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Students Follow in Faith

Students at St. Mary School have many opportunities to grow in their faith. Each Wednesday students participate in Mass. All students take turns performing the duties of Mass such as greeting, reading, singing, bringing up the gifts, and serving. Older students sit with younger students to mentor them in proper Mass etiquette and to help build confidence in their Mass duties.

With Mary as the patron saint of the school, students begin their relationship with Mary early on. Praying the Rosary is done within the classrooms and as a whole school. In January the students were instructed on how to pray and be a part of the Living Rosary. Each student in the school received a schedule and rosary and were encouraged to bring it home and make it a special time with family members.



During the Lenten season, beginning on February 20th, the 4th through 8th graders will take turns leading the Stations of the Cross. By walking the journey that Jesus took that day, may we all learn the true meaning of sacrifice and love.

On the first Friday of each month the students and faculty participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This is an opportunity for the students and teachers to strengthen their relationship with Jesus through self reflection and prayer.

All of the faith events available to the students are also open to friends, parents, parishioners, and alumni. If interested in attending, check dates and times on the school website. All are welcome!



Upcoming Events:

- March 12-16
Spring Break
- March 29
End of 3rd Quarter
- March 30—April 2
Easter Break
- April 27
Spring Program
- May 19—25
7th & 8th Grade Trip to South Dakota
- June 1
Prayer Partner Tea
- June 4
8th Grade Graduation
- June 5
Last Day of School
- June 18
Golf Tournament



MISSION

St. Mary School serves the parishes of the Immaculate Conception Church of the Blessed Virgin, St. Patrick's Church of Erin Prairie, the New Richmond community, and the surrounding areas. St. Mary School exists to pass on the values and teaching of the Roman Catholic Church and is open to all families of faith who accept the philosophies and mission of St. Mary School.

St. Mary School students, preschool through eighth grade, **grow in knowledge** through having their needs and abilities met by nurturing and compassionate staff. Students grow in faith by having God placed in the center of learning. Dedicated staff are devoted to students realizing their potential as God's children. All are welcome to **follow in faith** as members of God's kingdom.

Our mission calls us as teachers, parishioners, parents, and students to **serve in harmony** by being active members of our communities and promoting Catholic values through civic responsibility, charity, leadership, peace, and tolerance.

Mardi Gras 2018

Poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and leather jackets were the attire for this year's 50's themed Mardi Gras. The evening proved a great success in not only having fun but also through donations which poured in faster than *grease lightening*!

Our wonderful committee of *Pink Ladies* made the night one to remember with great entertainment and delicious food!

A huge thank you to *Ready Randy's* for being the venue for this rockin' sock hop.

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BAM BOO! The event raised over \$60,000 and the special auction will fully



fund all of the technology upgrades the school server will need, teachers will be fitted with new laptop computers, and each classroom grades second through eighth will have access to Chromebooks for each student. This puts St. Mary School on the cutting edge of one to one device access for students.

Mark your calendars for next year's event being held on Saturday, March 2, 2019! Be there or be square!



Alumni

Clare Johnston is a 2007 St. Mary School graduate.

Clare attended college at The College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University, where she majored in ACS Chemistry with an Industrial/Materials concentration and a minor in Mathematics. She graduated magna cum laude in 2015. She had two senior theses. Her chemistry senior thesis was entitled "Synthesis of Sustainable Monomers for a Polyurethane" and her mathematics senior thesis was entitled "Matrix Mechanics Analysis of Quantum Phenomena." In the spring of 2014, she studied abroad for 5 months in Cork, Ireland and traveled to 7 other countries during her time abroad. During college she was awarded the Regent's Trustees scholarship, Saint's scholarship, 3M National Merit Scholarship, the CSB/SJU Chemistry Department Award for Distinction in First Year Chemistry, the Abbott John Klassen Summer Research Award, and she was inducted into the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society.

After graduation she was accepted into the Chemistry PhD program at the University of Minnesota. She earned her Master of Science degree in Chemistry in February 2017. Her thesis was entitled "The Evolving Reactivity of Goethite Nanoparticles in Model Environmental Remediation Systems." She is currently a PhD candidate in the Penn Lab working on an environmental/materials project that builds off of her Master's thesis.



