October 1, 2026

THE CONNECTION

Weekly Newsletter

ST. MARY
SCHOOL

“St. Mary Parish School creates Catholic leaders through academic excellence, supporting diverse learners, and seeing Jesus in every person.”

Dear St. Mary Families,

Tuesday was the Feast of the Archangels—St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael. I have always been fascinated by the angels and their closeness to God. There is something incredible about imagining these powerful beings completely devoted to His will. The three Archangels we celebrate each have a particular role. Michael is the warrior and defender. Gabriel is God's messenger and voice. Raphael is the guide and healer. Different gifts. Different purposes. All completely directed toward God.

That feels especially connected to our mission of creating Catholic leaders. Leadership isn't always being the person in front. Sometimes it is defending. Sometimes it is speaking. Sometimes it is quietly walking beside someone who needs you. The Archangels remind us that there are many ways to serve God faithfully.

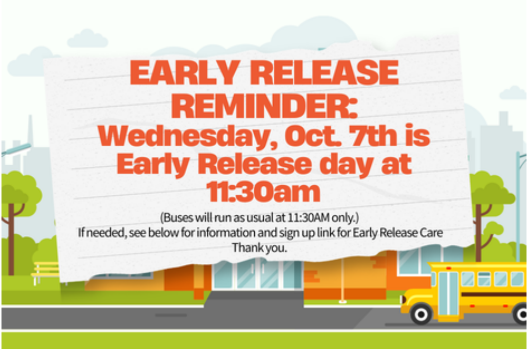
As we head into our long weekend, I hope your family enjoys some extra time together. Our teachers will spend Friday engaged in their own faith formation—a valuable opportunity for them to step away from the busyness of the school day and spend some time growing in their knowledge of our faith and their own relationship with God.

One important reminder for next week: **Wednesday, October 7 is our first Early Release Day**. Students will be dismissed at **11:30 a.m.** We know these days can be tricky for family schedules, which is why **we offer free after-care until 3:00 p.m. (Be sure to sign-up if you need this service so we can staff it appropriately.)**

These afternoons provide invaluable time for our teachers to work together without the competing demands of the school day. This year, that time is especially important as we continue the deep implementation of our curriculum, study student learning, collaborate across grade levels, and strengthen our instructional practices. Thank you for understanding that our teachers need this time to do important work.

Have a wonderful long weekend!

Mrs. Wood



EARLY RELEASE REMINDER:
Wednesday, Oct. 7th is Early Release day at 11:30am

(Buses will run as usual at 11:30AM only.)
If needed, see below for information and sign up link for Early Release Care
Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY
No School
(In-Service)

October 7
Early Release at 11:30AM

October 10
Spaghetti Dinner
4PM - 8PM
Student Performance
(open to 2nd-8th graders) Sign Up here

October 17
Catholic Schools Walk

October 20
VIP re-take day
(Students having a re-take done may be out of uniform)

October 28
Early Release at 11:30am
(Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences)

October 29
No School
Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 30
No School
Teacher PD

Nov. 4
All Saints Day Mass and Third Grade Saints Presentations

2026-2027 Academic Calendar

PARENT VOLUNTEER CORNER:

Check out our current parent volunteer opportunities!

Spaghetti Dinner *(Adult and student needs now - October 10)*

Catholic Schools Walk Subcommittee help

Parish opportunities in support of the CSW

Catholic Schools Walk Day-of Help

Playground Supervisor *(Grades K5 - 8th - daily needs)*

Lunchroom Supervisor *(2nd - 8th grade—daily needs)*

Lunchroom Helper for K3—1st Grade only *(daily needs—this isn't as much of a priority as our regular lunchroom supervisor, but we still appreciate the help)*

Athletics Dept. *Track Coach/Coordinator Needed. Reach out to Brandon Kirchoff if you can help.*

