

"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,

As St. Mary's headed into the 4th quarter and our Easter break we have much to reflect on. We conducted Stations of the Cross in March in addition to our regular Mass schedule. Our 2nd graders and their parents had their Jesus Day retreat while our May Crowning will be on April 30th after the 8 AM Mass. St. Mary's also had a moment of silence for victims of school violence and on 3/14 instead of walking out of school we encouraged all to compliment 3 adults and 14 students, especially those they don't normally talk to. We continued to conduct school safety drills in March as well. Our community was generous with our Circle of Joy Can-a-Week, Sharing a Legacy (SAL) and Mite Box donations which will be given to Santa Cruz (Bolivia) Parish and Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II. The donations to SAL included 121 toothbrushes, 80 tubes of toothpaste, 90 glasses, 83 sunglasses, 35 cases for glasses, 168 containers of dental floss, 39 bottles of mouth detergent and 50 toothbrushes as well as several other medical items that will all be used in the next mission trip to Nicaragua.

Our quarter 3 assembly celebrated our students' accomplishments during the quarter. In second grade, Izzy Berglund, Mary Chesek, Tony Hahn, Bentley Hale, Karilyn Hummer, Gavin Livingston, Reghan Martin, Taelyn Rennie and Levi Scheiderer all made their Accelerated Reader (AR) goals while Taunna Rindt moved up in Rocket Math. Making the 25 point wall: Ian Cihlar, Bentley Hale, Gavin Livingston, Olivia Mader, Taelyn Rennie, and Levi Scheiderer. Making the 50 point wall: Mary Chesek, Reghan Martin, Taunna Rindt, and Levi Scheiderer. In 3rd grade Rocket Math, we had Abram Jacobson, Alyssa Kraft, Matthew Kindlarski, Hailey Martin, Mayven Schneider and Ben Stowell all move up a level. On February 28th, Natilee Hummer completed all 4 levels of Rocket Math breaking the old competition record of April 13th. Mayven Schneider had no late assignments during the 3rd quarter, as well as no late papers during the entire school year. The following people made it to the 50 point AR wall during the third quarter: Abram Jacobson, Matthew Kindlarski, Alyssa Kraft, Sara Marek, Hailey Martin and Fred Tyliniski. Mayven Schneider made it to the 100 point wall while Velda Mechelke made it to the 200 and 250 point wall during the third quarter. All third graders reached their 3rd quarter point goal with a 90% or higher comprehension score. In 4th grade Blake Sternberg and Spencer Seubert have completed all levels of Rocket Math. In AR reading, Luke Hoenisch and Sam Altenhofen made it on the 100 point honor wall, Anika Kolka 200 point honor wall and Blake Sternberg the 250 point honor wall. 5th grade AR honor wall included: Morgan Gore, Aidan Hale, Katie LeBlanc, Katherine Paul, Cody Radtke, Paige Sauter, Emma Scheiderer, Alyssa Sessions, Alyssa Stowell with 50 points, Kiley Mader and Blake Kraft at 100 points and Anna Chesek at 150 points. In the middle school, we had Ella Altfillisch, Nathan Huebsch, Maddie Martin, Mason Putnam, McKenna Haehlke, Michael Kindlarski, Delaney Lang, Camryn Sapinski and Sofia Tyliniski make the 50 point AR honor wall, Katlyn Bahr and Charlotte Gruetzmacher on the 100 point AR wall, Ella Mader and Ava Buchberger 200 points, Stefani Chesek 250 points and Kelly Deckelman 500 points.



Our third quarter 8th grade high honor roll included Stefani Chesek, Noah Gage, McKenna Haehlke, Jada Prihoda, Kayla Radtke, Camryn Sapinski, John Stoffel and Sofia Tyliniski. 8th grade honor roll went to Katlyn Bahr, Kelly Deckelman, Lucy Hahn, Tanner Hanke, Michael Kindlarski, Delaney Lang and Ella Mader. 7th grade high honor roll students were Ava Buchberger, Charlotte Gruetzmacher, Maddie Martin and Ashley Seliger, while honor roll went to Matt Annis, Peter Chesek, Korin Mroczenski, Elizabeth Paul, Taylor Pawlowicz, Kali Prihoda, Mason Putnam and Logan Werner. 6th grade high

honor roll went to Lily Gage and Payton Lawrence, while honor roll went to Ella Altfillisch, Ethan Hackel, Nathan Huebsch, Marissa Kaiser, Lauren Karlen, Madisyn Lang, Cassidy Seubert and Jacob Sommers.

