



KNIGHTS

Quarterly



First grade proudly packed boxes of Joy for the September service project. This was a great opportunity for students to recognize that we are the hands and feet of Christ in how we love others, and live out our virtues.

A Box of Joy is a Christmas shoebox that is donated and packed with toys, clothing, school supplies and other treasured items by parishes, schools and various groups. Each child who receives a Box of Joy also receives a rosary and a booklet in their own language that tells The Story of Jesus. Box of Joy provides hope to children in need, each gift represents Christ's love.

2023 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

The 2023-24 Annual Fund has a goal of **\$25,000**. Since the tuition the parents' pay doesn't fully cover the cost of educating St. Mary students, the school uses the Annual Fund Drive and School Raffle to help offset the high costs of educating children. The average cost to educate a student at St. Mary School is \$8,000 per year! 100% of Annual Fund donations go to St. Mary School. This year's campaign launched August 1st. So far this year we have raised \$1350 towards our goal.

Will you help our school? Can you help our school? We need your donation large or small. The investment is for your children and grandchildren. ***Please help us give them the best.***

Your Annual Fund donation helps ensure St. Mary School is doing its utmost to provide its current students with a well rounded Catholic Education. Thank you for your generosity. A list of donors will be published towards the end of the school year. If you wish to **not** have your name published please state anonymous with your donation. All donations receive a thank you letter for use when doing your taxes. Thanks for your generosity!

**Please support the 2023-2024 Annual Fund and donate today.
Return the white envelope in this newsletter with your donation.**

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Boxes of Joy - 1st grade
2023 Annual Fund Drive

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Faith Formation!

Take a look at how students and staff are serving Christ at school



Behind the scenes

We would like to recognize 7th grader, Brandy for stepping up and learning how to run the cameras for the all school Masses. This provides parishioners and parents who are unable to attend in person, have the ability to watch online, and see their children celebrating Mass.



Singing praise

The choir sings beautifully for every school mass. Any and all students are welcome to sit in the choir space for Mass. Students choose the songs and are also the song leaders!

Catechist training

St. Mary School faculty participates in ongoing Catechist training on Tuesdays throughout the school year. This training is web based through the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University.



Serving Christ

Deacon Steve training interested students how to serve at the Alter of Christ during Mass.



Fall SPORTS



LADY KNIGHTS SOFTBALL

The St. Mary Lady Knights finished the season with an 8-8 record. That might not sound like much to some but everyone involved knows how far this group has come! Proud is an understatement when it comes to these girls. Coach Ryan and Coach Kyle challenged them everyday. They also know this school isn't all about sports. It's about succeeding in whatever they do when finished here. They always put full sportsmanship on display and are the best at it. Until next year... Proud to be a Knight!!!



ST. MARY CROSS COUNTRY

Great job to all of our runners at the County Meet! They are a fantastic bunch and always have a positive attitude, as well as, determination to finish even when it is difficult. Four of the runners came home with top ten finishes. Congratulations to Lily for her 1st place finish out of 39 runners in the girls' JV division (time 8:44). There were 51 runners in the boys' JV division. Eddie got 2nd place (8:38). Liam got 6th place(9:02). Luke got 7th place (9:09).

Go Knights!

We celebrated our first Knights Pep Rally in our brand new gymnasium! Thank you to all the wonderful sponsors who made this space possible! The kids enthusiastically recognized our accomplishments thus far this school year. We look forward to our next rally in November. Parents are invited to attend!



TechKnights Robotics Team-Our talented robotics team is at it again under the guidance of Mrs. Chesnek. We can't wait to see what they build this year!



September Students of the Month- These students were stand outs in their classroom in September.



Math Fact Scholars-These amazing kids meet early every Friday morning to do extra and advanced work on their math skills.



Mass Servers & Tech Support- This caring group of students dedicates their time to help during weekly masses.



Knights Cross Country-Our cross country team had some amazing accomplishments this year. Many runners recorded personal bests and received awards. Coach Janelle provided each of our athletes stats.



Lady Knights Softball-These ladies fought hard this season! We are so proud of their determination, growth and accomplishments.



The kids where super fans and cheered loud for their classmates!

Class Highlights!



Seminarian Luke stopped in to teach Religion in 6th grade!



2nd & 3rd grade creating masterpieces with Cedarhurst Art in the Classroom Program!



Preschool has a special visitor on Tuesday mornings. Sister Michael comes to us to share stories and lessons from the Bible. Our class looks forward to her weekly visits. We are blessed to have her in our classroom.



4th grade made The story of Adam and Eve booklets for Kindergarten! They spent time reading them together!



Kindergarten counting with Math Stackers!



Middle School 1st day of School! They are ready for the year!

OPEN POSITION

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

*Come be
U-Knighted
with us!*



ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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SCHOOL OVERVIEW

St. Mary Catholic School serves students from both the local and neighboring communities, offering a comprehensive educational experience from Pre-K through 8th grade. Our institution is dedicated to providing an outstanding blend of academic excellence and faith formation.

STATUS

- Full-time Elementary School Principal
- Start Date: January 1, 2024

DESCRIPTION

As Principal, you will play a pivotal role in steering academic advancement through a curriculum that integrates technology seamlessly, fostering staff development, and nurturing spiritual growth. Collaboratively, you will work closely with the Pastor of St. Mary Parish, seasoned faculty and the School Board to elevate the school's academic and spiritual dimensions. The position offers a competitive salary package complemented by excellent benefits

QUALIFICATIONS

- Practicing Catholic in good standing.
- Hold a master's degree in School Administration or be committed to obtaining one within a designated time frame.
- Possess a minimum of 5 years of classroom teaching experience.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send your cover letter and resume, complete with five professional references, to:
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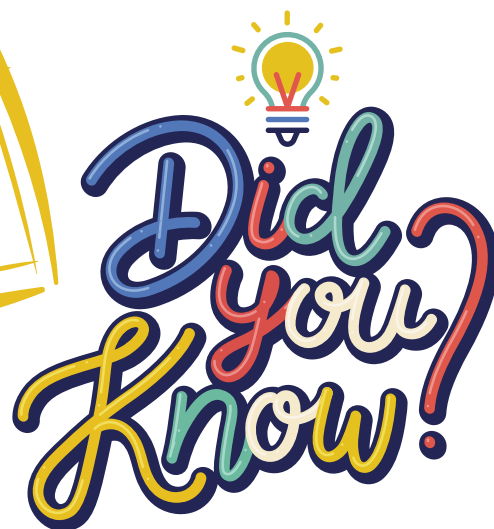
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***“A Catholic Family Forming
Scholar’s, Citizens, and Saints”***

St. Mary School Mission

