October 9, 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,

This week, I have been thinking about the nuanced difference between community and family.

A community gathers around a shared purpose, and certainly we are blessed with a wonderful community at St. Mary. We come together around something deeply important: the privilege of educating and raising your beautiful children. But family is something more profound. Family is belonging. It is where we can be ourselves, celebrate one another, lean on one another, and raise one another up.

So many of you already experience this sense of family at St. Mary. I see it in friendships that have grown over the years, in parents cheering from the sidelines, in families looking out for one another, and in the countless small acts of kindness that happen every day.

Over the next two weeks, we have wonderful opportunities to extend that feeling to those who may not have found it yet.

If you are new to St. Mary or haven't had the opportunity to join many events, please come to our Spaghetti Dinner this Saturday and the Catholic Schools Walk next Saturday. And if you are a familiar face at our events, come be the welcoming one. Invite someone to sit with you. Introduce yourself. Make room.

Mary offers us a beautiful model of this kind of hospitality. Her home became a gathering place for the disciples—a place where people could come together, share their lives, and grow in faith. She made room for others, and we can do the same.

And, of course, let's celebrate our Warriors! I hope you'll join us in the stands to celebrate every student who proudly wears the St. Mary jersey. There is something beautiful about a school that shows up for its children.

The Catholic Schools Walk is an important fundraiser, and every dollar directly benefits our students. Get those donations in so I can sport a new costume at the walk. And if we reach $42,000 again this year, I may find myself covered in silly string.

But let's remember that the Walk is about more than fundraising. It is an opportunity to be together.

Let's laugh, cheer, connect, welcome someone new, and celebrate the family we already are. I can't wait to see you at the Spaghetti Dinner, on the Walk, and in the stands cheering for our Warriors!

With gratitude,
Mrs Wood

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 10
Spaghetti Dinner
4PM - 8PM
(Student volunteers should wear their school uniform)

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

Nov. 4
Early-release at 11:30AM

2026-2027 Academic Calendar

PARENT VOLUNTEER CORNER:

Check out our current parent volunteer opportunities!

Spaghetti Dinner
Oct. 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)*

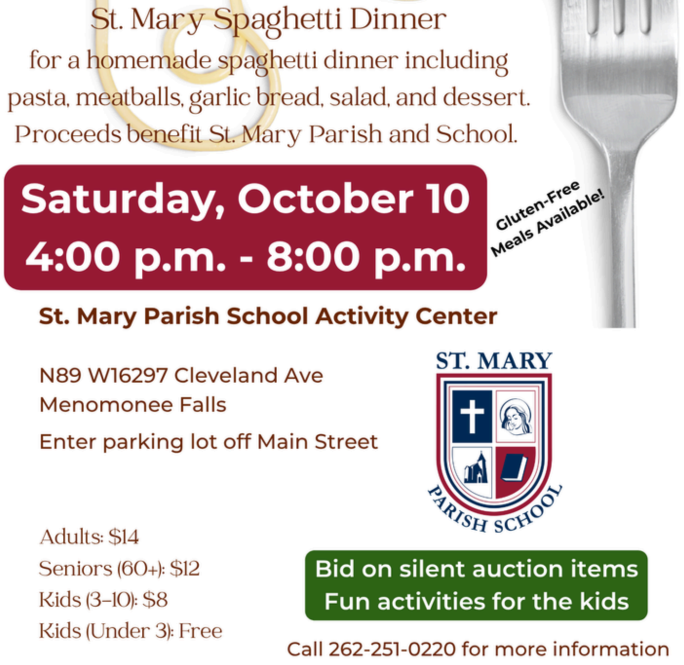
Lunchroom Supervisor *(2nd - 8th grade—daily needs)*