In activities we celebrated our girls' basketball team season at the assembly. Our 8th grade girl's consisted of McKenna Haehlke, Delaney Lang, Ella Mader, Jada Prihoda, Camryn Sapinski and Sofia Tylinski coached by Craig Prihoda. Craig, along with Aaron Martin, coached the 7th grade team of Ava Buchberger, Maddie Martin, Korin Mroczenski, Elizabeth Paul and Kali Prihoda. Our sixth grade team consisted of Ella Altfillisch, Kaitlyn Annis, Lily Gage, Lauren Karlen, Madisyn Lang and Lena Putnam and were coached by Greg Gage and LeAnn Lang. While Scott Baumann and Karen LeBlanc coached our fifth grade team of Gabriella Baumann, Anna Chesek, Katie LeBlanc, Kiley Mader, Katherine Paul, Cayden Sapinski, Paige Sauter, Emma Scheiderer, Alyssa Sessions and Alyssa Stowell. Basketball related, the high school boy's basketball team stopped here as part of their state send-off and also after they won the silver ball in Madison, signing shirts and posters and were part of a basketball relay with our girls players. Hector Pintor made it to state in wrestling while Ashley Seliger placed first on the balance beam and forth in all-around competition at the state gymnastics tournament. Lily Gage and Sofia Tylinski performed in *Sleeping Beauty* at the Grand Theater. Jordyn Jaglinski placed first in the Tri-Star Basketball Competition sponsored by the Wausau Noon Optimist Club. Our Solo Ensemble, consisting of our 7th and 8th graders as well as 6th graders Madisyn Lang and Cassidy Seubert competed in Rib Lake and we are preparing for our Forensics meets, with April 3rd being the intramural competition and April 10th the NERR competition here at St. Mary's.

Other school-related activities included our middle school field trip to see author Sharon Robinson, daughter of the famous baseball player and civil rights leader, Jackie Robinson. She spoke of her father's love of sports, how he helped desegregate baseball, his role in the civil rights movement and his legacy. She also talked about her love of writing and presented us with one of her books, *The Hero Two Doors Down*, as well as a baseball she signed. Some of our students also participated in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Education Contest with Jordyn Jaglinski and Delaney Lang winning in the essay category, Katherine Paul in poetry and Jacob Sommers in photography. Katelyn Stoffel, a high school senior, spoke to our students. She described obstacles she has faced in her life and how those obstacles led her to a closer relationship with God and a better understanding how to treat others around her. We are continuing to write our letters to veterans that will be on the next Honor Flight, which is April 23rd. Students prepared essays for the Wisconsin Ag Day Contest sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation. Students are also involved in Woody's Reading Club sponsored by the Wisconsin Woodchucks baseball team. Our 5K students made leprechaun traps and our first graders made leprechaun faces, while a familiar face, Mrs. Drexler, returned from maternity leave.

We also began looking forward to the future here at St. Mary's. Our 4K students have begun registering for next year. Child Development Days (early childhood screening) were held at MAES with Mrs. Drexler and Mrs. Hahn helping with the screenings. These screenings help the students as they prepare for life at St. Mary's. You can stock up on meat, cheese and Butter Braids as our annual meat sale runs through April 3rd. We will have St. Mary's Day at the Marathon City Sports Center with their help, as well as Tom Heise from Custom Meats on Saturday, May 19th from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. In addition to bowling and food, St. Mary's has partnered with Chrysler and Brickner Motors for Cars 4 Classroom. On the 19th from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m., if you simply take a free test drive, Chrysler will donate \$10 to St. Mary's. Another free fundraiser is through Amazon. If you go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and search for Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Marathon WI, you can make us your charity. Then, every time you buy from Amazon Smile, Amazon will donate a portion to St. Mary's.

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

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