The best investment that I have made for my daughter is sending her to St. Mary School. My daughter was enrolled at St. Mary School as a preschooler and completed 11 wonderful years and graduating in the class of 2017. I also attended Catholic grade school grades 1-8, so a faith-based education, a small class size, and a school that excelled academically and spiritually was very important to me. I wanted a school for my daughter that had a sense of community and school pride, and where all students are known by name. Every one of the staff at St. Mary School has infectious energy and passion for learning. My daughter thrived at St. Mary School, and I am for-ever grateful for the support, friendships, and the memories. We are blessed to be a part of the St. Mary School Family.

~Shawna Benish, parent of a 2017 graduate

Awards

St. Mary Students have been in the spotlight lately with all of their accomplishments! Stephani Brown (8th) and Hannah Humphrey (4th) each placed at the state level in the Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster contest. Other St. Mary artists in the spotlight are Olivia Naser (7th), Victoria Anderson (7th), Sean Lee (6th), and Athena Gregerson (4th), who were all finalists in the St. Croix Sheriff's Stop Drugs Poster Contest.

Writers Eva Dalton (7th) and Carolin Fuchs (8th) each took first in their grade level for their winning essays in the Knights of Columbus Topic "Why I Am Pro-life". Mary Harrold (6th) took third place in the local VFW Essay Contest also.

Catholic Schools Week 2018

This week is always filled with faith, excitement, and a barrel full of fun. The week started out on Sunday with students singing at the Sunday Masses. Monday followed with Spirit day and an all school pep fest with more than one performance of Nun Dance.

Tuesday brought sports day with art activities for the lower graders and bowling for the upstairs.

Wednesday was the highlight of the week with the St. Croix County Regional Mass. St. Anne, St. Bridget, & St. Patrick Catholic Schools joined us for Mass which was celebrated by Bishop James Powers. The day ended with an all school talent show. We had some pretty amazing

performances! St. Mary School definitely has talent!

Thursday was dress as your favorite book character. Students then shared their books and why they liked them. We all have a new list of books to read.

Friday was the big finale to the week. Friends and Alumni of St. Mary School were invited in to see the 4th through 8th grade projects on Black History Month followed by a tea hosted by the 5th graders. The afternoon finished out with our monthly Friday Dance Off and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

We are truly blessed to be able to offer a Catholic Education!



8th grade Nun Dance



1st graders singing the school song



Dress as your favorite book character

7th Grade Changes

The 2018-2019 school year has seen a few changes for the 7th graders. In late fall the first annual 7th grade retreat was held at St. Patrick's Church in Erin Prairie. The students spent the day under the direction of former alumni Kendra Mitchell and Maria Helgersen. Kendra is the Parish Youth Ministry Leader and Maria is a Diocese of Superior trained Theology of the Body Instructor along with being Co-chair of the Alumni Golf Tournament. Students spent time in group discussions, self reflection, prayer, and Mass. It was a great time for all!

Another major change for the 7th grade class this year was a change in the Safe & Sacred Curriculum from the Diocese. As human trafficking becomes a greater threat and problem in Wisconsin, Bishop

Powers wanted all students educated in the signs and dangers of Human Trafficking. The video *Chosen* was viewed by the 7th grade followed by discussion. Although it is a scary topic it proved to be beneficial to the students and parents.



7th graders enjoying hot chocolate, bonfire, and ice breaker activities at their retreat.



Bowling—Fun for All



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A Note from the Principal

Dear Graduates, Parents, Parishioners, Supporters, & Friends,

I am excited to welcome two new families this semester. With the completion of the new Stillwater Bridge the interest in our school has risen. New families wanting to tour the school for the 2018-2019 school year is the highest ever. If you know of anyone moving to the area please tell them about St. Mary School. We grow children faithfully age 3 to 8th grade. Registration for all grades is open for the 2018-2019 school year.

I would like to personally invite all of you to the St. Mary School Spring Program on Friday, April 28th at 6:00 P.M. in the school gym. It will be a night of great music by the students.

As we journey through the Lenten season may each of you keep the students, staff, and teachers in your prayer.

Blessings,

Mrs. Laura Jo Jarchow

Principal, St. Mary Catholic School

