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Volleyball is Back!



With the growth in enrollment St. Mary School was able to bring back having a volleyball team. Girls in grades 4th through 6th were on the team. They entered the Catholic Athletic Association in the Twin

Cities and played their hearts out!

Many of the girls had never played before but were determined to have a great time. They often played teams of much higher ability but never got discouraged. They had their first win during the last match of the regular season. These girls were

great teammates, had AWESOME sportsmanship, and even congratulated their opponents when they were defeated. These girls set a true example of Christ-like behavior and sportsmanship!

We're On Social Media

You're on Social Media and so are we! Stay up to date with all the news and events that are going on at St. Mary School.



Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/StMarysNewRichmond to view all the great activities that students and staff are doing.



Follow the school on Instagram to see great pictures of the exciting things going on. Follow us at [#GrowFollowServe](https://twitter.com/GrowFollowServe).



Check out our website at st-maryschool.com for information about admission, curriculum, testimonials, calendar events, and how to donate to the school online.

Staying in touch is now at your fingertips!

Upcoming Events:

- November 18 - No School
Professional Learning Day
- November 27 - 29
Thanksgiving Break
- December 6
Adoration @ 1:30 P.M.
- December 19
Christmas Program @ 1:00 P.M.
- December 20 - January 1
Christmas Break
- January 3
Adoration @ 1:30 P.M.
- January 17
End of Quarter 2
- January 20
Professional Learning Day
- January 26 - February 1
Catholic Schools Week
- February 22
Mardi Gras Gala

Don't forget!

St. Mary School collects grocery receipts from Family Fresh and Econo Foods. For every \$150,000 in grocery receipts that are turned in, the school receives a check for \$1,000! What an easy way to help support the school. Receipts can be turned in at the school office or at containers located at all church entrances.



WRISA Accreditation

The Wisconsin Religious and Independent School Association visited St. Mary School for their accreditation site visit. This visit occurs every seven years after the school has spent the previous year conducting a self study.

A team made up of 5 principals, a development director, and an assistant principal visited for three days. During the visit the team examined evidence gathered by the school, interviewed students, staff, and parents, and observed in all of the classrooms. At the closing meeting the team stated their intent that St. Mary School be recommended for full accreditation. The report will be sent to the State Board which will deliver its final decision in late summer.

The visiting team stated the following about St. Mary School:

- St. Mary School does a great job of living its mission. It is evident in many areas that the school is mission driven.
- The Site Visit Team commends the school on the obvious Catholic identity throughout the building.
- The Site Visit Team commends the use of assessment tools to monitor and assess student growth.
- St. Mary School has a strong Catholic identity and is an example of academic excellence.
- St. Mary School is a leader in the diocese for Catholic Education.

- Understands how active participation in Sacraments and devotionals, such as praying the Rosary and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, can enhance their faith life
- Has grown in their understanding of the importance of actively and regularly participating in the Catholic Mass

Academics:

- Is a critical and creative thinker who possesses exceptional study skills with strong self-discipline
- Achieves academic scholarship at the highest level of their ability
- Has a strong academic foundation to support learning at the high school level
- Holds an appreciation for the fine arts
- Is an effective communicator both in the written and spoken word.
- Continues life-long learning that leads to healthy lifestyles as an adult
- Can discern if team work or leadership is needed to achieve an end goal

Civic Responsibility:

- Demonstrates moral and ethical decision making
- Has the confidence to mentor those around them in religious, educational, and social settings
- Practices stewardship in many forms, including service to others by giving time, talent, and treasure
- Is civically responsible by showing respect, empathy, and tolerance of fellow citizens who hold different beliefs
- Is eco-friendly in the preservation of God's wondrous creation of the world
- Has made life-long friendships
- Possess a healthy self-esteem and exhibits self-confidence in all factions of life

We are all called to be Saints.

In observance of All Saints Day 3rd grade students put on a Saints Wax Museum. Performances were done for students, staff, parents, and the parish.



Profile of a Graduate

A graduate student of St. Mary School, who has been enrolled from Kindergarten through 8th Grade, will stand out from their peers in whatever high school he/she chooses, through the integrity of their character, their ability to apply work ethics, and by showing care and compassion for the people in their lives.

Faith:

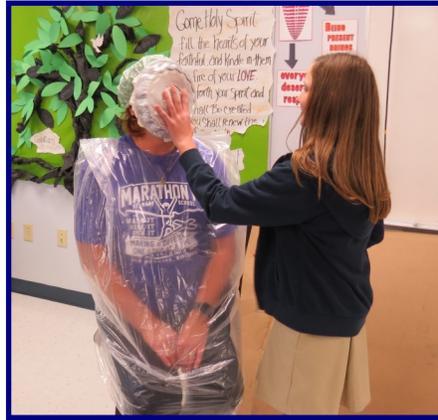
- Sees themselves as a child of God
- Studied Catholic doctrine
- Understands the personal reward of living the Gospel in daily life

Marathon It 2019

On a very chilly October 12 the students, staff, and parents of St. Mary School participated in the annual Marathon It fundraiser. Participants biked, walked, and ran a course to raise funds for the school. Due to the cold weather there was a wide assortment of coats, hats, and mittens. It was rumored that a few snowmobile suits were spotted along the course! At the end of the event participants shared a meal of chili and cheese dogs with chips and cookies.

The student that raised that highest dollar amount was 8th grader, Jillian

Boumeester. Along with picking her prize she had the honor of giving Mrs. Jarchow a pie to enjoy!



The nature center was full of "friends" to see and study.



Students did a stream study to test water quality.



Dissecting owl pellets to see what they had for dinner!



Who is that new student with the 6th graders?

Science Camp

During the first week of October the 5th & 6th grade students along with science teacher, Ms. Rosauer, and a group of parent chaperones visited the Beaver Creek Reserve in Fall Creek, Wisconsin.

Students participated in a number of activities that included hiking, classes with a naturalist, team building, dissecting owl pellets, completing a stream study, and went to the Observatory after dark to study the stars.

Students spent the night at the Reserve in cabins where they tested their cooking and dish washing skills. Although the weather was chilly the group was blessed with clear skies for their stay.

We are lucky to have such a treasure within driving distance of our school to learn about God's beautiful creations.





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St. Mary School

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A Note From the Principal

Dear Graduates, Parents, Supporters, and Friends,

In the rush of being principal of St. Mary School, I sometimes don't take the time to acknowledge some of the wonderful things about this school. During the accreditation site visit in September when I was at dinner with the Site Visit Team, one of the members asked me what I thought were the best things about the school. Of course I said we have great teachers, wonderful kids and top-notch academics, but I should have said instead: I love seeing the littles hug their big kid friends, I love seeing the teachers laughing and joking with each other, I love the hugs I get when I am greeting kids in the morning or when I enter a classroom, I love the high fives I get in the hallway, I love seeing kids pray for each other, I love the pictures and cards that students make for me, I love the smiles, I love seeing kids skip into the school, I love watching our volleyball team cheer each other on, I love seeing parents talking and laughing together, but most of all, I love being part of this wonderful family we call St. Mary School!

Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas!

Blessings,

Mrs. J.

