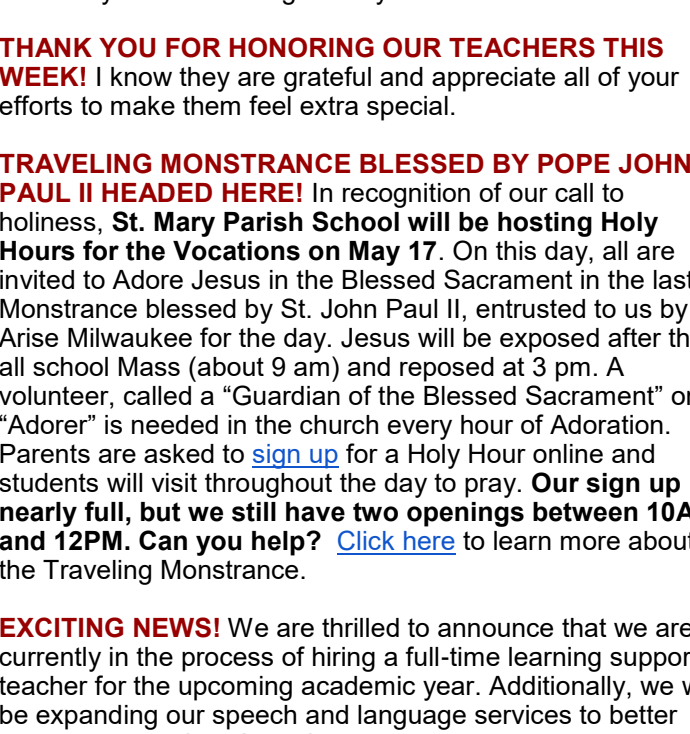


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Dear Parents,

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!** They looked so angelic in their first communion outfits and they did an awesome job leading the procession today as we crowned our Blessed Mother. *Did you know that the tradition of honoring Mary during the month of May dates all the way back to medieval times?* During this month we celebrate Mary as the Queen of Heaven and our spiritual mother. If you were unable to attend our May Crowning ceremony today, Mary will also be crowned at all weekend Masses.



**OUR INAUGURAL PARENT SOCIAL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!** We had around 50 parents come together for a fun night of socializing and getting to know one another. Given the success of our first social, plans are already underway for a fall outing so stay tuned!

**THANK YOU FOR HONORING OUR TEACHERS THIS WEEK!** I know they are grateful and appreciate all of your efforts to make them feel extra special.

**TRAVELING MONSTRANCE BLESSED BY POPE JOHN PAUL II HEADED HERE!** In recognition of our call to holiness, **St. Mary Parish School will be hosting Holy Hours for the Vocations on May 17.** On this day, all are invited to Adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the last Monstrance blessed by St. John Paul II, entrusted to us by Arise Milwaukee for the day. Jesus will be exposed after the all school Mass (about 9 am) and reposed at 3 pm. A volunteer is called a "Guardian of the Blessed Sacrament" or "Adorer" is needed in the church every hour of Adoration. Parents are asked to [sign up](#) for a Holy Hour online and students will visit throughout the day to pray. **Our sign up is nearly full, but we still have two openings between 10AM and 12PM. Can you help?** [Click here](#) to learn more about the Traveling Monstrance.

**EXCITING NEWS!** We are thrilled to announce that we are currently in the process of hiring a full-time learning support teacher for the upcoming academic year. Additionally, we will be expanding our speech and language services to better support our students' needs.

**4K Program Expansion-** Due to a surge in enrollment for our K4 program, we are delighted to share that we will be hiring a half-time 4K teacher. This expansion will enable us to welcome more students into the K4 program, providing them with enhanced educational opportunities.

**Spread the Word!** Please help us spread the word to friends and family about these exciting updates. Thank you for being a part of our school community!

[LINK TO 2024-25 ONE PAGE CALENDAR](#)

Have a great weekend!  
Linda Joyner

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 11**  
Spring Work Day and Campus Clean Up  
8am - 12pm  
[Details here](#)
- May 14**  
Ice Cream Social at School  
[Sign up to help here](#)
- May 14**  
[Robert's Frozen Custard Restaurant Night](#)
- May 15**  
School Rosary  
Glorious Mysteries  
11:15am
- May 17**  
[Father-Daughter Dance RSVP Here](#)
- May 20**  
Home & School Meeting  
7pm
- May 27**  
No School  
Memorial Day
- May 29**  
Milwaukee Co. Zoo Field Trip (K5-2nd)  
[Permission Form here](#)
- May 30**  
Peter Pan Jr.
- May 31**  
D.A.R.E. Graduation
- May 31**  
[8th Grade Dance](#)

[View Full Calendar](#)

## May 11 Parish Clean Up Day

St. Mary invites families and parish members to help with our Parish "Clean Up" on May 11 as we work on some landscaping projects and general spring maintenance for our church campus. Families and students are encouraged to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to earn service hours. Lunch will be provided! View [flyer here](#). Able to help? [Sign up now!](#)

## Attention Middle School Families: Sponsorships/Ad Forms are Due Monday!

If you wish to include an ad for your child and/or contribute as a sponsor for the Peter Pan, Jr. program, please fill out this form. We ask that you also email the information to [stmmusicals@smmps.school](mailto:stmmusicals@smmps.school) and return a hard copy of the form to the office. Thank you for supporting the Theatre Guild and our students!