Wednesday, October 7

Early Release Care Sign Up Now Open

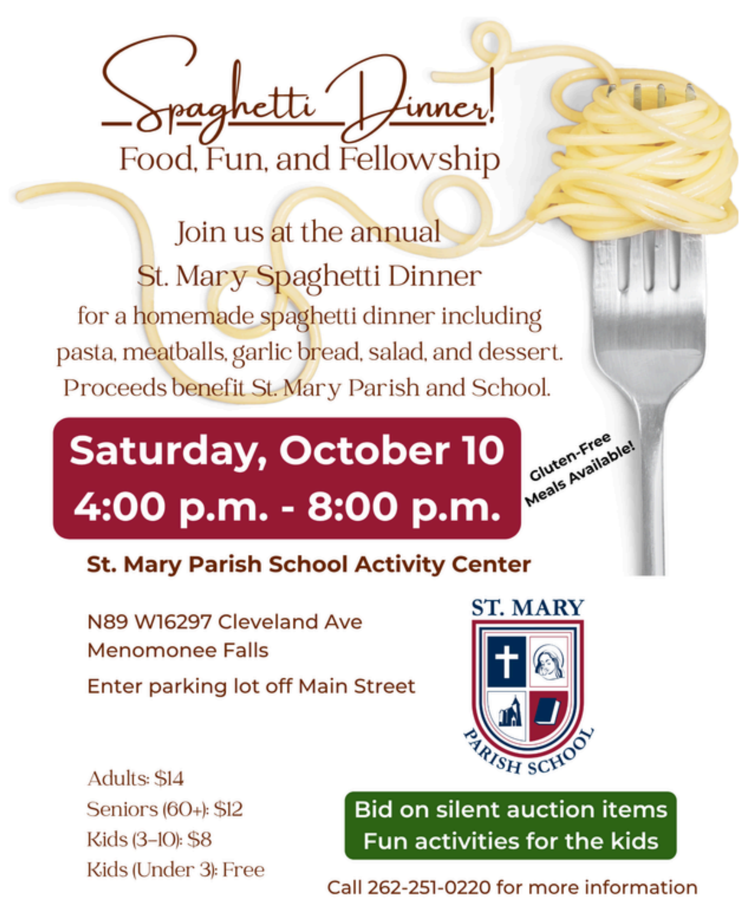
If you'd like your child/children to attend early release care on our first early release day (Wednesday, October 7), please sign up here.

Sign up will be open until Monday, October 5th, or until all slots are full, whichever comes first. (Max enrollment is 40 students)

Students not signed up for early release care will be dismissed via their usual route (bus or car) at 11:30AM.

Thank you!

Spaghetti Dinner:



Spaghetti Dinner!

Food, Fun, and Fellowship

Join us at the annual St. Mary Spaghetti Dinner for a homemade spaghetti dinner including pasta, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, and dessert. Proceeds benefit St. Mary Parish and School.

Saturday, October 10
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Gluten-Free Meals Available!

St. Mary Parish School Activity Center

N89 W16297 Cleveland Ave
Menomonee Falls
Enter parking lot off Main Street

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

Adults	$14
Seniors (60+)	$12
Kids (3–10)	$8
Kids (Under 3)	Free

Bid on silent auction items
Fun activities for the kids

Call 262-251-0220 for more information

MANY HELPERS ARE STILL NEEDED to Support the Spaghetti Dinner! ***(Volunteer Opportunities available now through the day of the event!)***

Please consider sharing a bit of your time/talents to help make this event a success!

Adult and student volunteer sign ups are here.

If you would like to **help sponsor** the St. Mary Parish and School Spaghetti Dinner, please click here.

2nd-8th Grade Students Invited to Perform!

Spaghetti Dinner Performance

Join us for a short student performance at the Spaghetti Dinner!

