

St. Mary's Catholic School
Newsletter January 30, 2026

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Students will
celebrate the
Feast of St. Blaise:
Blessing of the Throats
after Mass Thursday,
February 5.

As a reminder, there
is no supervision,
nor will the school
doors be open,
before 7:40 a.m. on
school days. Please
do not drop your
students off prior to
then.

January 31
School Carnival!!!!

February 6
Midterms

February 7
2nd Grade
First
Reconciliation
10:00 a.m.

February 12
Valentine Parties at
2:00 p.m.

February 13
No School – Teacher
Institute

February 16
No School -
President's Day

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



There is still time to sign up to help!
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/5080E4AABA82BA1FF2-61474121-stmarys>

Congratulations to the winners of the All-School Spelling Bee!!

Reagan Casey and Mariah Hermann! Way to go!!!!



American Heritage Girls

The day is finally here! Our first American Heritage Girls meeting will be on Monday, February 2nd in the St. Mary's School cafeteria from 3:15-4:45pm. All troop members need to have a medical form on file to participate, extras will be available at the meeting. If you have any questions or are interested in joining, please contact Sara Strong 309-361-1990 or Shay Obery 309-678-3381.

March 6

End of 3rd Quarter

March 13

Report Cards Sent
Home

March 30-April 6

Spring Break

April 7

School Resumes

February 24

Kindergarten

Open House

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Athletic Events!

Boys Basketball
Congratulations on
a great season!

Thank you to
Coaches Brad
Grebner and Jake
Walker for all the
time and
commitment to their
teams!

And thank you to
Stephanie
Kiesewetter for her
time coaching the
cheer team!

💖 **Valentine Parties!!** 💖

Room Parents are still needed for the February 12 Valentine Parties. We are looking for:

4th Grade needs 1

5th Grade needs 1

6th Grade needs both

7/8th Grade needs 1

If you are able to help, please go here to sign up:

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

John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Fund 2026-2027

Protocols and Procedures

Application Deadline: April 24, 2026

Submission Deadline: May 8, 2026

PROTOCOLS:

A family applying for Spalding Scholarship assistance must be an active member in good standing of a parish in the Catholic Diocese of Peoria.

The student[s] for whom the aid is being sought must be enrolled in good standing [or seeking to be enrolled] in grades K through 12 in a Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria.

All scholarship assistance will be based on a family's financial need objectively assessed. The diocese will use FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Services to determine financial need. All scholarship assistance will also be dependent upon the recommendation of the pastor that the family is an active member of the parish in good standing.

If a student changes schools during a school year, tuition assistance grants will follow the student as long as the student is enrolled in and in good standing in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Peoria and the family is a member in good standing of a parish in the Diocese of Peoria.

All awards are for one school year only. A family must apply for Spalding Scholarship assistance each school year.

The number of grants and the amount of each grant for the school year will be dependent upon the funds available and the size and need of the applicant pool.

Payment of Spalding Scholarship Grants will be made twice a year directly to the Catholic school a student attends. These grants will be applied to the family's tuition obligation. It is anticipated that tuition assistance grants will be announced in early June 2026.

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED INFORMATION

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

\$\$ 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.

Girls Volleyball

February 3

At Limestone-Walters at 4:00 p.m.

February 5

At Lowpoint-Washburn at 5:00 p.m.

February 9

At Roanoke-Benson at 4:00 p.m.

February 11

At St. Phil's at 5:00 p.m. (5/6, 7, 8)

February 17

at South Pekin at 4:30 p.m.

Lunch Menu!!

February 2

Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Fries, Fruit

February 3

Sleeping Tacos, Corn, Fruit

February 4

French Toast Sticks, Hash Brown, Sausage, Fruit

February 5

Sloppy Joe, Fries, Peas, Fruit

February 6

Big Ol' Pretzel, Cheese Sauce, Green Beans, Fruit

🏀 All-Star Auction Madness – Tickets on Sale! 🏀

Ticket sales are now live for the STM All-Star Auction Madness on March 14, 2026! This March Madness-themed fundraiser supports St. Mary's Catholic School and promises a fun night of dinner, entertainment, and live auction excitement.

Families can support the auction in many ways—by attending, becoming a sponsor, donating auction items, or giving monetarily. Physical auction items must be turned in by February 20 to the St. Mary's Metamora Parish Office.

🔗 Learn more, purchase tickets, or support the auction at:
www.stmarysmetamora.schoolauction.net/2026auction



2026 ST. MARY'S DINNER AUCTION

JOIN US IN YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS ATTIRE FOR A MARCH MADNESS-THEMED FUNDRAISING AUCTION IN SUPPORT OF FAITH-BASED EDUCATION.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

ST. MARY OF LOURDES PARISH HALL
424 Lourdes Church Road, Germantown Hills, IL 61548

EVENING GAME PLAN
Doors Open At 5:30 PM
Dinner At 6:00 PM
Live Auction & Entertainment to Follow

COURTSIDE ACCESS: \$100
Dinner, Dessert, Entertainment, Hosted Bar & Gift

GENERAL ADMISSION : \$50
Dinner, Dessert, Cash Bar, & Entertainment

PURCHASE TICKETS AT:
<https://stmarysmetamora.schoolauction.net/2026auction>

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND IN-PERSON, DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE.



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL METAMORA



🍩 Donut Sunday!

The February 1st Donut Sunday is going to be extra sweet, as we're not just enjoying donuts, we're building the future together! We'll have building blocks ready for kids to imagine, create and design what the future could look like. Grab a donut and help us build something amazing - together! See you after the 7:30 & 9:30 masses!

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 Alumni Thriving in high school!

Congratulations to
the following St.
Mary's Alumni for
being on their high
school Honor Roll!

St. Rita High School
Robert Hassler

Peoria Notre Dame
Cody Lamkin
Siena Stone

Peoria Notre Dame News

Please see the attached
information for
upcoming events at
Peoria Notre Dame.

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.

Volunteers Needed for Pre-K Story Library Time

We have 5 open dates left for Pre-K Readers!

February 24, March 23, April 7, April 28 & May 5

- 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 7, 2026, from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. 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



Catholic Schools Week seemed like the perfect time to start learning our prayers in Spanish. All grade levels learned the Sign of the Cross and Junior High learned the Glory Be. Stay tuned for some videos as we perfect pronunciation!

KINDERGARTEN: THIS GROUP MAKES FOR CUTE FARM ANIMALS AS WE ARE HALFWAY THROUGH OUR FIRST STORY, “BUENOS DIAS, GRANJA” (GOOD MORNING, FARM)

1ST/2ND: I APOLOGIZE IF YOU’VE HEARD “SOY UNA PIZZA” ON REPEAT! THIS GROUP IS DOING A GREAT JOB OF ACTING OUT THE VOCAB THEY WILL SEE IN OUR 2ND UNIT.

3RD/4TH: TO REVIEW COLORS, WE CREATED OUR OWN “BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR, WHAT DO YOU SEE?” BOOKS IN SPANISH! WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO SHARE OUR WORK WITH SOME SPECIAL FRIENDS NEXT WEEK!

5TH-8TH: WE STARTED A NEW UNIT CALLED “CHOCOLATE”. WE ARE FOCUSING ON PRONUNCIATION AND THE RULES CONCERNING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NOUNS AND ADJECTIVES.

