



St. Mary School

NEWSLETTER

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New Richmond, Wisconsin

Grow in Knowledge—Follow In Faith—Serve in Harmony

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 20th
Mass 10:00 AM

Jan. 10
Mass 10:00 AM

Jan. 15th
NO School

Jan. 17th
Mass 10:00 AM

Jan. 19th
**End of 2nd
Quarter**

Jan. 22nd
**Prof. Learning
Day-No School**

Jan. 24th
Mass 10:00 AM

Jan. 25th
**Kindergarten
Info Meeting
5:30 PM**



Dear St. Mary Families,

What a wonderful job the students did at the Christmas Programs before break! A big thank you to Mrs. Bolton, who helped the students make their many talents shine! I also hope everyone had a Merry Christmas with friends and family, and that everyone enjoyed ringing in the New Year!

On Thursday, January 25th at 5:30 P.M. St. Mary School will be holding the annual Kindergarten Information Night. If you know of anyone with a child turning 5 prior to September 1st, please share the details about Information Night with them. Parents will be able to tour the school, meet our Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Larson, and receive registration information. The last couple of years the Kindergarten class has had a waiting list, so please let families know they should register as soon as possible. Registration forms will be sent home in the family folders on January 27th.

The Student Council is once again sponsoring a food drive in January. Donations will be accepted from January 16th-February 2nd. If the students collect 500 pounds of food the entire school will receive a non-uniform day, and I will wear a chicken costume to school! All donations will be given to Five Loaves Food Shelf. This is a great way for students to help their local community and live the school's mission.

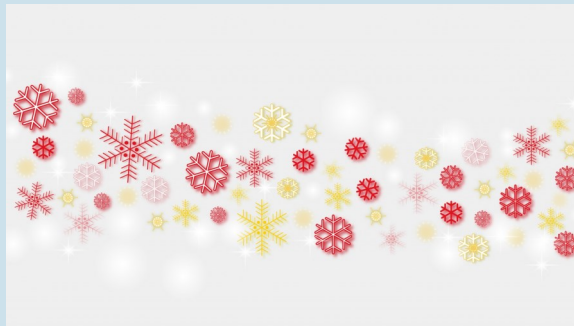
Our Gala, Once Upon a Prom, formerly known as Mardi Gras, is now less than a month away. Tickets are available to purchase in the school's front office or from the link on the school's website. Hope to see you all there!

Joyfully Serving,
Mrs. Engelhart

Catholic Schools Week

Jan. 29-Feb. 2

Stay tuned for more information on the fun activities to come!



Congratulations to our December Students of the Month!



**December
Students of
the Month**
~Kindness~

These students set an example to the rest of the school on what it means to be kind to peers and teachers.

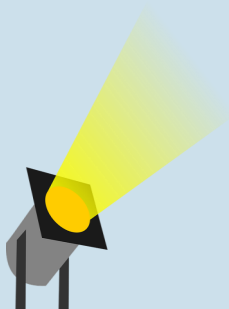
STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This week's Staff Spotlight is on Mrs. Jennifer Struss, our fourth grade homeroom teacher. Hello St. Mary Families, my name is Jennifer Struss. I am married with two adult children, Samantha and Herbert. I live in New Richmond with my husband Herb, my diva dog Daisy, and 500 "show mice" I prefer not to think about, who live in the garage. This is my seventh year at St. Mary School, but my first year teaching 4th and 5th grades. One thing I appreciate about St. Mary School is being able to share my faith in the classroom. In my spare time, I read, bicycle, bake, play Candy Crush, and cater to the whims of my dog.

1. You have just won the lottery—what would your first big splurge be on? My first big splurge would be to buy a Villa in Tuscany—one that looks like the house at the end of "Under the Tuscan Sun." I'd have an enormous flower and vegetable garden, lots of lemon trees, and my own brand of limoncello.

2. You have a very important dinner guest coming over, what meal would you cook to try and impress them with? The meal I'd make to impress a dinner guest is boeuf bourguignon, ala Julia Child. The real trick to that dish is saying it the way Julia Child does: "BOEUF bourguigNON."

3. What is one fun fact about you we would be surprised to learn? One fun fact about me is that I lived in Anchorage, Alaska from 1990-2000, and both my kids were born there. I miss the beauty, but not the winters. (Another fun fact is that I can't ever think of a fun fact about myself when I'm asked for a fun fact about me.)



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Christmas Program Ready



**American
Red Cross**

Blood
Services



St. Mary School
New Richmond, Wisconsin

Two Greats Working Together!

St. Mary School will be hosting a
Red Cross Blood Drive on
February 26, 2024
Noon—6:00 P.M.

Register at

[https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?
zipSponsor=Stmary](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Stmary)

Interested in brainstorming ideas for the SMS School Prayer Team?

Join us on Tuesday, January 23rd at
7:00p.m. in the School Conference

All are welcome!

Questions contact Maria Helgerson
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THE 2ND ANNUAL CHURCH & SCHOOL
Christmas
SOCIAL
JANUARY
THURSDAY | 11 | 7-9 P.M.
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