## Daily Playground and Lunchroom Volunteers Needed

Please see below for our daily volunteer needs. We greatly appreciate your time and help! Here are the links to sign up:

[Lunchroom Sign Up](#)  
[Playground Sign Up](#)

Week of 5/13/24	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchroom Servers (Need 2)	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed
Playground Helper	Patrick McGarry	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	Rick Stelpflug

Week of 5/20/24	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchroom Servers (Need 2)	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	
Playground Helper	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	1 Parent Needed	NO SCHOOL

*\*IMPORTANT: All volunteers must have completed the Safeguarding Training. If you have not done so, please contact the parish office.*

## Happy National Teacher Appreciation Week to all of our Wonderful Teachers!

St. Mary teachers, each of you are truly remarkable, playing a vital role in molding the minds and faith life of our children. While we appreciate you all year long, we want to give an extra sincere "Thank you" to each of you this special week of Teacher Appreciation. Our students and families are impacted in so many positive ways because of you; We are extremely grateful for your unwavering dedication and tireless efforts both inside and outside the classroom.

Thank you teachers!!

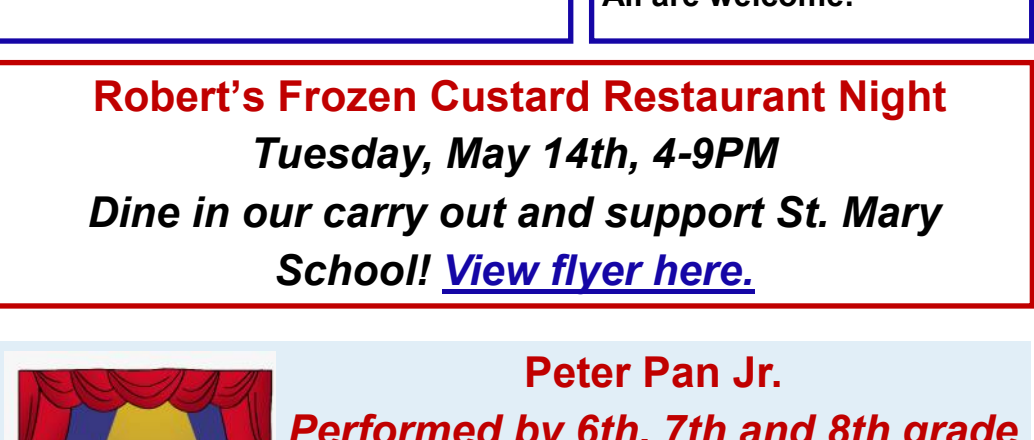


*\*Our Teacher/Staff Appreciation Spotlight will be back next week!*

## Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders Explore and Learn at Old World Wisconsin

On Thursday, May 9, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades went to Old World Wisconsin. They participated in two learning sessions called "Pioneer Power" and "Apprenticeship". In Pioneer Power students discovered what 19th century STEM looked like by learning about wheels, pulleys, levers and other simpler machines. In Apprenticeship students learned about becoming a blacksmith, wheelwright and shoemaker. We even got to see the state's oldest Catholic Church, built in 1839! Although the weather didn't cooperate, students enjoyed this hands-on field trip!

See more pictures [here!](#)



## Home & School Updates

**\$10 per family**

**Daddy Daughter Dance**  
Friday, 17th of May  
7:00PM - 9:00PM  
St. Mary's Activity Center

Please join us for a carnival themed evening of dancing, beverages, snacks and games

**RSVP HERE**

Send payment to the school office via cash or check (made payable to St. Mary Parish School) labeled "Daddy Daughter Dance" by **WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH**

EVENT CONTACTS:  
MICHELLE SPAETH: MICHELLE.SPAETH@VANDU.COM  
BECKY RUSCH: BECKYRUSCH@GMAIL.COM

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

## Volunteer Spotlight: Rick Stelpflug

St. Mary School is blessed with many amazing volunteers and we are so grateful for each of them. This week we are highlighting Rick Stelpflug. Rick has been a huge help to our theatre guild over the years, and most of our students also know him well as he has spent many hours helping supervise recess over the years! He's a huge help around our school in many other ways, too! Check out what fellow families and teachers had to say!