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.*

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

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

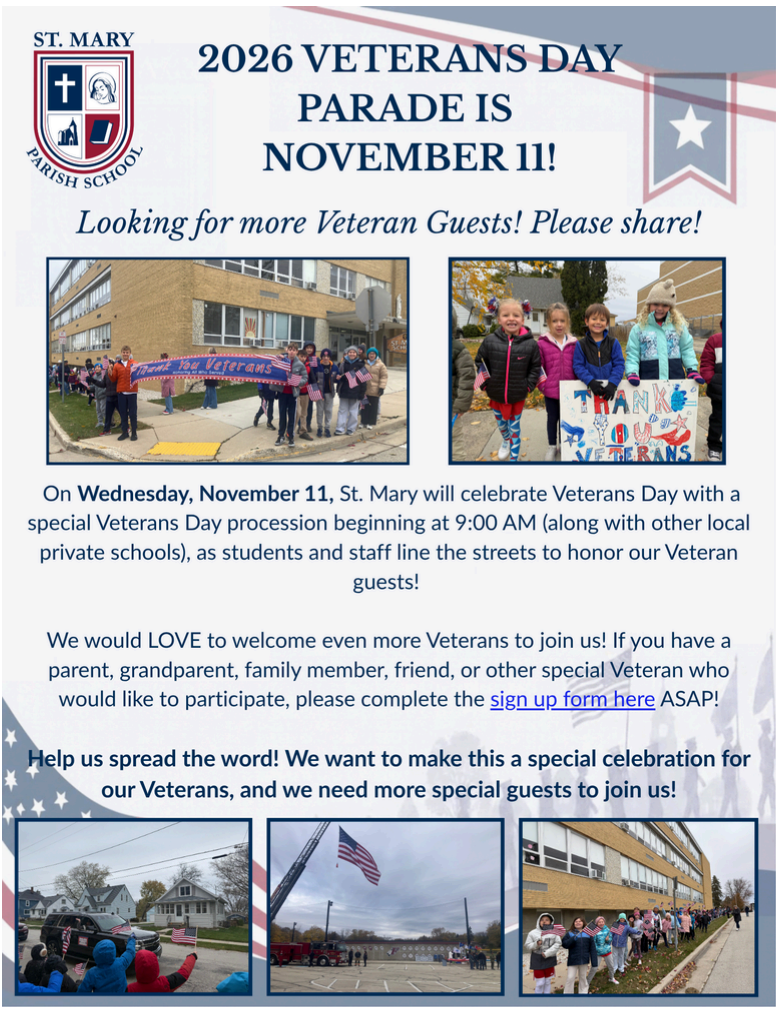
Bid on silent auction items
Fun activities for the kids

Call 262-251-0220 for more information

NOTE FOR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS: Please wear your St. Mary School Uniform on Saturday evening. Thank you!

ADDITIONAL HELPERS ARE STILL NEEDED to Support the Spaghetti Dinner!

Please consider sharing a bit of your time/talents to help make this event a success! **Adult and student volunteer sign ups are here.**



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!

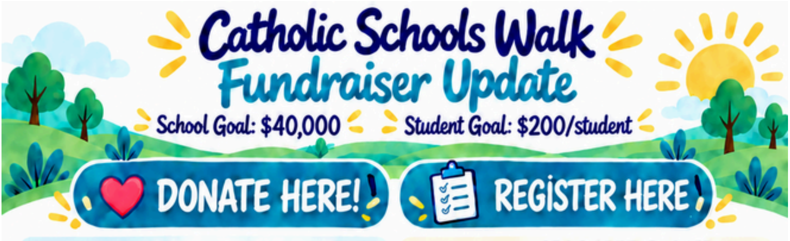
Help us spread the word! We want to make this a special celebration for our Veterans, and we need more special guests to join us!

School Highlights:

LIVE JESUS
PLANT THE SEEDS

Planting the seeds of curiosity, one experiment and discovery at a time!

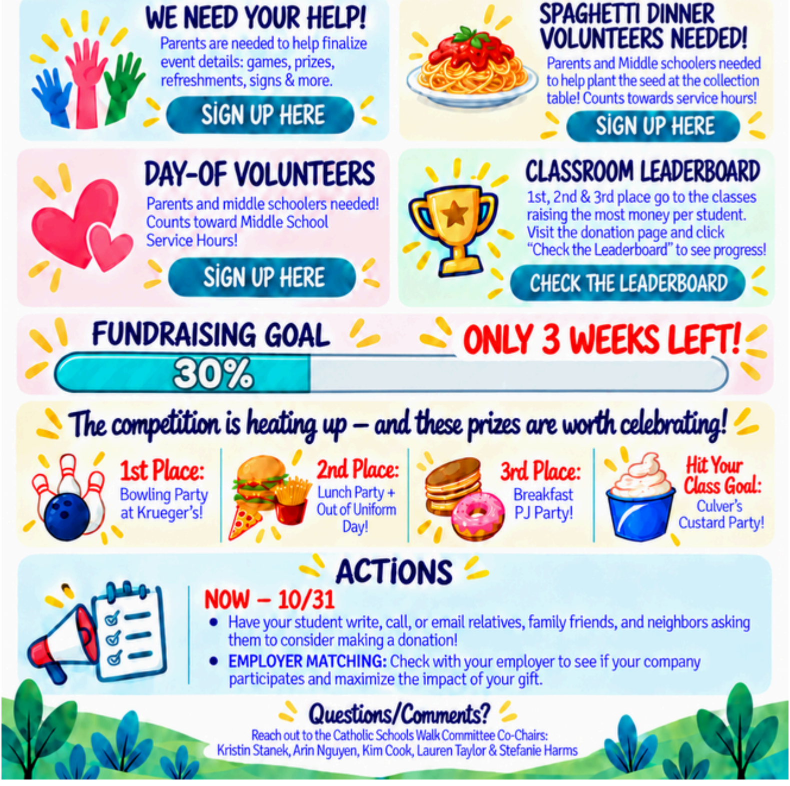
Catholic Schools Walk:



Catholic Schools Walk
Fundraiser Update

School Goal: $40,000
Student Goal: $200/student

DONATE HERE!
REGISTER HERE



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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

SIGN UP HERE

SPAGHETTI DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Parents and Middle schoolers needed to help plant the seed at the collection table! Counts towards service hours!

SIGN UP HERE

DAY-OF VOLUNTEERS

Parents and middle schoolers needed! Counts toward Middle School Service Hours!

SIGN UP HERE

CLASSROOM LEADERBOARD

1st, 2nd & 3rd place go to the classes raising the most money per student. Visit the donation page and click "Check the Leaderboard" to see progress!

CHECK THE LEADERBOARD

FUNDRAISING GOAL

30%

ONLY 3 WEEKS LEFT!

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!

ACTIONS

NOW – 10/31

- Have your student write, call, or email relatives, family friends, and neighbors asking them to consider making a donation!
- **EMPLOYER MATCHING:** Check with your employer to see if your company participates and maximize the impact of your gift.

Questions/Comments?

Reach out to the Catholic Schools Walk Committee Co-Chairs:
Kristin Stanek, Arin Nguyen, Kim Cook, Lauren Taylor & Stefanie Harms

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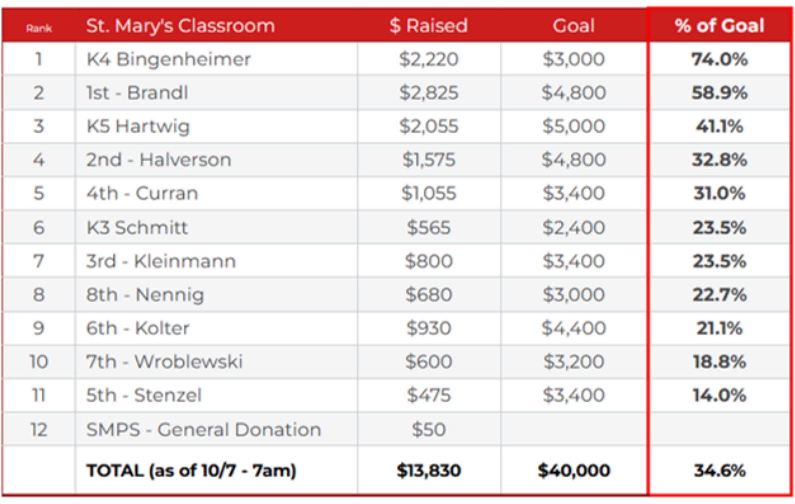
MANY HELPERS ARE STILL NEEDED to help make the Catholic Schools Walk a Success!

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!

