

St. Mary's Catholic School
Newsletter January 16, 2026

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January 19

No School - MLK
Day

January 25-31

Catholic Schools
Week

DATE CHANGE-

January 31

School Carnival!!!!

February 6

Midterms

February 12

Valentine Parties at
2:00

February 13

No School – Teacher
Institute

February 16

No School -
President's Day

February 24

Preschool &
Kindergarten Open
House
5:00-6:30 p.m.

WE NEED HELP AT THE CARNIVAL!!
PLEASE SIGN UP TO WORK AT A GAME OR OTHER AREA FOR THE CARNIVAL.

IT'S only ONE HOUR shifts for most things!!

Most ANY ADULT or child 4th Grade and up can sign up to work at the carnival, grandparents - aunts & uncles, alumni, etc., can sign up!

ST. MARY'S CARNIVAL
JANUARY 31: 5-8PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
USE QR CODE/LINK BELOW OR CALL
MRS. SCHICK AT THE SCHOOL
OFFICE TO SIGN-UP

CAKE WALK DONATIONS:
DROP AT THE SCHOOL ON
JANUARY 30/31



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ST. MARY'S PTO



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 25-31, 2026

Athletic Events!

Boys Basketball

January 19

7th Grade Regionals
at Hartsburg-Emden
6:00 p.m.

January 24

8th Grade Regionals
vs Delavan at
Hartsburg-Emden at
12:30 p.m.

Girls Volleyball

January 23

At Peoria Academy
at 5:00 p.m.

January 27

At St. Pat's
at 4:30 p.m.

January 29

At Washington
Central
at 4:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 25

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast! Proceeds to go to St. Mary's School. (Bulk sausage available to purchase at breakfast.)

Open House for our breakfast crowd. You can go through the school to look at classrooms, etc.

Monday, January 26

Muffins and Donuts for Moms/Grandmas/etc. will be held in the cafeteria from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. (Visitors, please do not park on the south end of the school where the faculty parks – thanks!)

Spelling Bee 1:30 p.m. in gym grades 5-8: The parents of the class winners will be notified to attend.

Tuesday, January 27

Donuts and Muffins for Dads/Grandpas/etc. will be held in the cafeteria from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m.

(Visitors, please do not park on the south end of the school where the faculty parks – thanks!)

Geo's Pizza for student lunch.

Wednesday, January 28

Collection/Hobby Day: Information was sent home with each student.

Thursday, January 29

Bishop Tylka will say Mass and visit classrooms.

Dress up for Jesus: Please wear dress clothes or uniform.

Friday, January 30

Spirit Day we will show off our Catholic School Pride by wearing St. Mary's School Spirit Wear, jeans, or khaki pants. Please ensure jeans have no holes, rips, or tears and are not tight fitting. Leggings and jeggings are not permitted. If a student does not wish to wear jeans, khakis, or spirit wear, they may wear their uniform.

Saturday, January 31

School Carnival and Chili Supper from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the gym.

**We will be collecting for the Open Arms Food Pantry throughout
Catholic Schools Week.**

We are having a Collections Day again this year!

Do you have a hobby or something you are passionate about? Have you collected a lot of items for this passion or topic? Share it with us on January 28!! See the attached flyer for information.

Lunch Menu!!

January 20

Pizza Boat, Peas,
Fruit

January 21

Hot Dog, Baked
Beans, Fries, Fruit

January 22

Chicken Nuggets,
Mashed Potatoes &
Gravy, Green Beans,
Fruit

January 23

Fish Sticks, Peas,
Fries, Fruit

January 26

Chicken Noodle
Soup, Carrots,
Crackers, Fruit

January 27

Geo's Pizza, Chips,
Fruit

January 28

Pulled Pork
Sandwich, Fries,
Peas, Fruit

January 29

Spaghetti, Bread
Stick, Salad, Fruit,

January 30

Mac & Cheese, Corn,
Fruit

Valentine Parties

Valentine Parties are Thursday, February 12 from 2:00-3:00.

We are in need of room parents.

Both third and fourth only have one room parent attending. Both fifth and sixth don't have anyone signed up to be the in-classroom room parent.

Please sign up here to help:

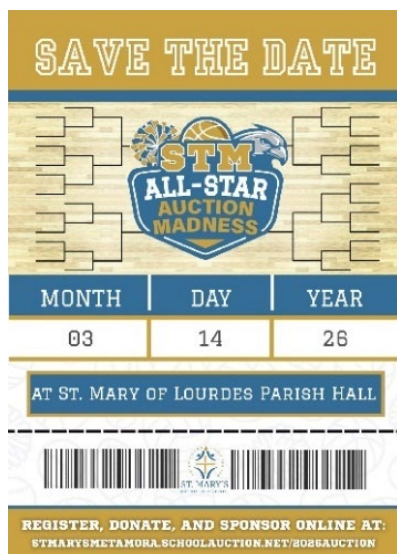
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BABA623A0F4C07-50677451-2024>

MTHS 8th Grade Information

-8th grade visit MTHS Day - February 6 from 8:30 to 11:30

-Parent Night - February 11 at MTHS - activity fair 5:30 to 6:15 and Guidance Department presents 6:15 to 7:00 with Q&A after if needed

-Course Selection Night - February 18 at MTHS from 4:00 to 7:00



Support St. Mary's Dinner Auction!

