

Dress Down Days for Fall Festival are next week March 17– March 21
Cost for the week is \$5.00
Please send in a marked envelope to the office if your child(ren) are participating.

Monday, March 17- Wear your green for St. Patrick's Day– non uniform day
Tuesday, March 18- Tie Dye Tuesday w/ uniform pants
Wednesday, March 19– Rock Band Tshirt day w/ uniform pants
Thursday, March 20– St. Mary School Spirit Day Shirt w/ uniform pants
Friday– Chill out day— non uniform day

ST. MARY SCHOOL FAMILY NOTES

March 10, 2025

Loving Arms Baby Race has begun! Money will be counted each week on Thursday and the class in the lead will be announced the following Wednesday. 1st count will be this Thursday, so if you have money to turn in for the count please send it to the school by Thursday morning.

Children's Mass

Thursday, March 13 at 9:00
Gr. 1 will lead.
Please join us!

Don't forget to fill out your Mass attendance card and put in collection basket. Out of town— bring a signed bulletin from the church you attended to teacher on Monday

Reminder:

If you have not paid your 2nd installment for tuition, please get that sent in to school. If you are behind paying Blackbaud monthly payments, please get those caught up. If there is an issue with paying, please contact Mrs. Coady, so arrangements can be made. If your tuition is not paid or you have not contacted Mrs. Coady to make Plan for payment, you will not be able to register your family for next year.



Sunday, March 16, 2025— Singing Saints will sing at 11:00 Mass— followed by a bake sale. Money from bake sale will go toward helping pay for Fall Festival kids activities.

If you are a baker and received a notice to either bake for the P.I.E recognition on Friday afternoon March 14 or for the bake sale on Sunday March 16. Please make sure to return your baker slip. Pies for Friday need to be in the office by Friday morning. Bake sale items can be brought to school on Friday or to the church on Sunday morning.

Beginning on April 1st, students can once again begin wearing shorts/ skirts. I know some students have had growth spurts since we put those away in October, please check to see if your child(ren) need a different size — visit our uniform room and swap out the outgrown clothes for a new size.

Countdown to Spring *10 days and Counting!*

Coming Events...

*Tues. Mar 11– Taylorville Estates Mass 9:30 Gr 4

*Wed Mar 12– 2:20 Dismissal w/ bus service

*Thurs Mar 13– Children's Mass 9:00– Gr. 1

*Thurs. Mar 13– School Board Meeting 6:00

School Library

*Fri Mar 14- PIE Day— Reception for PIE

Sponsors

*Fri Mar 14– End of 3rd Quarter

*Fri Mar 14– Stations of the Cross 5:30 in church

*Sun Mar 16– Singing Saints & Bake Sale 11:00

Mass

*Mon Mar 17– Fri Mar. 21— Dress Down Days

*Mon Mar 17- Swim Lessons @ YMCA– Gr. 4

Congratulations to our February Students of the Month
K– Dean Fox, 1st– Poppy Stork, 2nd– Jack Haselorst,
3rd– Anna Cervi, 4th– Maddox Busboom, 5th– Violet Greive, and 6th– Renee Gunning

We are very proud of you!

Congratulations to the Following students who had their artwork chosen to be in the Annual Art Showcase hosted by Blessed Sacrament School in Springfield.

These students have been invited to the Award Ceremony on Wednesday, March 12 beginning at 4:30 p.m.

K– Alba Watson

1st– Joel McKinnie

2nd– Ashtyn Durbin

3rd– Lena Fassero

4th– Annalise Boldig

5th– Jay Cunningham

6th– Drew Kietzman

We are proud of you!



Tuition for 2025-2026 school year for K-6
1st child \$4320
2 children \$6242
3 or more children \$8164

Financial Assistance will be available to all.

Discounts given to Catholic Families that are active members (at least 51% Mass attendance)

Please come see Joanne if you have questions or concerns about anything.



Save the Date
March 29th.
\$100.00 for 2 people
Stonington American Legion
Happy Hour 5:00– 6:00
Food 6:00– 7:00
Entertainment 7:00– 10:00
Live auction and silent Auction

Items (4) \$500.00 winners drawn
Every family gets 1 ticket (your \$100 Booster Club fee) to attend the event. We ask every family to sell at least 1 more ticket.
\$50.00 fundraising credit for every extra ticket you sell.

Letters went home backpack mail explaining Duelling Pianos as well as a tracking sheet. Please send in money along with how many tickets you have sold. We will send the tickets home backpack mail. Remember we ask each family to sell at least 1 Duelling Piano ticket, but if you can sell more that is GREAT! Fundraising credit is earned for every ticket sold.



4th grade students will going to the YMCA on Mondays for swim lessons or to refine skills. Please make sure you have sent the permission slip back to the school along with the \$15.00 fee. Swim lesson dates are 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/28 and 5/5. Please send swim suit, towel, goggles (if wanted to use), swim cap (if wanted to use) in a gym bag. Students may also bring a t-shirt and pair of sweats to put on over swim suit. Students will change at St. Mary School before boarding the bus. Once swim lessons are over, students will change back into school uniform at the YMCA before returning back to school.

Students will board bus at about 12:00 pm and return approximately 1:30 pm
If you have questions, please contact Joanne with questions.



Preschool is moving to the school building with K-6.
All day Monday—Friday
3 and 4 year old preschool will be offered as an option.
Before Care and After Care available.
Same time drop off and pick up as regular school so only 1 drop off or pick time for all kids in your family. Will follow the School Year Calendar
Call (217) 824-6501 to reserve your spot
Class sizes limited to 20 in each age classroom.

Questions have come up about Mass Attendance Sheets Those sheets can be found at the back of the church on the table. At St. Mary's they are in a clear basket along with ink pens to fill it out. Please drop them in the collection basket.

It is my understanding that the same papers are in the back of the church at Holy Trinity and St. Rita. If there are not papers at the back of the church, put your name, date, and mass time on a piece of paper and put in the collection, or get a bulletin and have Father sign it. If you go to church at another parish due to being out of town etc. Please get a bulletin from that church and have the priest sign the bulletin. Turn the bulletin into your classroom teacher on the following Monday.

Confirmation and 1st Communion will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, April 1st for our 3rd graders. Please make sure you are completing the family packet projects and your banner for 1st communion. Get those turned in to Mrs. Harrison or Miss Murray. Because it will be a busy day for them and a late night, 3rd graders will not attend school on Wednesday, April 2nd. All other classes will be in attendance.

Please watch in the next couple of weeks about how to apply for tuition/scholarship assistance. We are still getting that all set up for families to apply.

Miles of Smiles

Miles of Smiles will be at St. Mary's School on Wednesday April 3, 2025. This is a free service. If the dentist finds something that needs further dental attention, a referral will be sent home with the student. This check up will count as your dental exam for school requirements in grades K, 2, 6. Please fill out the paperwork if you wish for your child to participate. Paperwork and information came home today backpack mail— everyone should have received a copy because all students participating need their own paperwork.