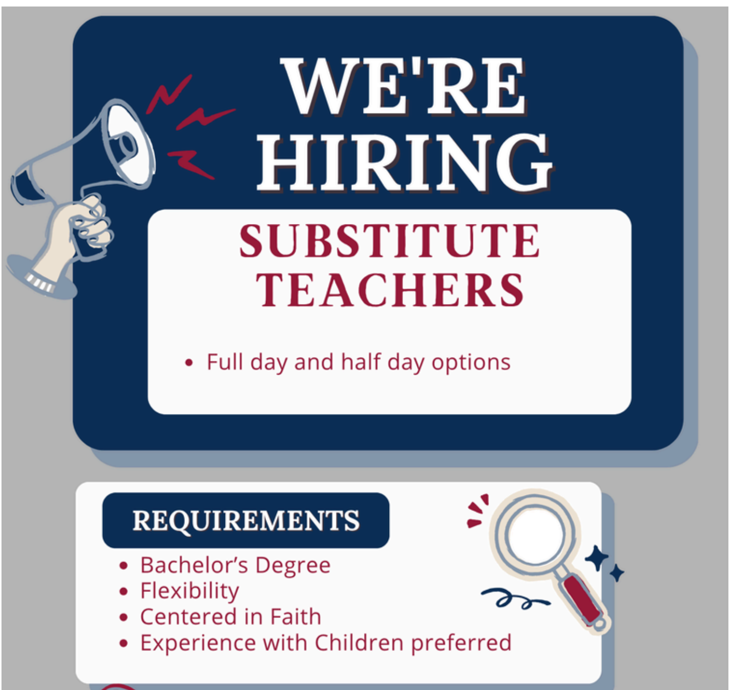
- **Subcommittee helpers** still needed! Click here to sign up.
- **Parish volunteer opportunities** in support of the Walk here. (Students and adults needed)
  (See separate Spaghetti dinner volunteer sign up above for additional volunteer opportunities)
- **Day of Event Volunteer** Sign Up here (Students and Adults needed)

Register for the walk here.

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



Rank	St. Mary's Classroom	$ Raised	Goal	% of Goal
1	K4 Bingenheimer	$2,220	$3,000	**74.0%**
2	1st - Brandl	$2,825	$4,800	**58.9%**
3	K5 Hartwig	$2,055	$5,000	**41.1%**
4	2nd - Halverson	$1,575	$4,800	**32.8%**
5	4th - Curran	$1,055	$3,400	**31.0%**
6	K3 Schmitt	$565	$2,400	**23.5%**
7	3rd - Kleinmann	$800	$3,400	**23.5%**
8	8th - Nennig	$680	$3,000	**22.7%**
9	6th - Kolter	$930	$4,400	**21.1%**
10	7th - Wroblewski	$600	$3,200	**18.8%**
11	5th - Stenzel	$475	$3,400	**14.0%**
12	SMPS - General Donation	$50		
	TOTAL (as of 10/7 - 7am)	**$13,830**	**$40,000**	**34.6%**



WE'RE HIRING

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

- Full day and half day options

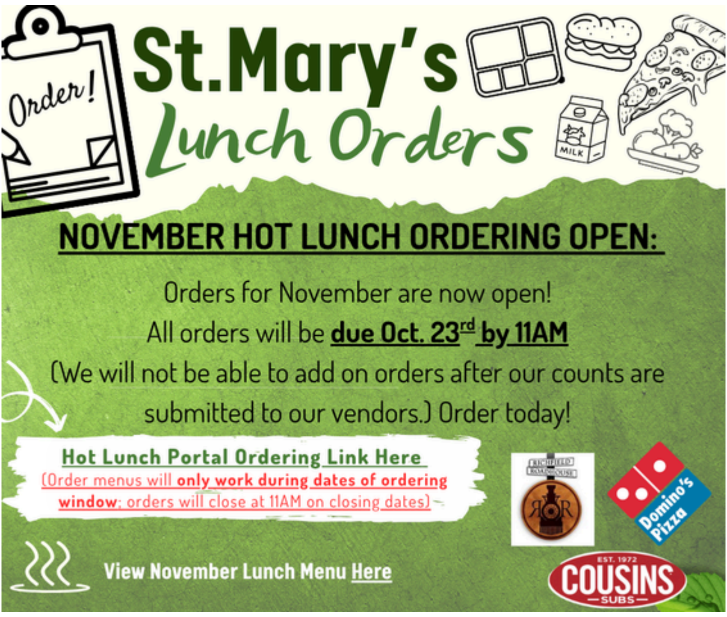
REQUIREMENTS

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

Send your resume to wooda@smps.school

ST. MARY
PARISH SCHOOL

Reminders/Resources:


Order!
St.Mary's
Lunch Orders
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NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH ORDERING OPEN:

Orders for November are now open!
All orders will be **due Oct. 23rd by 11AM**
(We will not be able to add on orders after our counts are submitted to our vendors.) Order today!

