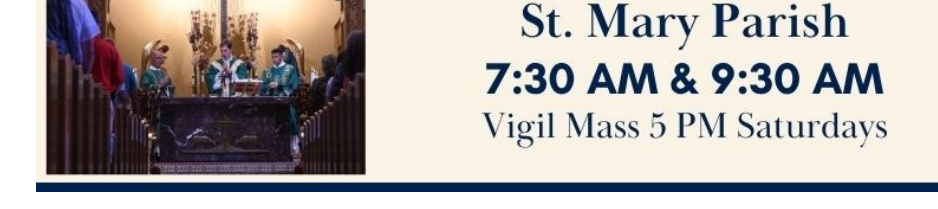
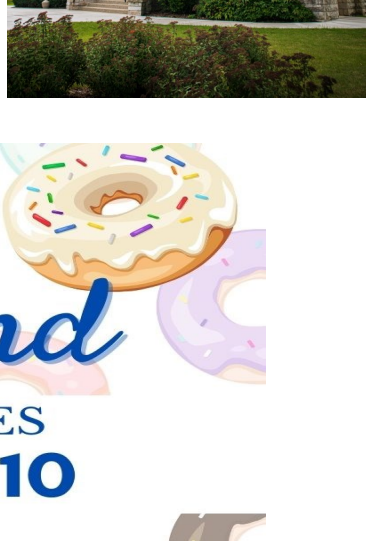


Help support St. Mary School at our first restaurant fundraiser of this school year! 25% of all proceeds will be donated back to our school!

[Click here](#) for more information!



Parish Updates

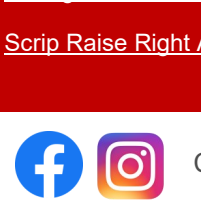


Calendar Raffle Winners

Congratulations to these \$30 winners that were drawn on Sept. 6th:
Aaron Kleebe, Jim and Gina Franz, Katy Kuhn, Laurie Helleson, and Sarah Fischer.

Thank you for your support and participation!

In the Community



Jr. Phoenix Golf Tryouts: Wednesday, Oct. 4th or Sunday, Oct. 8th. Boys and girls residing in Menomonee Falls in grades 3 through 8 are eligible to try out. *Click the logo for more info.*

Grade School Night at Dominican High School: Join the [Dominican High School Boys Volleyball team](#) on Sept 20th, and/or the [Dominican High School Girls Volleyball team](#) on Sept 21st. Free Admission both nights. *Click the links above for more information.*



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