

*"We, the family of St. Mary's School, are committed to promoting Catholic values to God's children through faith, Christ-centered worship, service and academic excellence."*

St. Mary's Parishioners,

We started the month by honoring the Virgin Mary with the May Crowning after 8 AM Mass. After Mass on Mother's Day, Ethan Hale, Nathan Huebsch, Derek Scheiderer and Sofia Tyliniski entertained our parishioners at our Mother's Day breakfast. The speeches given were varied and humorous. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders celebrated the culmination of their Pen Pal program with the residents of Copperleaf Assisted Living by walking down and visiting with them and the residents showed our students their rooms.

Once the snow cleared, we were able to catch up on some of our track and field activities. Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders had a track and field event at Newman and in addition to showing good sportsmanship; they competed well, winning many ribbons. Our school track team consists of six sixth graders: Katie Annis, Payton Lawrence, Alex Pawlowicz, Christian Pintor, Lena Putnam and Jacob Sommers. Seventh grade track athletes include: Matt Annis, Ava Buchberger, Peter Chesek, Nathan Karlen, Maddie Martin, Elizabeth Paul, Kali Prihoda, Mason Putnam, Mason Seehafer, and Ashley Seliger. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade track and field athletes are: Noah Gage, Lucy Hahn, Tanner Hanke, Michael Kindlarski, Delaney Lang, Jada Prihoda, Kayla Radtke, Camryn Sapinski, John Stoffel and Sofia Tyliniski. Miss Wirkus, Donna Blume, Chris Radtke and Preston Wirkus were our track and field coaches. Our 4 X 100 meter relay team of Tanner Hanke, Nathan Karlen, Noah Gage, and Matt Annis, broke the St. Mary's record and then broke their own record at two more meets.

Our school had some visitors and our students were able to visit some interesting places. Mr. Frederickson's high school Chemistry class showed our 5K – 4 students many experiments with a lot of "oohs" and "aahs" from our students. The high school students' presentations were educational and fun for our students. The next day the entire high school senior class, in caps and gowns, paraded through our hallways as our students cheered them on. They also handed out books to our 5K – 3 grade students, which was appreciated. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students took a field trip to Madison visiting the Wisconsin Historical Museum, State Capitol and Henry Vilas Zoo. St. Mary's 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders were able to visit Heritage Hill in Green Bay. At the Catholic Daughters of the Americas awards show in Wausau, Katherine Paul was told her poetry submission would be moving onto state and after receiving first at state she was notified her entry would be moving onto the national competition. We supported our troops by writing letters to the May Honor Flight veterans including three from Marathon, Ken Cole, Duane Handrick, and Tom Mader. Members of the American Legions Auxiliary juniors group distributed poppies to our students, who wore them to show support for veterans.

In May, we had several fun activities. We were able to get outside and enjoy the sun and outdoors including our 5<sup>th</sup> graders searching for bugs outside in Science class. We had our Meat Sales Reward Day with Ellen Buchberger as our emcee. Congratulations to Korin Mroczenski and Lorelei Hurtis who were our big sellers, and thank you to all who helped with the meat sale. The students enjoyed the award show and then watched a movie afterwards. Another fun event was St. Mary's Day, sponsored by Brickner Motors, Custom Meats and Marathon City Sports

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Center. We appreciated the time put in by the event committee led by LeAnn Lang and included Beth Altfillisch, Laura Baur, Katie Brickner, Dennis Elliott, Tom Heise, Joseph Koch, Suzie Lang, Anne Paul and Kaci Sessions. Thank you for your support of that event and for the time spent by volunteers, Natalie Altenhofen, Megan Berglund, Lynette Hornung, Ann Seubert and Angie Schroder. Congratulations to our winners of the Grand Prize drawings: Luke and Kristin Jacobson won the \$100 off 2018-2019 book bill and Sara Seubert won the \$100 Custom Meats gift certificate. John Stoffel and Paityn Brickner each won a \$50 Scrip certificate. Winners of the \$10 "strike" drawings were Ella Mader, Ken Gibson, Gracie Kage, Lauren Karlen, Katrina Mroczenski, Jason Sturm, Melissa Chesek, Joan Plant, and Steve Brickner, Jr. Chris Stowell was the winner of the birdhouse raffle. Kyli Mader, Pat Hurtis, Cassidy Seubert, Katrina Mroczenski, Elizabeth Paul, and Cassie Lang each took home a St. Mary's pop socket. Winners of the 50/50 raffle were Bill and Amy Sauter - \$86 (thank you for donating it back to St. Mary's), Laura Baur - \$123, and Kevin Lang \$150. Jeff Cichon, Jenese Karlen, Dale Sauter, and Brad Berglund will have their names put on a \$25 Packer Raffle Ticket at our Packer Tailgate Party September 30<sup>th</sup>. Also we received our first donation from Amazon this month. If you go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and search for Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, you can make us your charity. Then, every time you buy from Amazon Smile, Amazon will donate a portion to St. Mary's. We are also looking for people to volunteer for several events at the St. Mary's Cheese Curd stand. Anyone interested can sign up at <http://signup.com/go/RwRPRQM>.

St. Mary's is looking both back and ahead as we reach the end of May. We are thinking back with our 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they reminisce about the years spent here. Looking forward, their graduation will be on Wednesday, the 30<sup>th</sup>. The next day, they will have a service day where they perform service on campus and in the community. I would like service to be a bigger part of our students' lives, so if you have any ideas for future service opportunities during or after the school day, please contact me. Thursday at 7:00 PM in the school, Mrs. Paul has her piano recital concert with her students. On Friday, the 1<sup>st</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will go to Valleyfair in Minnesota.

We will have some people joining us and some leaving us next school year. We would like to welcome Avery (Seubert) Petersen '06 as she joins our teaching staff. We want to thank Hilary Hummer and Katelyn Stoffel for their work with After Care. Next school year both will be moving on as Hilary is expecting a new child and Katelyn will be going to college in Montana. If anyone is interested in leading After Care after school from 3:00 – 5:00, please contact us. We are looking for a part-time helper in the kitchen, 9:30 – 1:15/1:30 (Times may vary) with three possibilities of days of the week: Monday through Friday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Responsibilities include:

- \*Cleans dishwasher once a month
- \*Sweep/mop kitchen floors every Friday or when needed
- \*Peels/Cuts up carrots, fruit etc.
- \*Makes bars/cookies when needed
- \*Do dishes
- \*Serves lunch
- \*Lift heavy boxes – commodities etc.
- \*Clean stoves, cupboards, refrigerators etc. at the end of each school year
- \*\*\*Helps Cook – whatever needs to be done

Please continue to support us and keep St. Mary's School in your prayers. Thank you.

Mr. Koch, Principal



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