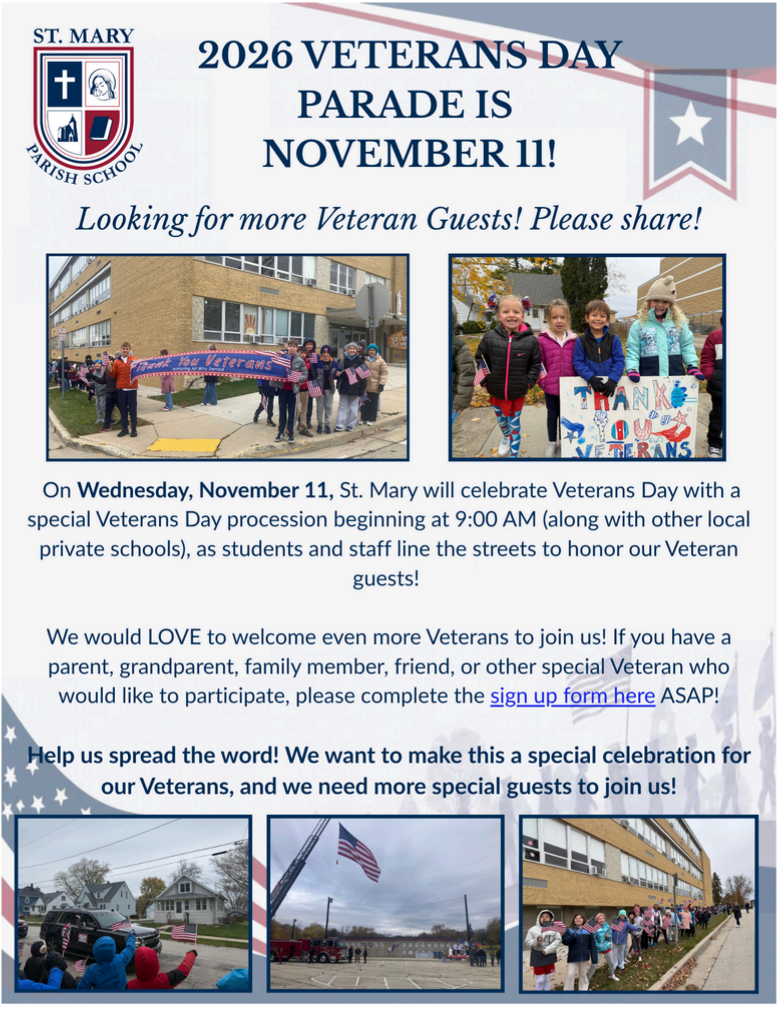
SAT OCT 10

Saturday, October 10th
Performance begins at 6:30 PM
Students should arrive by 6:15 PM

- Singing and recorder performances
- Performance time will be about 20 minutes
- Come enjoy dinner before or after the performance!

Sign up to participate

Music Brings Our Community Together!
Good Food Brighter People
Our School Our Community A Brighter Tomorrow
Same Table Stronger Together



ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

2026 VETERANS DAY PARADE IS NOVEMBER 11!

Looking for more Veteran Guests! Please share!

Thank You Veterans
THANK YOU VETERANS

On **Wednesday, November 11,** St. Mary will celebrate Veterans Day with a special Veterans Day procession beginning at 9:00 AM (along with other local private schools), as students and staff line the streets to honor our Veteran guests!

We would LOVE to welcome even more Veterans to join us! If you have a parent, grandparent, family member, friend, or other special Veteran who would like to participate, please complete the sign up form here ASAP!

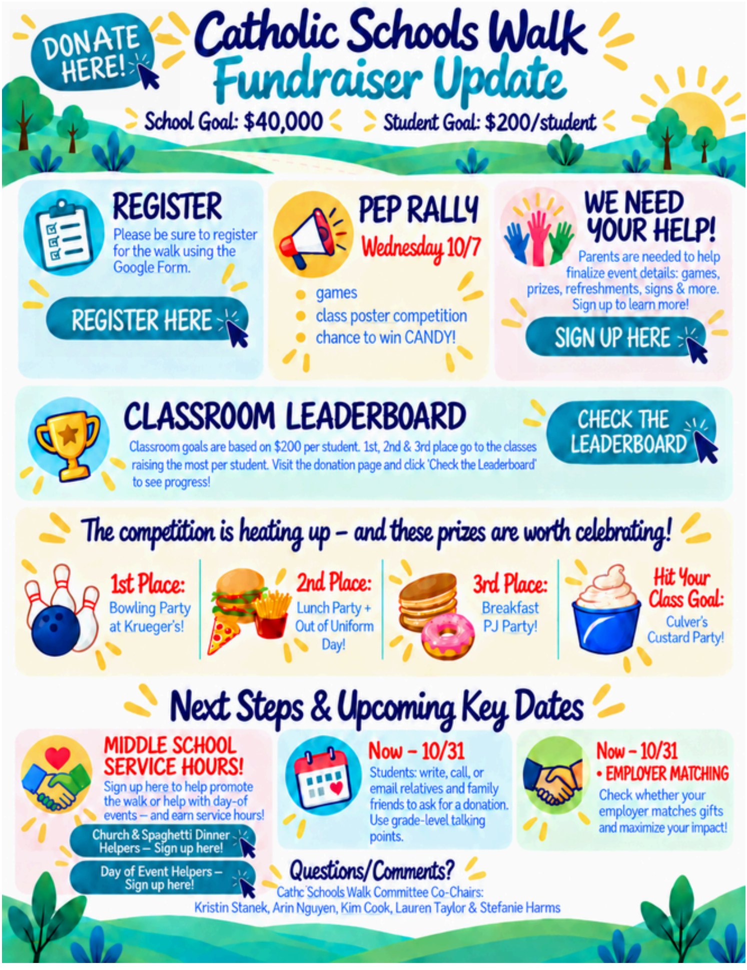
Help us spread the word! We want to make this a special celebration for our Veterans, and we need more special guests to join us!

