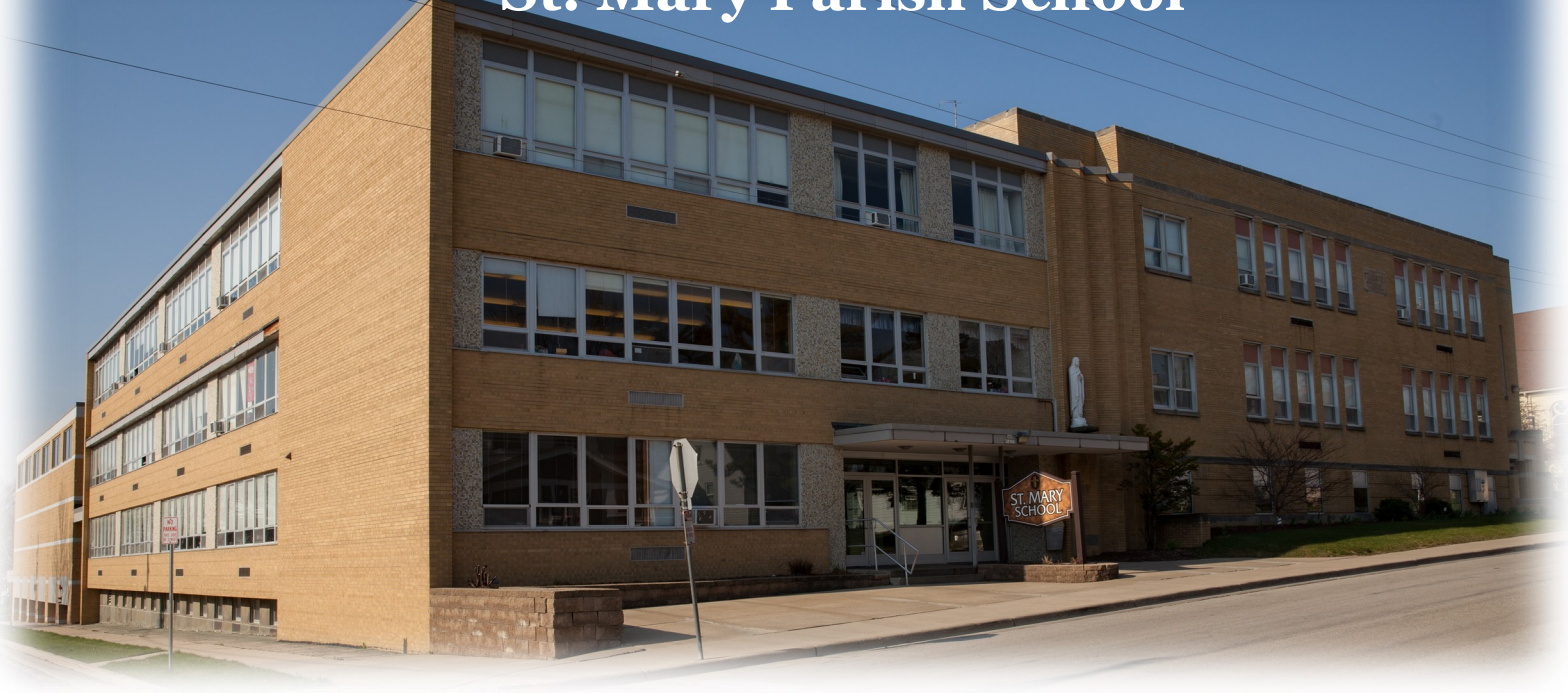


St. Mary Parish School



Challenging Minds • Developing Character • Living Jesus

The Connection

Easter Break April 2 - April 12

March 26, 2021

Dear Parents,

The eighth-grade students did a spectacular job this afternoon re-enacting the Stations of the Cross from Mary’s perspective. If you were not able to join us for the livestream, [click here to watch the recording.](#)

By now you have probably heard about the [CDC’s recommendations](#) with respect to social distancing in schools. The change is aimed at providing a safe framework for schools that have struggled to open. While this is exciting news, it is important to understand that the context for this recommendation is to allow schools to reopen. It is not to be implemented across the board without careful consideration especially for schools, like ours, that have already applied successful mitigation and safety procedures.

Waukesha County’s case count and the percentage of COVID-19 positive cases have placed our county at a “high” level of concern by the State’s metrics and these factors, along with spring break, may make any potential shift in strategy complicated. The CDC continues to emphasize that whenever possible, six feet of social distancing is recommended.

Please know that despite this change to classroom social distancing guidance, the CDC’s definition of a “close contact” has not changed. This means that we will still need to contract trace for exposures to a confirmed case within six feet for 15 minutes or more.

We have received a couple of questions from parents who are confused about standards-based grading, so I am going to begin re-publishing information that was shared with you over the last couple of years. I highly encourage you to begin by reading or re-reading the [Parents Guide to Standards-based Grading](#). This guide was put together by our archdiocese and is specific to our system of grading. There are several different approaches to standards-based grading so if you are asking around, it can get a little confusing. For example, some schools consider a score of “4” to be mastery. Our grading system considers a “4” to be a level of mastery that goes significantly above and beyond the expectation of the standard. Please review the guide and contact your child’s teacher or me if you have any questions.