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

View November Lunch Menu Here

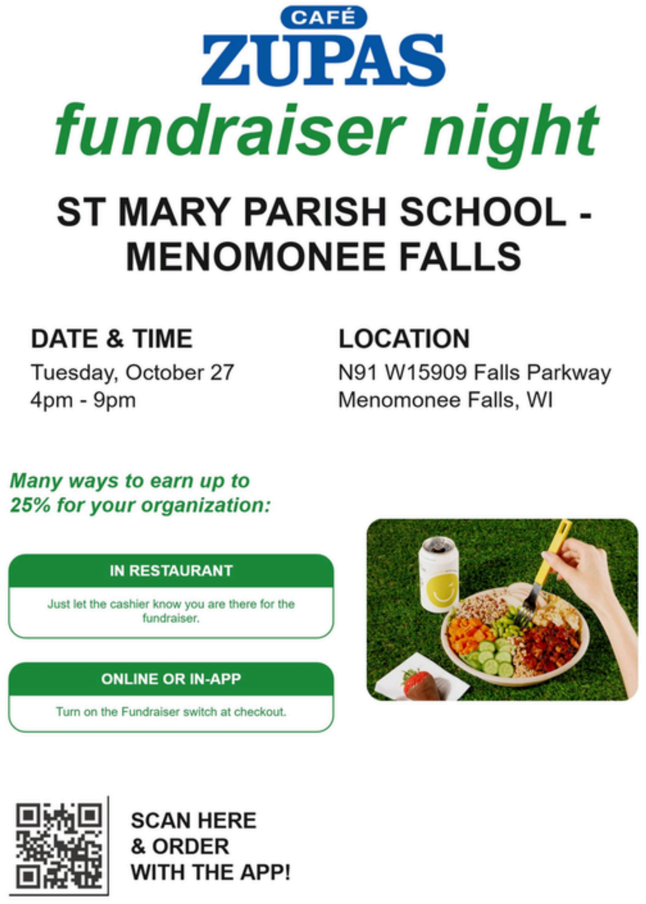
From the Desk of Mrs. Mogilevsky - Tip of the Week:

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

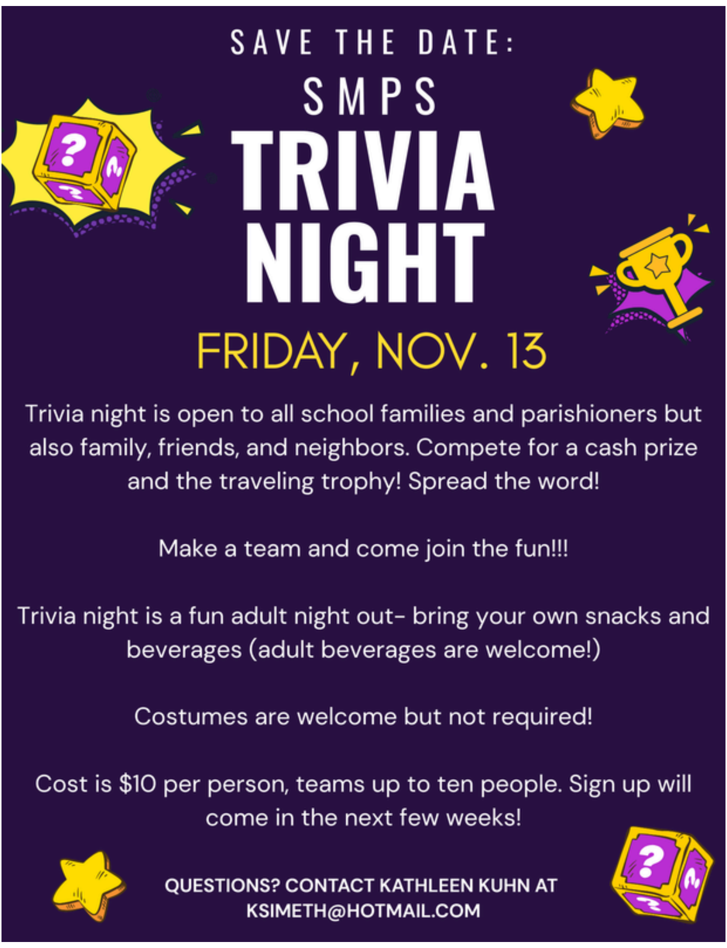
LOCATION
N91 W15909 Falls Parkway
Menomonee Falls, WI

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!



SAVE THE DATE:

SMPS

TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY, NOV. 13

Trivia night is open to all school families and parishioners but also family, friends, and neighbors. Compete for a cash prize and the traveling trophy! Spread the word!