School Highlights:

LIVE JESUS
PLANT THE SEEDS

Planting the seeds of learning... and our K5 students discovering where some of them come from!

Catholic Schools Walk:



DONATE HERE!

Catholic Schools Walk Fundraiser Update

School Goal: $40,000

Student Goal: $200/student

REGISTER

Please be sure to register for the walk using the Google Form.

REGISTER HERE

PEP RALLY

Wednesday 10/7

- games
- class poster competition
- chance to win CANDY!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Parents are needed to help finalize event details: games, prizes, refreshments, signs & more. Sign up to learn more!

SIGN UP HERE

CLASSROOM LEADERBOARD

Classroom goals are based on $200 per student. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place go to the classes raising the most per student. Visit the donation page and click 'Check the Leaderboard' to see progress!

CHECK THE LEADERBOARD

The competition is heating up – and these prizes are worth celebrating!

1st Place: Bowling Party at Krueger's!

2nd Place: Lunch Party + Out of Uniform Day!

3rd Place: Breakfast PJ Party!

Hit Your Class Goal: Culver's Custard Party!

Next Steps & Upcoming Key Dates

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS!

Sign up here to help promote the walk or help with day-of events – and earn service hours!

Church & Spaghetti Dinner Helpers – Sign up here!

Day of Event Helpers – Sign up here!

Now – 10/31

Students: write, call, or email relatives and family friends to ask for a donation. Use grade-level talking points.

Now – 10/31

• EMPLOYER MATCHING

Check whether your employer matches gifts and maximize your impact!

Questions/Comments?

Cathc Schools Walk Committee Co-Chairs:
Kristin Stanek, Arin Nguyen, Kim Cook, Lauren Taylor & Stefanie Harms

MANY HELPERS ARE STILL NEEDED to help make the Cathollic Schools Walk a Success!

Please consider many of the volunteer opportunities in support of the Walk! Your time and support helps us ensure the event is a success. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Middle School Students will earn service hours!

- **Subcommittee helpers** still needed! Click here to sign up.

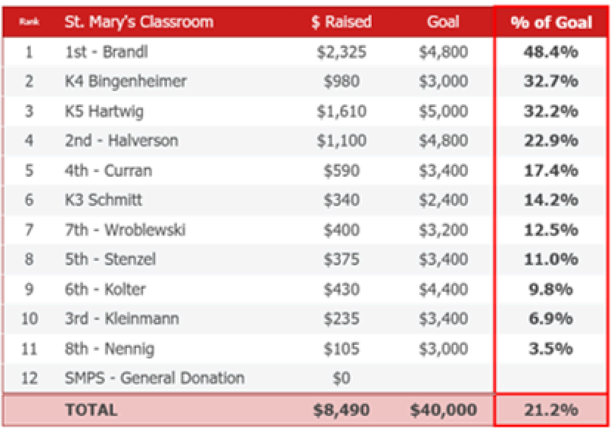
- **Parish volunteer opportunities** in support of the Walk here. (Students and adults needed)
  (See separate Spaghetti dinner volunteer sign up above for

additional volunteer opportunities)

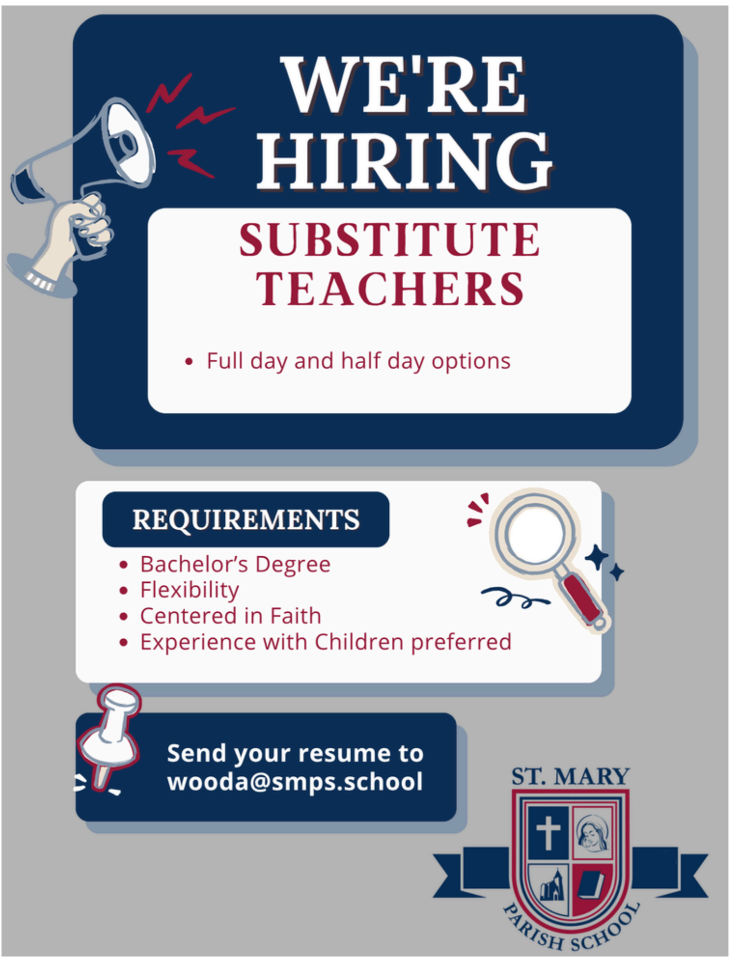
- **Day of Event Volunteer** Sign Up here (Students and Adults needed)

