

ST. MARY SCHOOL FAMILY NOTES

March 24, 2025

Music Festival is coming soon
Permission Slips will be sent home to attend the practice at HS. Please sign and return the permission slips. You will also be receiving a letter with information about practice on April 24 and the performance on April 25.

Information will include, times, homerooms for drop off and pick, dress code etc. Please watch for these per-



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. Send your baby bottle to the school by Thursday each week for the count. Currently- Grade 4 Is ahead in the race.

Children's Mass
Thursday, March 27 at 9:00
Gr. 4 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. Coody, so arrangements can be made. If your tuition is not paid or you have not contacted Mrs. Coody to make Plan for payment, you will not be able to register your family for next year.



Drive through chicken dinner tickets, flyer and tracking sheet were sent home in backpack mail last Friday. The date to pick up chicken dinners will be Thursday, May 1st in the North Alley. Angelos catering will be making the dinners. **Every ticket that families sell will earn \$5.00 fundraising credit.** Please turn in tracking sheet along with money for any tickets sold by April 24th so we can get an accurate count of meals to be prepared to Angelos, and to get tickets sent home to families.

Beginning on April 1st, students can once again begin wearing shorts/skorts. 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.



Pepsi Order forms came home last week. Orders and money are due by Monday March 31st. Pepsi products will be picked up on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

For every case of product sold, families will receive \$10.00 fundraising credit toward their quota!

Coming Events

- *Monday, March 24– 4th gr to YMCA Swim Lessons
- *Wednesday, March 26– gr 2 & gr 3 penance service
- *Wednesday, March 26– Living Stations 2:00 p.m. in church
- *Wednesday, March 26– 3:00 Dismissal w/ NO BUS
- *Thursday, March 27– Children's Mass Gr 4 9:00 am
- *Friday, March 28– Stations of the Cross 5:30 in church
- *Friday, March 28– Jeans & St Mary Shirt day
- *Saturday, March 29– Dueling Pianos
- *Tuesday, April 1– Hickory Estates Mass Gr. 5
- *Tuesday, April 1– Confirmation/ 1st Communion– 3rd grade
- *Wednesday, April 2– **No student attendance— Gr 3 only**— everyone else is in attendance
- * Wednesday April 2– 2:20 Dismissal w/ bus
- * Thursday, April 3– Children's Mass Gr 2
- *Thursday, April 3– Miles of Smiles
- *Saturday, April 5– 1st Communion Mass at home parish– St Mary 5:30 p.m.
- *Monday, April 7– Ag in the Classroom
- *Monday, April 8– Set up for Seder Meal 3:00
- *Tuesday April 8– Seder Meal 9:00 a.m.
- *Wednesday, April 9– Preschool Easter Party
- *Wednesday, April 9– 2:20 Dismissal w/ bus service
- * Thursday, April 10– Children's Mass 9:00 Gr. 3
- *Thursday, April 10– Board of Ed Meeting 6:00
- *Friday, April 11– Preschool Grandparents Day
- * Sunday, April 13– Palm Sunday– All School Sing
- *Monday, April 14– Monday April 21– Spring Brreak
- *Tuesday,, April 22– School resumes after Spring Break
- *Wednesday, April 23– 2:20 Dismissal w/ bus
- * Wednesday, April 23– Midterm grades posted for grades 3-6

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 Dueling 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 Dueling Piano ticket, but if you can sell more that is GREAT! **\$50.00 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.



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.