We are seeking sponsorships and item donations for our upcoming school auction. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and every dollar goes toward the benefit of our school! Sponsorships provide great visibility for businesses and families, and donated items or experiences make our auction a huge success. Item donations can be taken to St. Mary's Church office.

To learn more, please visit:

[http://www.stmarysmetamora.schoolauction.net/2026auction.](http://www.stmarysmetamora.schoolauction.net/2026auction)

Thank you for supporting our school community!

Donut Sunday!

Help make Donut Sunday special for our school community on February 1st! Student volunteers are needed to bring up the gifts at Mass, read a short announcement, and help serve donuts afterward in the school cafeteria. It's a joyful way to encourage children's participation and build community. Open to all students K-8. Donut Sunday is always the first Sunday of the month after the 7:30 & 9:30 masses. Sign-up link below includes more details. Any questions please reach out to Whitney Blunier 309-657-5384.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B45ABA92CA7FA7-61678289-february>

\$\$ St. Mary's School Athletic Boosters Raffle \$\$

Don't miss your chance to win CASH every month and help support St. Mary's School Athletics and Extracurricular Activities at the same time!

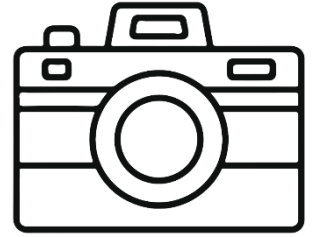
Every month, January through December, 4 names will be drawn.

CASH prizes of \$100, \$50, and two \$25 prizes are awarded to the winners!

BY FEBRUARY 22nd, 2026 please place the lower portion and payment in an envelope labeled "StM Athletic Booster Raffle" and return it to the school office, church office, or place it in the church collection basket.

Yearbook Photos

We are looking for photos for the yearbook—classroom pictures, sports pictures, and any extracurricular activities so everyone can be featured. Please email them to Brooke Miller at brookebernitt@yahoo.com or text them to 309-370-4525. Yearbooks will be available to order in May.



Parent Volunteers Needed for Pre-K Story Library Time

If you would like to come in and read to our preschoolers, there are still times open for 2026. Volunteers will spend a few minutes reading books to our preschool children.

- Tuesdays, 10:30–10:45am in the library.
- Option to stay afterward and help with Pre-K lunch.
- Books and materials provided (or bring a favorite from home).
- If you'd like to volunteer, please contact the school office.

The MTHS Softball team is hosting a Princess Tea Party!

Join the MTHS Softball Players on Saturday, February 7th, 2026, from 9 A.M-11AM at Metamora High School in Room 200. Dress up in your favorite princess dress and join the girls for some fun activities like makeup, nails, hair, crafts, games and snacks. Princess ages 3 and up may attend. Registration is \$25 for each Princess, and \$15 for each additional child in the same family. See the attached flyer!

Online Registration:

<https://forms.gle/fZQqGM4zTainA1sN8>

Questions contact: metasoftballparents@gmail.com

Germantown Hills Athletic Association - Recreational Soccer

Rec soccer registration is now opened! Please see links below! Be sure to update grade level in school to ensure your child gets on the correct age level!

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/511866> - Recreational Soccer (k-8th grade)

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/511867> - 3-4 yr old training

Please reach out to ghaasoccer@gmail.com with any questions! (Form is attached.)

We also wanted to note some winter training opportunities this year through Peoria City Soccer:

Holiday Monday Camps:

<https://peoriacitysoccer.com/monday-day-camps/>

After School Training:

<https://peoriacitysoccer.com/after-school-training/>

Soccer Memberships at the Yard:

<https://peoriacitysoccer.com/soccer-memberships/>

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest!

The awards for the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest were presented following the St. Mary's school Mass on Thursday, January 15th. The winners will advance to the regional competition.

Kindergarten

1st Place

Colson Miller

2nd Place

Orin Rediger

1st - 2nd Grade

1st Place

Mckenna Koenig

2nd Place

Hudson Ford

3rd - 4th Grade

1st Place

Annabella Rediger

2nd Place (Tie)

Connor McVicker &

Nash Miller

5th - 6th Grade

1st Place

Sydney Stone

2nd Place

Christian Sutton

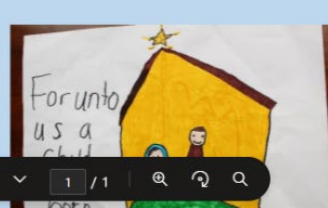
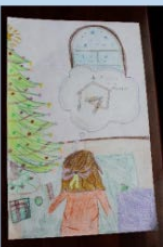
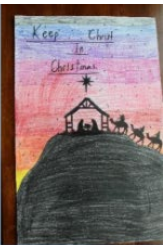
7th - 8th Grade

1st Place

Piper Pullen

2nd Place

Reid Kouri



ST. MARY'S OPEN HOUSE

January 25th, 2026
7:30AM-11:30AM

MEET OUR ADMINISTRATION, TOUR OUR CLASSROOMS & SEE OUR
CHRIST CENTERED COMMUNITY IN ACTION AS WE KICK OFF
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST



\$10/PERSON
\$6 FOR 12 & U
HOSTED BY THE
KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. MARYS SCHOOL