Register for the walk here.

Donate and check the leaderboard here!
(*Below is a snapshot of the leaderboard as of this morning, but keep checking the website for updates!)*



Rank	St. Mary's Classroom	$ Raised	Goal	% of Goal
1	1st - Brandl	$2,325	$4,800	48.4%
2	K4 Bingenheimer	$980	$3,000	32.7%
3	K5 Hartwig	$1,610	$5,000	32.2%
4	2nd - Halverson	$1,100	$4,800	22.9%
5	4th - Curran	$590	$3,400	17.4%
6	K3 Schmitt	$340	$2,400	14.2%
7	7th - Wroblewski	$400	$3,200	12.5%
8	5th - Stenzel	$375	$3,400	11.0%
9	6th - Kolter	$430	$4,400	9.8%
10	3rd - Kleinmann	$235	$3,400	6.9%
11	8th - Nennig	$105	$3,000	3.5%
12	SMPS - General Donation	$0		
	TOTAL	**$8,490**	**$40,000**	**21.2%**



WE'RE HIRING

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

- Full day and half day options

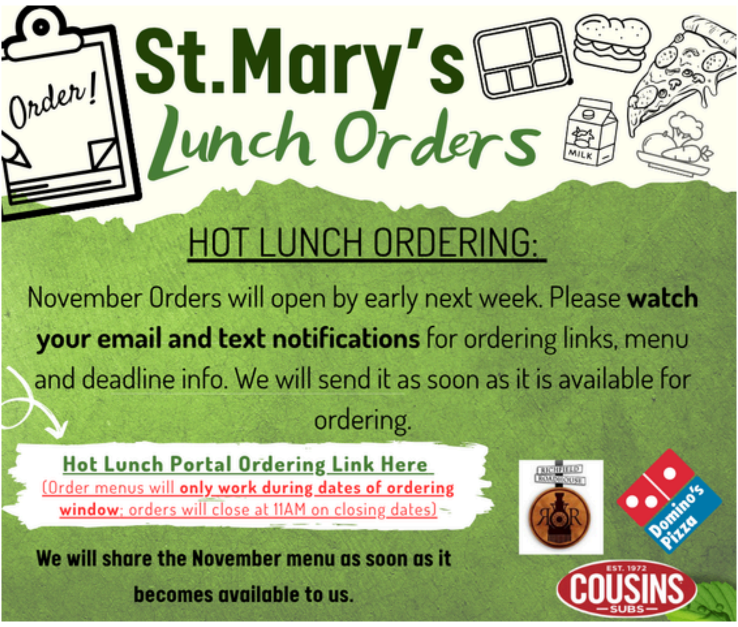
REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's Degree
- Flexibility
- Centered in Faith
- Experience with Children preferred

Send your resume to wooda@smps.school

ST. MARY
PARISH SCHOOL

Reminders/Resources:



St.Mary's Lunch Orders

HOT LUNCH ORDERING:

November Orders will open by early next week. Please **watch your email and text notifications** for ordering links, menu and deadline info. We will send it as soon as it is available for ordering.

Hot Lunch Portal Ordering Link Here
(Order menus will **only work during dates of ordering window**; orders will close at 11AM on closing dates)

We will share the November menu as soon as it becomes available to us.

