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Growing in Faith

A very important part of St. Mary School's mission statement is that the students, parents, and staff continue to learn and grow in their Catholic Faith. Along side of the traditional school Masses and Adoration services, students pray the Rosary, lead the Stations of the Cross during Lent, and attend two Reconciliation services during the school year. Fr. John Anderson also visits the classrooms weekly. St. Mary School is proud to offer to the 8th grade students the chance to further serve their parish by training them to be sacristans during the school Masses. It is not uncommon to see our students serving, reading, or leading the Rosary at weekend Masses.

Along with the students, the faculty is growing in their faith by holding prayer groups on Monday and Friday mornings before school and actively seeking out volunteer opportunities within the community. In the months of November and December faculty will be volunteering at the local food

distribution center, Ruby's Pantry.



Faith Friends praying the Rosary together in October

Students have been helping through out the community this fall in many different service opportunities. Students have sang at the Deerfield Care Center, packed Happy Kids Backpacks at 5 Loaves Food Shelf, and served meals at Catholic Formation Dinners. Classes have helped to fill Boxes of Joy that will be sent to children around the world. Instead of Halloween celebrations, students in fourth through eighth grade spent a day at Feed My Starving Children packing manna meals for families around the world.

During the month of November the entire school will be participating in a penny drive. The students will vote on the charities that will receive the proceeds.



Upcoming Events:

November 21—26

Thanksgiving Break

November 29

Hometown Holiday Parade

December 21

Christmas Program

December 24—January 1

Christmas Break

January 18

End of 2nd Quarter

January 27 - February 1

Catholic Schools Week

February 23

Mardi Gras Fundraiser



GIVING TUESDAY!

- Tuesday, November 20th
- Give online at st-marysschool.com
- Help give the gift of a Catholic Education!

Grow in Knowledge

Follow in Faith

Serve in Harmony



St. Mary Faculty

We are blessed to have such a great group of teachers on staff. There are currently 12 full time teachers, 1 part time teacher, 1 principal, and 2 part time aids in the building. There is a combined total of 146 years teaching experience shared by the staff. Of the teachers and principal there are 3 that hold Masters in Education, and one teacher licensed to teach Zumba Kids.



Teachers and Staff are first aid and CPR trained every two years to ensure that they are able to help students in all situations. Staff is also required by the Diocese to complete the Forming Effective Disciples Course and be Safe Environment trained through Catholic Mutual. Four teachers are members of the St. Croix Reading Council.

The school is blessed to have a staff of life-long learners.



"St. Mary Middle School was a blessing for all of us. Middle School is when students are sensitive to outside influences. St Mary Middle School morals and respect helped our boys build their self-esteem and ability to know right from wrong so that when they went to High School they were better ready to choose the path God would want for them to follow. May God continue to bless St. Mary School and its staff."

~Rich & Debbie Lyons

(Parents of three St. Mary School graduates)

Student Council

The St. Mary Student Council has been very busy since their election in early September. They were the hosts for both the Grandparent's Day celebration and our Veteran's Assembly.

They can be seen in the community participating in various service projects and being Ambassadors for the school.

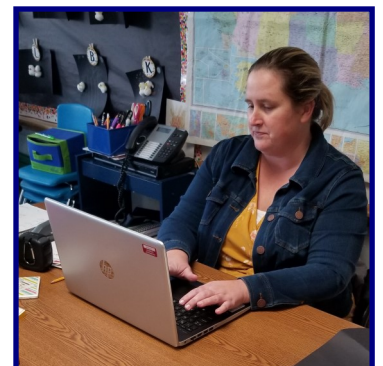
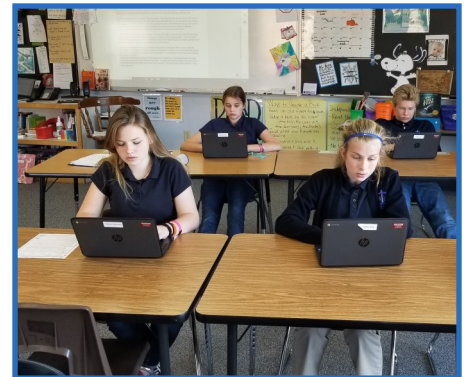
They are currently in the process of planning an all school activity for December, activities for Catholics Schools Week, and sponsoring a food drive in January.

Representatives are: Brady Barlow-Sager, Victoria Anderson, Sean Lee, Emma Humphrey, Luke Effertz, Anna Engelhart, and Piper Scanlan.

Technology Update

In support of the school's Mission and Philosophy statements that our students will grow in knowledge and be provided an education of academic excellence, St. Mary School has completed a number of technology improvements. Last spring the internet bandwidth was increased, and this last September a new fire wall, two Ethernet multiport switches, and four commercial grade wireless routers were installed. This new equipment allows for better download speed and connectivity.

Students in grades third through eighth are now one to one on Chromebooks and are each assigned a school sponsored Gmail account. The school was also able to purchase new laptops for the faculty. All of these improvements were possible through grants, donations, and the special auction at Mardi Gras.



Alumni: Nate Peterson

As a child at St. Mary School back in the 1980's, I was constantly doodling never knowing this artistic talent would shape my career path. I grew up in a house across the street from the school and my best friend's mother was the principal.

I recall the first time that I was praised for my doodling habit, and from that day forward I knew that I would be an artist. I received by A.A.S. degree from Century College, formally trained in graphic and visual communications. I worked for 12 years for St. Croix Press in New Richmond during which I created a small side business named NP Design which would eventually morph into NP Design & Photography which specializes in contemporary high school Senior portraits, sentimental family portraits, commercial product photography and edgy sports images.



My wife, Teresa, and I, along with our French bulldog, Curly, live in a newly remodeled portion of the commercial studio building, reversing the "home studio" into the "studio home". St. Mary School and the Catholic Church helped to establish my moral foundations and are a huge part of my character today. I am proud to be a part of the St. Mary School Alumni.



First day of school, everyone was glad to be back!



2018-2019 Student Council



First day of school:

Blessing of the backpacks



Kindergarten and First grade singing at the Deerfield Care Center

Burgers for Books

The orders have been placed and boxes and boxes of books have been delivered. Each classroom teacher was able to purchase \$315.00 of new books for their classroom libraries. The total number of books delivered thus far is 781 with two classrooms anxiously awaiting their delivery.



Studies have shown that reading to your child, starting in infancy will help with language acquisition and literacy skills, improves listening skills and memory function, and fosters creativity. Experts say that a beginning reader should spend at least 20 minutes each day reading or being read to. If that reader, beginning in Kindergarten, reads 20 minutes a day by the end of 6th grade they will have read the equivalent of 60 school days. Additional studies have also shown those students who read at least 20 minutes a day score on average in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.

Grow your imagination with a good book today!



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Mrs. Laura Jo Jarchow

A Note from the Principal

Dear Graduates, Parents, Parishioners, Supports, & Friends,

With Thanksgiving, Advent, and the Christmas season fast approaching, I am reflective of the blessings our school has: we have parents who see the value of a Catholic education, hardworking students, teachers and staff who give 110%, and a large group of supporters. Please prayerfully consider giving to St. Mary School during this time whether it is volunteering, remembering students and staff in prayer, or with a monetary donation to help us continue to provide Catholic education to those who choose it.

The students, staff, and myself would like to invite you to our Christmas Program on Friday, December 21st at 1:00 P.M. in the school gym. Cookie platters will be for sale after the program in the multi-purpose room. It will be an afternoon of wonderful music by our angels!

Blessings,

Mrs. Laura Jo Jarchow

