



"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,

Although January can be rather blah, we had a lot of excitement at St. Mary's this month. Our Academic Team won the NERR Quiz Bowl in Edgar earlier this month which helps them prepare for this weekend's Brains and Brawn Tournament in La Crosse. The team consists of moderator Audrey Hilts, captain Michael Kindlarski, Katlyn Bahr, Ava Buchberger, Stefani Chesek, Charlotte Gruetzmacher, Lucy Hahn, Gabi Kimmet, Maddie Martin, Elizabeth Paul and Ashley Seliger. Our boys basketball (brawn) team consists of Matt Annis, Peter Chesek, Noah Gage, Tanner Hanke, Nathan Huebsch, Payton Lawrence, Mason Seehafer and John Stoffel while our girls team includes McKenna Haehlke, Delaney Lang, Ella Mader, Jada Prihoda, Kali Prihoda, Kayla Radtke, Camryn Sapinski and Sofia Tylinski. The students look forward to this tournament and I'm glad so many decided to join in on the fun. Thank you to the Activities Committee for their help in organizing the weekend in La Crosse. The Brains and Brawn competition kicks off Catholic Schools Week which culminates this year with Grandparent's Day on Friday, February 2nd with a Mass at 1PM.

St. Mary's had our second quarter wrap up assembly where we celebrated our academic accomplishments in the second quarter. We had several students make our AR Wall of Fame and/or advance in Rocket Math. Second quarter Honor Roll students included: 8th Grade High Honor Roll, Stefani Chesek, Noah Gage, McKenna Haehlke, Michael Kindlarski, Jada Prihoda, John Stoffel and Sofia Tylinski. 8th Grade Honor Roll students were Katlyn Bahr, Kelly Deckelman, Lucy Hahn, Tanner Hanke, Delaney Lang, Ella Mader, Kayla Radtke and Camryn Sapinski. Our 7th Grade High Honor Roll includes: Ava Buchberger, Charlotte Gruetzmacher, Maddie Martin and Ashley Seliger. 7th Grade Honor Roll was Matt Annis, Nicholas Bahr, Peter Chesek, Korin Mroczenski, Elizabeth Paul, Taylor Pawlowicz, Kali Prihoda and Logan Werner. Finally, Lily Gage was our sixth grader with High Honors while those on the Honor Roll include: Ella Altfillisch, Katie Annis, Ethan Hackel, Ethan Hale, Nathan Huebsch, Marissa Kaiser, Lauren Karlen, Madisyn Lang, Payton Lawrence, Alex Pawlowicz, Lena Putnam, Cassidy Seubert, and Jacob Sommers.

We celebrated our activities accomplishments as well. Our boy's basketball team finished their season in January and at the assembly we recognized them and they competed against each other in a game of lightning. Our players included: Noah Gage, Tanner Hanke, Michael Kindlarski, John Stoffel, Matt Annis, Peter Chesek, Nathan Karlen, Mason Putnam, Mason Seehafer, Nathan Huebsch, Payton Lawrence and Jacob Sommers. Our two wrestlers, Hector Pintor and Logan Werner, had a thumb wrestling competition as we celebrated their season. Our girls basketball team has had several close games and even a buzzer beater victory as they continue to compete in January.

Miss Globensky, Miss Hilts, Mrs. Kind and Mrs. Lenard were nominated for the "Make a Difference" award and received letters of notification. Mrs. Borchardt and the 7th and 8th graders

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raised \$665.00 for the Hope Life Center with their sale of lip gloss and lotion. We initiated a traveling “generosity” plaque, made by Pat and Krissy Mohr of “The Narrow Way”, which now rests in the 3rd grade classroom with their generosity in donating to Helping Hands. Many students participated in the “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The winners of the contest were: Anika Kolka, Elsie Kolka and Ella Mader. The Knights also sponsored an essay contest for our eighth grade students. This year’s theme was “What It Means to Be Catholic in Today’s Society”. Jada Prihoda won third place, Tanner Hanke won second and Noah Gage won first place. Congratulations to all our winners and all who participated. Our “kindness wave” students made baskets of goodies for faculty and staff for Catholic Schools Week to thank them for their gift of a Catholic education.

In the classroom, St. Mary’s welcomed Mrs. Meyering as she joined us as long term substitute after the birth of Mrs. Drexler’s baby girl, Beckett Rain, earlier in the month. Also, Mrs. Paul joined us for the month of January as Mrs. Langenhahn is on maternity leave after the birth of her son, Emmett Emanuel. We also had Nicole Heise, Hatembo Chijoka and Chuck and Beth Altfillisch visit our Social Studies classes as guest speakers. Justin Loew, meteorologist at WAOW 9, came in to speak with our Science students. Our 5th – 8th graders had the first two rounds of our spelling bee. Congratulations to the top five spellers of our school Spelling Bee who will be competing in the NERR Spelling Bee on Wednesday, February 7th at St. Anthony’s School, Athens: Stefani Chesek – 1st place, Michael Kindlarski – 2nd place, Noah Gage – 3rd place, Anna Chesek – 4th place, Nathan Huebsch – 5th place, and Delaney Lang – Alternate. We also had a school safety “code yellow” drill to help keep our students safe.

Our school campus looks a little different with the addition of several items. We have new grey rugs paid for by the Men’s Chicken Dinner Funds as well as 2 rugs with the St. Mary’s logo paid for by the Knights of Columbus. The school has two new Smart Boards, thus all classrooms at the school have these boards. Thank you to Home and School for not only financing these two Smart Boards but all the other existing boards in the school. We added two more white boards and five laptops through private donations. Also we began augmenting our Science lab with donations from Color Vision, Catholic Financial Life and Catholic Order of Foresters who will provide matching funds on “Soup”er Bowl Sunday, February 4th. Other upcoming fundraisers include the Meat Sale sponsored by the Activities Committee running between March 12th and April 3rd. If you have a relative at school someone will probably find you to donate. However, you don’t need to have a relative at school to be part of the meat sale just contact the school if you would like to participate. The Activities Committee also sells stadium chairs throughout the school year. If interested call the school or check the website for an order form.

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



Joseph Koch
Principal

In early February St. Mary’s families who have a child that was baptized at St. Mary’s and who would be eligible to come to Four Year Old Kindergarten in the fall will be receiving a letter regarding registration and Early Childhood Screening. If you are new to the parish and wish to register your child(ren) at St. Mary’s School, please call the office for more information. (715-443-3430)

Check Us **Out!**

To see pictures of events happening at St. Mary’s School throughout the school year, as well as a list of upcoming events, please visit our website www.stmarysmarathon.org.