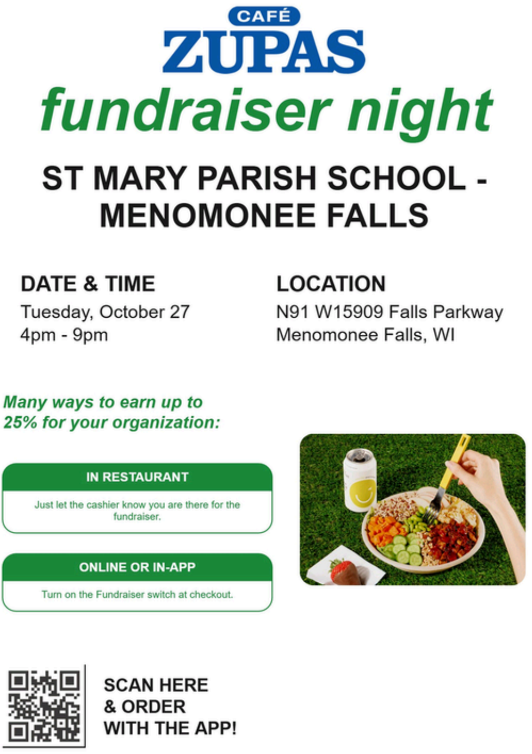
From the Desk of Mrs. Mogilevsky - Tip of the Week:

Our Dremel 3D20 printer is ready to find a new home! We've upgraded the technology in our STEAM Lab, and we'd love for a family in our St. Mary community to enjoy this printer and explore the fun of 3D printing at home.

If your family is interested, simply enter your name on the form below. We'll randomly select a family on October 20!

Complete the form here!

Home & School Save the Date:



CAFÉ ZUPAS

fundraiser night

ST MARY PARISH SCHOOL - MENOMONEE FALLS

DATE & TIME
Tuesday, October 27
4pm - 9pm

LOCATION
N91 W15909 Falls Parkway
Menomonee Falls, WI

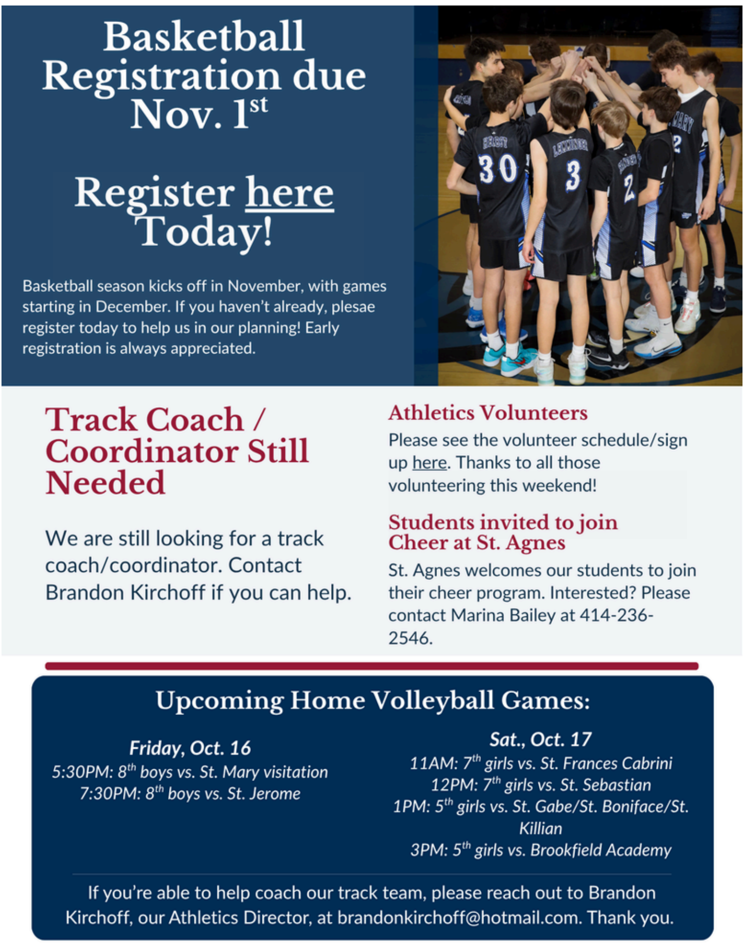
Many ways to earn up to 25% for your organization:

IN RESTAURANT
Just let the cashier know you are there for the fundraiser.

ONLINE OR IN-APP
Turn on the Fundraiser switch at checkout.

SCAN HERE
& ORDER
WITH THE APP!

Warriors Athletics Updates:



Basketball Registration due Nov. 1st

Register here Today!

Basketball season kicks off in November, with games starting in December. If you haven't already, please register today to help us in our planning! Early registration is always appreciated.

Track Coach / Coordinator Still Needed

We are still looking for a track coach/coordinator. Contact Brandon Kirchoff if you can help.

Athletics Volunteers

Please see the volunteer schedule/sign up here. Thanks to all those volunteering this weekend!