*"Rick is an amazing volunteer and person. His commitment to our students in many different ways is so impressive. He is always willing to go above and beyond putting his knowledge and talent to good use in all areas, from sports to the stage. Specifically, the time, creativity and craft he has put into our school musicals is inspiring and has brought our productions to a whole new level with his incredible set creations. I'm so grateful for his support and "I can do that" attitude, which will be showcased on stage on May 30th in Peter Pan Jr.. Thanks, Rick! You're an awesome and integral part of our school community." - Ann MacGillis*

*"Coach Rick" got me started with volleyball, he is a great coach and practices with us at recess. He helps me with club volleyball too. If it weren't for him, I would not love volleyball as much as I do." - Aubri L.*

*"I have had the pleasure of working with Rick on a few projects around the school. He brings great ideas to the table and solutions to get the job done. He is a great role model for the kids and excellent volleyball coach." - Chris Leonard*

[Read more quotes about Rick Stelpflug here!](#)

## Ice Cream Social, May 14th! Volunteers are needed!

It's Ice Cream Social Time! Helpers are needed for different times throughout the day to help scoop ice cream and serve to our students. [Please sign up to help here!](#)

## Buddy Breakfast Service Project, June 4

The 8th Grade Class along with their First Grade Buddies will be volunteering together on a service project during the Annual Buddy Breakfast on June 4th. Our goal is to provide 100+ Snack Bags to the Open Door Cafe through the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee.

Please [click here](#) to read more about the project and to sign up to donate needed items! Thank you!

## St. Mary Home & School Meeting

May 20  
7pm



**Home & School Meeting**

School Conference Rooms  
(lower level, enter through Hayes alleyway doors)

**All are welcome!**

## Robert's Frozen Custard Restaurant Night Tuesday, May 14th, 4-9PM

**Dine in our carry out and support St. Mary School! [View flyer here.](#)**

## Peter Pan Jr. Performed by 6th, 7th and 8th grade May 30th St. Mary Activity Center



Parents of Middle Schoolers, please see the Performance Program Ad form [here](#). Due date is Monday, May 13th.

## SAVE THE DATE Annual St. Mary Parish School Golf Outing

Presented by The Wieske Family, The Rinzel Family, Dick & Jayne Becker

**Saturday, September 14, 2024**  
Blackstone Creek Golf Course  
Germantown, WI

- More information and formal sign up coming soon!
- Many sponsorship opportunities available.
- Please contact Brian Gold for more information.

262-501-2501 | [bnangold40@yahoo.com](mailto:bnangold40@yahoo.com)

## Parish Updates

### Celebrate Dcn. Siehr's Ordination!

St. Mary Parish will be offering refreshments after all of the Masses on May 11 & 12 (St. Mary) to celebrate the ordination of Deacon Aaron Siehr. In Thanksgiving for his vocation, his ministerial service during his formation time here at his teaching parishes, and for his diaconal ministry throughout the coming year, we will be getting him a gift. If you would like to contribute, please send your donation to the Parish Office with the memo "Aaron's ordination."



### Give Blood, Get a Water Park Pass!

St. Anthony & St. Mary Blood Drive will be from 1:30-6:30 pm on Monday, May 13 at St. Mary Parish School in the lower level conference rooms. Fifty people aged 16 and older are needed to help meet local patient demand in area hospitals. Please make an appointment [online](#) or by calling (877) 232-4376 for assistance. Donors will be offered a ticket to Mt. Olympus water park and entered in a drawing to win \$1,000 in gift cards to Great Wolf Lodge Resort!

## Calendar Raffle Winners

**Congratulations to these \$30 winners drawn on May 8th: Dennis and Mary Beth Witzlib, James Lenahan, Brockman Family, Brian Favour, and Jesse Christen**

Thank you for your support and participation!

## In the Community

**Christian Theatre Camp at Trinity Freistadt:** July 15-18 from 9am-3pm. Ages 8-13.

**Summer Music Camps: Wisconsin Conservatory of Music.** Music Exploration Camps available for students in grades 2 - 12.

**NFL Alumni Youth Football Camps:** Open to Boys and Girls 6-14 for Football Skills, Life Skills and Fun!

**Mike Gosz Basketball Camps: Choose from Day Camp Sessions (1-8th graders) or Academy Camp (grades 3-8).** Enrollment is limited, so register early!

**CMH Summer Camps: Open to all rising 1st - 9th graders.** Get involved at CMH, stay active, learn new skills and meet new friends!

**PIUS XI Boys Basketball Summer Camps:** Choose from Fundamental Skills Camp June 10 -13, Pure Shooting Camp June 17 - 20, and/or Mighty Mites Camp July 22 - 25.

**Rocket Aquatics Swim Clinics at Menomonee Falls High School:** Ages 4 - 9 and 9 - 16.

**STARBASE Wisconsin offering two FREE STEM programs this summer:** Choose from "Life Science and Wisconsin Wildlife" and/or "Aviation and Flight Simulation."

**Summer Camps at Camp de Sales:** Summer day camps led by new Vocation Director Michael Malucha at the seminary for middle school men.

**DSHA Summer Camp Program, Summer Cool:** Choose from over 100 camps offered for girls in rising grades 1 -9.

**Camp Chesterton 2024:** Summer one-day camp for kids ages 8 - 12. Registration deadline is May 31.



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