Make a team and come join the fun!!!

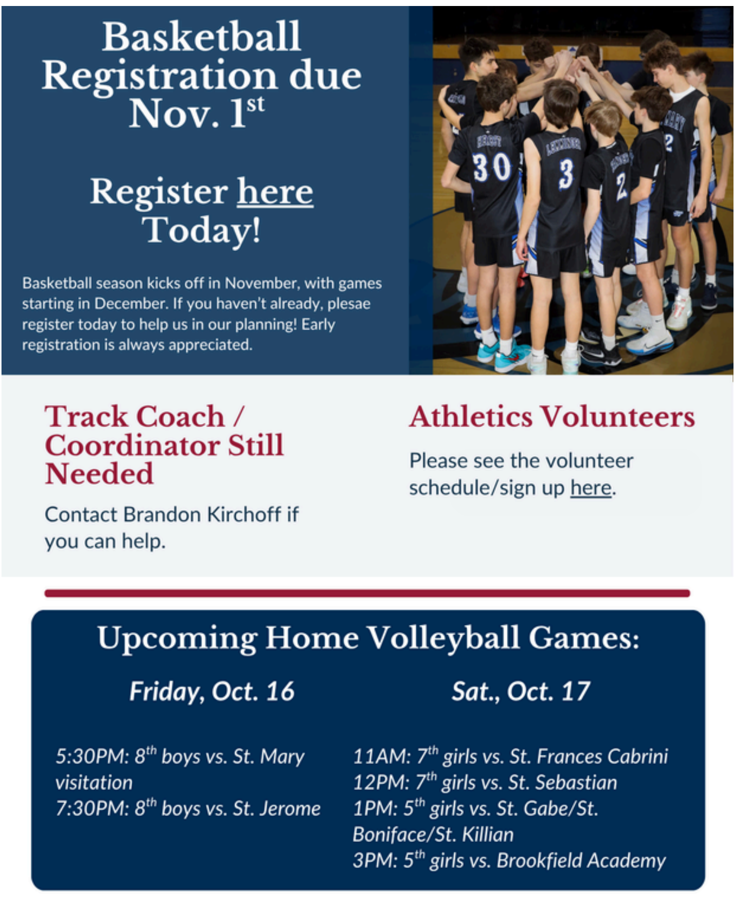
Trivia night is a fun adult night out- bring your own snacks and beverages (adult beverages are welcome!)

Costumes are welcome but not required!

Cost is $10 per person, teams up to ten people. Sign up will come in the next few weeks!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATHLEEN KUHN AT KSIMETH@HOTMAIL.COM

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, plesae register today to help us in our planning! Early registration is always appreciated.

Track Coach / Coordinator Still Needed

Contact Brandon Kirchoff if you can help.

Athletics Volunteers

Please see the volunteer schedule/sign up here.

Upcoming Home Volleyball Games:

Friday, Oct. 16	*Sat., Oct. 17*
5:30PM: 8th boys vs. St. Mary visitation	*11AM: 7th girls vs. St. Frances Cabrini*
7:30PM: 8th boys vs. St. Jerome	*12PM: 7th girls vs. St. Sebastian*
	1PM: 5th girls vs. St. Gabe/St. Boniface/St. Killian
	3PM: 5th girls vs. Brookfield Academy

Congratulations to our 5th/6th Grade Boys Volleyball Team!

This past weekend, St. Mary's hosted our 6th Grade Boys Home Volleyball Tournament. Our St. Mary's 5th/6th Grade Boys team had an outstanding tournament, going **6-0 in pool play** before defeating St. Dominic's **2-0 in the championship game** on Sunday to claim the tournament championship!

The boys continue their league play this **Friday, October 9, facing St. Jude at 7:30 p.m.** at St. John Vianney's gym. The team is currently 5-0 in league play!

Congratulations to our boys and coaches on an incredible tournament and a fantastic season so far! **Way to go, Warriors!**

Thank You to our St. Mary's parents for helping run a successful home tournament! Special thanks to Rob Prosser and Josh Stanek for volunteering for Athletic Board Duty and 5/6th grade boys volleyball parents for volunteering in the concession stand, admissions table and line judging duties! We appreciate you!

Back row: Sawyer, Grant, Harvey, Levi, Caden, Max
Front row: Dylan, Grant

8th/7th Grade Boys SETON Invitation:

Congratulations to our 8th/7th grade boys (combined) team who have been invited to the SETON tournament.

