

# St. Mary's Catholic School

## Newsletter May 1, 2026

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### May 3

1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
11:00 a.m.  
and Donut Sunday  
after 7:30 & 9:30  
Masses

### May 12

Field Day (lunch  
donated by PTO!)

### May 12

Awards Night  
6:00 p.m.

### May 13

Inflatables for all  
classes (donated by  
PTO!) 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Send-  
Off

### May 14

8<sup>th</sup> Grade only no  
classes

### May 15

Graduation Practice  
9:00-9:30 a.m.  
(In the church. No  
uniforms for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
but dress  
appropriately.)  
8<sup>th</sup> Graders arrive at  
6:30 p.m.  
Graduation at  
7:00 p.m.

### May 20

**NO BUS SERVICE  
AFTER SCHOOL**

### May 21

**NO BUS SERVICE  
BEFORE OR AFTER  
SCHOOL**

### Shorts

Uniform shorts can be worn starting May 1. Here is the information from the Parent/Student Handbook for reference:  
"Shorts and skorts: At the beginning and the end of each school year, navy walking shorts or skorts of polyester and cotton or brushed twill may be worn in place of the jumper or skirt. Shorts and skorts must be of appropriate length. Short shorts or tight-fitting shorts or skorts will not be tolerated. Students with questionable length or fit will be referred to the principal. The principal will announce the dates for wearing shorts. Usually, shorts may be worn during August, September, May, and June."

### School Library

Next week (May 4–8) will be the final opportunity for students to check out books from the library. All library materials must be returned by Monday, May 18. For 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, the return deadline is May 11.

### St. Mary's Awards Ceremony

Our awards ceremony will take place May 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Any families with 5-8 graders involved in school sanctioned Athletics, Scholastic Bowl or Chess are invited.

### 2025-2026 Yearbooks! DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MAY 15!

Please see the attached order form. The cost is \$25.00 each. Your student will also be bringing home an order form. You can complete and return either one to order. There's still time to share pictures you may have taken over the school year. Please email them to Brooke Miller at brookebernitt@yahoo.com or text them to 309-370-4525.

### Baseball Coach Needed!

#### *We're Hiring: Fall Baseball Coach (Grades 5-8)*

St. Mary's Metamora is looking for a dedicated and enthusiastic baseball coach for the upcoming season. This is a great opportunity to mentor young athletes, build teamwork and support student growth both on and off the field. We're seeking someone who values sportsmanship, positivity and faith-based leadership.

Tryouts can begin Aug 3rd & post-season play ends Sept 26th. Interested or know someone who would be a good fit to join our team? Reach out to Mrs. Schick in the school office for more details. 309-367-2528.

### **Preschool - End of year ceremony on May 21 at 2:00.**

This will also be preschool's last day. Preschool will not come on May 22.

## May 22

### Last Day of School

Student Mass with dismissal following Mass (REPORT CARDS GO HOME) **NO BUS SERVICE BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL**

### Lunch Menu!!

#### **May 4**

Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Fruit

#### **May 5**

Sleeping Tacos, Corn, Fruit

#### **May 6**

Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Applesauce

#### **May 7**

Pulled Chicken Sandwich, Green Beans, Fruit

#### **May 8**

Pizza Boat, Peas, Fruit

#### **May 11**

Chicken Fillet Sand, Chips, Green Beans, Fruit

#### **May 12**

Sack Lunch Field Day!!

#### **May 13**

Big O Pretzel, Mandarin Oranges, Strawberry Delight, Carrot Sticks

#### **May 14**

French Toast Sticks, Hash Brown, Sausage, Fruit

#### **May 15**

Spaghetti, Salad, Fruit



Spring in Spanish has been busy and so much fun! It is hard to believe that our days together are coming to an end this school year.

**5th-8th:** Our junior high group has now mastered the Sign of the Cross, the Glory Be, and is currently working on the Hail Mary. We've spent the last few weeks working on our About Me project. Students are taking all they've learned this year to complete this project.

**3rd & 4th Grade:** We just started learning the Hail Mary. It is so fun watching them grow in their pronunciation and understanding. Classes have been full of review games and lots of movement as we gear up for the short story to end the year!

**1st & 2nd Grade:** These groups have the Glory Be down! Our second unit has them acting out vocab and making sense of words and phrases that they can use in the real world. We are going to be finishing our story for the unit and checking for comprehension with some role play!

**Kindergarten:** These cuties doing the Sign of the Cross might be the cutest thing ever! We are adding to our vocab by playing games and making interactive stories. Our finished story came home this week-scan the QR code to hear the story out loud!

While life with 4 kids doesn't allow for Spanish lessons over the summer yet, Mrs. Sturgell from GHSD has you covered! We collaborate on curriculum and your kids will love their time with her! See the flier for more info!

<b>TRACK</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Host</b>
Saturday, May 2	9:00 a.m.	Pekin Edison - Pekin Junior High
Monday, May 4	4:30 p.m.	Washington Central Intermediate School
Thursday, May 7	4:00 p.m.	Dunlap Valley Middle School

### Old Settlers! - Save the Dates

This year's Metamora **Old Settlers Days** is June 24-27. Please plan to sign up for shifts for the St. Mary's Food Tent. More details to come. For questions contact Laura Tobben (309-256-8381).

### Join us for Donut Sunday on May 3rd as we celebrate our 10 amazing graduates from St. Mary's Class of 2026!

As they finish their time at St. Mary's and prepare for their next chapter, we invite you to come enjoy donuts, coffee and community to help us honor these hardworking students!