In his [blog this week](#), Archbishop ListECKI, wrote about the Equality Act and addressed its effect on religious freedom. He also provided a link to Cardinal [Dolan’s critique of the Act](#). I highly recommend reading up on this topic if you have not done so already.

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner

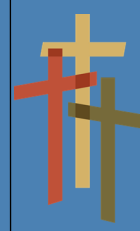
MARCH

- 28 PALM SUNDAY
- 29 HOLY WEEK
DARE program: Gr. 5

APRIL

- 1 HOLY THURSDAY
8:15 Prayer Service
- 2 GOOD FRIDAY
Easter Break Begins
- 5-9 NO SCHOOL-EASTER BREAK
- 12 School resumes
- 16 Activity Picture Day

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Holy Thursday—April 1

- ◊ Mass of the Lord’s Supper-7pm
- ◊ Adoration after Mass until 9 am on Good Friday

Good Friday—April 2

- ◊ Celebration of the Lord’s Passion-3pm

Holy Saturday—April 3

- ◊ Easter Vigil-8pm

Easter Sunday-April 4

- ◊ 8 am & 10:30 am

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QUESTIONS? WE HAVE ANSWERS .

⇒ Student Attendance

If your student is absent for the day, please call or e-mail the office BEFORE 7:15 am on the day of absence. Provide the following information:

- ◊ Student’s first and last name
- ◊ Name of homeroom teacher
- ◊ Reason for absence
- ◊ If your student will participate virtually

⇒ Student Early Dismissal

Should your student need to be picked up before normal dismissal time, or the mode of transportation has changed for the day, parents are asked to complete the [Change of Dismissal](#) form found on our website before 1:00 pm.

Resources

- [2021-22 Academic Calendar](#)
- [2020-21 Academic Calendar](#)
- [Out-of-Uniform Policy](#)
- [School Closing Policy](#)
- [Change of Dismissal](#)
- [Scrip Schedule](#)
- [Scrip Raise-Right App](#)
- [TikTok facts](#)


In the Community

- [Covid-Safe Dominican Theatre Camp](#)
- [Adversity Summer Vball Skills ‘n Drills](#)
- [Updated Quarantine Guidelines for COVID-19](#)
- [Waukesha County weekly COVID-19 updates](#)


Keep informed with weekly updates from Waukesha County regarding COVID-19. [Here’s how.](#)

[2021-22 Academic Calendar](#)

Open House Basket Winner!



Congratulations to Abraham Hartwig whose name was drawn for the Open House basket. Abraham is newly enrolled as a K4 student for the 2021/22 academic year.



Volunteers needed!

We are in need of:

- ◆ Hot lunch servers to help serve the daily lunch from 10:55 to 12:40.
- ◆ Playground volunteers to supervise the recess period from 10:55 to 12:50.

If interested, please call Heather McCabe for more details (262-251-1050).

WE WANT YOU



Calling all professionals—engineers, dentists, health care providers, artists, photographers, interior designers, firemen, lawyers, detectives, architects, sales persons, EMT’s, fitness trainers, Yes we want you to spark interest in our students by sharing your career with them during our Virtual Career Day! For more information, call the office (262.251.1050), or [sign up through this google form.](#)


Mask Reminder

Parents, please make sure our child has one mask to wear and one spare each school day. Lately, we have had a lot of students arriving to school with mask on and without a spare.

A friendly Reminder...Sacrificial Giving Obligation:

In order to receive the parishioner tuition rate, **your sacrificial giving to the parish must meet the minimum \$780 obligation per school year.** Please contact the Parish Business Office if you are unsure if you have met your obligation. All giving is due by **May 31st**. Thank you for your prompt attention.

Girls Basketball Skills ‘n Drills



The first skills development/open gym series for girls’ basketball will begin April 16. Please click on the basketball for more information about the sessions, safety protocols and to register your student. If you have any questions or would like to help coach, please contact Jenny Wallace.

Spring Break Give-Back Program

The Catholic owners at Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells support Catholic education and will donate \$10 to St. Mary’s for every spring stay booked and completed by April 30, 2021. [Click here for more details.](#)

Christian Formation Summer Opportunities

We are excited to pass along information about the Christian Formation Summer Camps. Please click on each title for more information and to register.

Totus Tuus Summer Camp—June 27-July 2

A Catholic summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, evangelization Christian and Eucharistic worship. The goal is to help young people in the understanding of, and strengthen their faith in Jesus Christ. (grades 1-12) [Register here.](#)

Love Begins here Service Camp
Middle School—June 22-23 ~ High School—July 11-16

Love Begins Here provides youth with an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ in a life changing way through week long, local mission trips where they live in a Catholic Community and continue His work on earth. [Register here.](#)


Steubenville Youth Conference-July 22-25

A weekend conference that evangelizes, equips and empowers 8th-12th grades youth to become radical, joyful disciples. Enjoy keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and much more. Held at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN, it is part of 25 conferences across North America. [Register here.](#)

For questions, please contact Karissa Tousignant (tousignantk@stam.church)

Summer Football Camp

The NFL Alumni Association is hosting safe, non-contract youth football in the Menomonee Falls area. Camps are led by professional coaches with supplemental instruction from the NFL Alumni Green Bay Packers. Click the football for more information.





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ADORE THE EUCHARIST**