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Potential match dates will be:

Monday, October 26: 5:30 - Sting Center *(Pool play)*
Thursday, October 29: 7:30 - Sting Center
Friday, October 30: 7:30 - Sting Center
Saturday, November 1: 2:00 Catholic Memorial HS *(Semi-Finals)*
Sunday, November 2: 2:00 Catholic Memorial HS *(Finals)*

More Info to come soon!

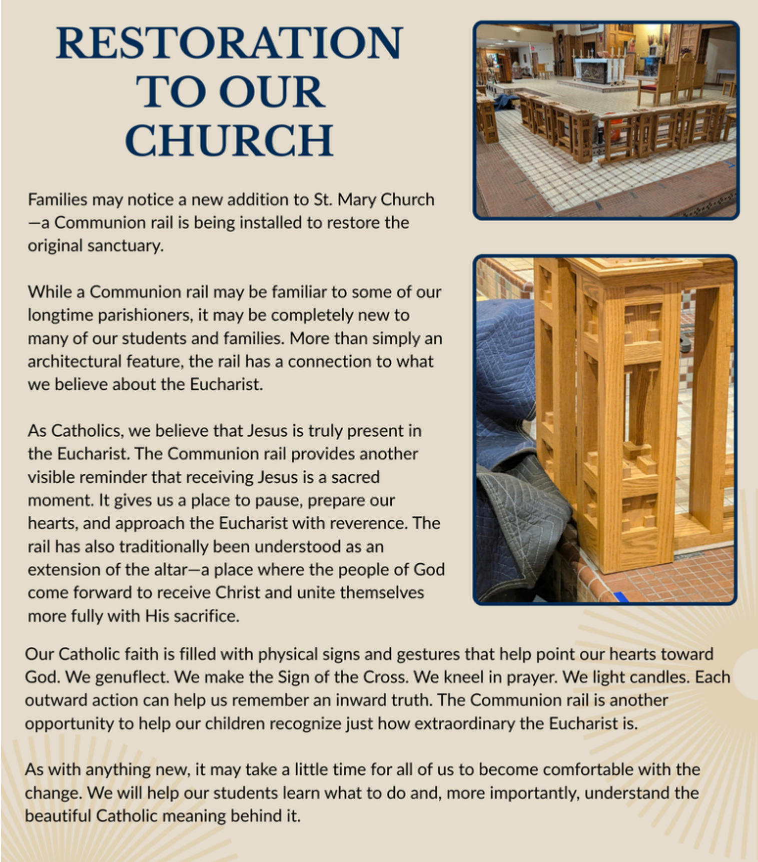
Calendar Raffle Winners:

Congratulations to these $30 Winners drawn on Oct. 7:
Scott Schwartz, Kelly Vecitis, Bella Lewkowski, Jess Putinsky

And special congrats to this $250 winner drawn Oct. 9:
Carol Davis

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

Some help is 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

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!*

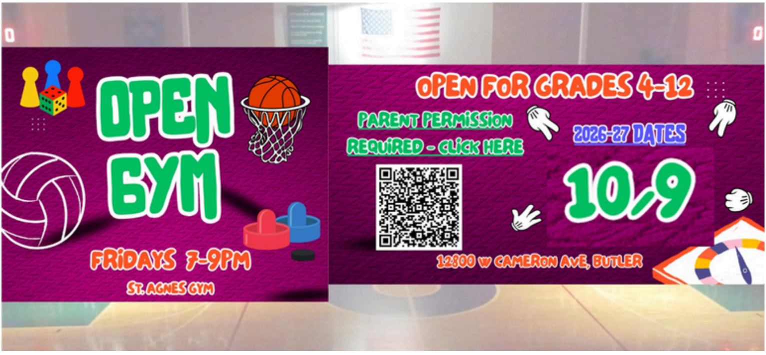
In the Community:

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.



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:

#1 Catholic High School in Wisconsin*

DIVINE SAVIOR HOLY ANGELS HIGH SCHOOL

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Open House

Sunday, October 11

Mass 9 am Tours 10 am

Register at dsha.info/openhouse

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.

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
- SMPS Family Guide
- Catholic Charities: Therapy Referral Form
- Lunchroom Volunteer Sign Up
- Playground Volunteer Sign Up
- October Hot Lunch Menu
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