Students invited to join Cheer at St. Agnes

St. Agnes welcomes our students to join their cheer program. Interested? Please contact Marina Bailey at 414-236-2546.

Upcoming Home Volleyball Games:

Friday, Oct. 16
5:30PM: 8th boys vs. St. Mary visitation
7:30PM: 8th boys vs. St. Jerome

Sat., Oct. 17
11AM: 7th girls vs. St. Frances Cabrini
12PM: 7th girls vs. St. Sebastian
1PM: 5th girls vs. St. Gabe/St. Boniface/St. Killian
3PM: 5th girls vs. Brookfield Academy

If you're able to help coach our track team, please reach out to Brandon Kirchoff, our Athletics Director, at brandonkirchoff@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these $30 Winners drawn on Sept. 30:
Erin Fifrick, Terri Kaminski, Ruth Minue, Edward Phillips, Sr., and Barbara Ahrens

Thank you for your participation!

Parish Updates:

RESTORATION TO OUR CHURCH

Families may notice a new addition to St. Mary Church—a Communion rail is being installed to restore the original sanctuary.

While a Communion rail may be familiar to some of our longtime parishioners, it may be completely new to many of our students and families. More than simply an architectural feature, the rail has a connection to what we believe about the Eucharist.

As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. The Communion rail provides another visible reminder that receiving Jesus is a sacred moment. It gives us a place to pause, prepare our hearts, and approach the Eucharist with reverence. The rail has also traditionally been understood as an extension of the altar—a place where the people of God come forward to receive Christ and unite themselves more fully with His sacrifice.

Our Catholic faith is filled with physical signs and gestures that help point our hearts toward God. We genuflect. We make the Sign of the Cross. We kneel in prayer. We light candles. Each outward action can help us remember an inward truth. The Communion rail is another opportunity to help our children recognize just how extraordinary the Eucharist is.

As with anything new, it may take a little time for all of us to become comfortable with the change. We will help our students learn what to do and, more importantly, understand the beautiful Catholic meaning behind it.

Get Involved...Student Volunteer Opportunities

Many students are still needed to help support some upcoming school events! Middle school students earn service hours. Please consider donating your time to support our school!

Student Parish Volunteer Opportunities to support Catholic Schools Walk (Readers and donation basket holders still needed for this weekend, and more!)

Spaghetti Dinner *Help is needed with serving coffee, serving drinks, setting placemats, kids' korner supervision, etc.*

Catholic Schools Walk Day-of Help *Help supervise and run games for the younger students. A great opportunitiy to have fun and earn service hours at the same time!*

In the Community:

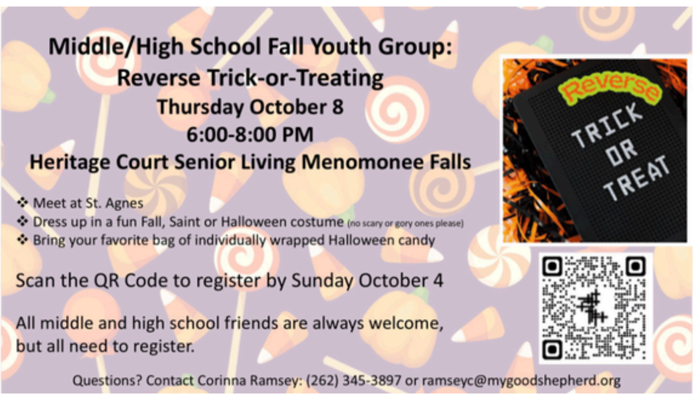
Jr. Chargers LaCrosse Try-It Events:

Hamilton Chargers are kicking off registration for their 2027 season with an upcoming Try-It Lacrosse Event in October. They will be hosting additional events and opportunities in the coming months. Registration for the 2027 season will be opening October 18th. Click here for a flyer with more info.

A Community Affair: Arts & Crafts Fair:

Sunday, Oct. 17th from 9:00AM to 3:00PM at Menomonee Falls High School. View the flyer here for more info.

From our Friends at Good Shepherd:



Middle/High School Fall Youth Group:
Reverse Trick-or-Treating
Thursday October 8
6:00-8:00 PM
Heritage Court Senior Living Menomonee Falls

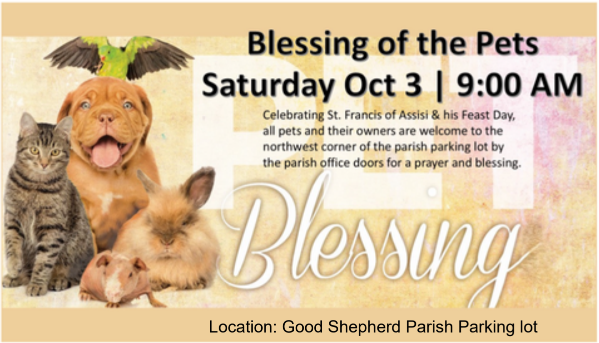
- Meet at St. Agnes
- Dress up in a fun Fall, Saint or Halloween costume (no scary or gory ones please)
- Bring your favorite bag of individually wrapped Halloween candy

Scan the QR Code to register by Sunday October 4

All middle and high school friends are always welcome, but all need to register.

Questions? Contact Corinna Ramsey: (262) 345-3897 or ramseyc@mygoodshepherd.org

Reverse
TRICK OR TREAT

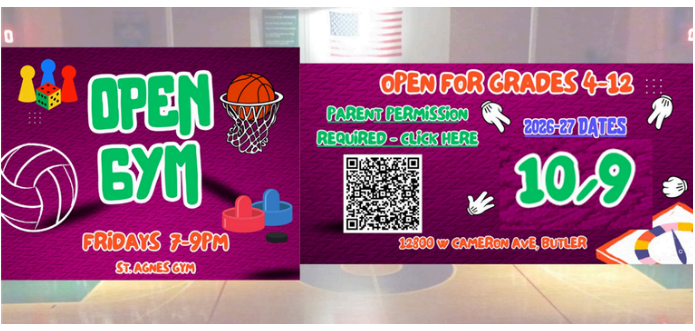


Blessing of the Pets
Saturday Oct 3 | 9:00 AM

Celebrating St. Francis of Assisi & his Feast Day, all pets and their owners are welcome to the northwest corner of the parish parking lot by the parish office doors for a prayer and blessing.

Location: Good Shepherd Parish Parking lot

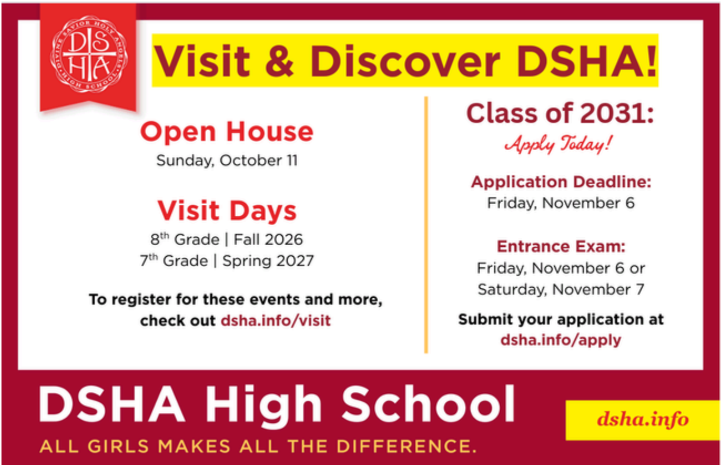
Blessing



OPEN GYM
FRIDAYS 7-9PM
ST. AGNES GYM

OPEN FOR GRADES 4-12
PARENT PERMISSION REQUIRED - CLICK HERE
2026-27 DATES
10/9
12800 W CAMERON AVE, BUTLER

High School Open Houses:



Visit & Discover DSHA!

Open House
Sunday, October 11

Visit Days
8th Grade | Fall 2026
7th Grade | Spring 2027

To register for these events and more, check out dsha.info/visit

Class of 2031:
Apply Today!

Application Deadline:
Friday, November 6

Entrance Exam:
Friday, November 6 or
Saturday, November 7

Submit your application at dsha.info/apply

DSHA High School
ALL GIRLS MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE.
dsha.info

Catholic Memorial High School Open House:

Sunday, October 11, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Click here for more info including special presentations offered during the Open House.

Dominican High School Open House:

Sunday, October 4. Click here to register and learn more!

Marquette University High School Open House:

Sunday, October 11, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Click here to learn more and to register.

PIUS XI High School Open House:

Wednesday, October 14, 5 - 8PM, Register at https://www.piusxi.org/

Chesterton Academy High School Open House:

Sunday, October 18, 1 - 2:30PM, Register at https://chestertonacademymke.org/

SMPS Quick Links:

2026-27 Change of Dismissal Form
2026-2027 Academic Calendar
2026-27 Family Calendar
Scrip Raise Right App
Scrip Raise Right Schedule
Safeguarding Training/CMG Connect
Catholic Charities: Therapy Referral Form
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