



St. Mary Catholic Community School



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Annual Wildcat Newsletter

2024 - 2025



Dear St. Mary School Parents and Friends,

Fall 2024 is upon us and our school year is off to a great start! We have several new staff members and lots of new students. The vibe in the air is very positive. My staff and I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to teach our students math, reading, science, and all the other subjects through the lens of our Catholic faith.

At the time I am writing this message, the church is being repaired and restored. We are eagerly looking forward to worshipping in our beloved church once again! Within the school, a couple of projects are also underway. The library was subdivided and a new deans office and conference room were built. With grant money we were able to procure, we are building a unique learning space, an outdoor classroom. All this construction is very exciting!

If you are one of the thousands of folks who hold a special place in your heart for St. Mary's School, be sure to see page 2 of this newsletter. A new opportunity to support our school through a recurring donation has been created. Rather than making a one-time lump sum donation, those who have an extra \$5 or \$10 to spare, may do so conveniently by setting up a recurring monthly payment.

As always, thank you for supporting St. Mary's and your continued prayers for our school and parish. These are important times in the lives of our children. It is imperative that we give them the best Catholic education we possibly can. They deserve it!

May God bless you and your family,

Tom Ruiz

Tom Ruiz
Principal



Dear Parents, Students, Staff, and Friends of St. Mary Catholic Community School,

Although I have met many of you, please let me introduce myself. I am the new deacon at St. Mary's. I am grateful for the extremely warm welcome I have already received and look forward to getting to know each of you better.

As the deacon here at St. Mary's, my mission is to serve both the spiritual and practical needs of our parish and school community. This includes not only assisting at Mass but also supporting and being a resource for our parish, community, parents, students and staff. I believe that a strong catholic faith foundation is essential, and I am dedicated to fostering this within our parish and school.

In the coming months, I anticipate visiting the classrooms, as well as continuing to attend school events and meetings, to better understand how I can serve you. Please feel free to reach out to me. My door is always open, and I am here to support you in any way I can.

As Principal Ruiz notes in his letter, the church's roof project continues to move positively forward toward completion. Please keep an eye on our parish bulletin for future construction updates. In the interim, please continue to check our parish's website and social media for updated construction photographs.

Thank you for welcoming me into your community. I look forward to our journey in faith together.

In Christ,

Deacon Bill

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St. Mary's Pledge

May God bless our minds
to think our best thoughts,

Our words to speak kindly to one another,

Our hearts to feel compassion,

And our hands to reach out to one another in compassion and care.

I promise always to do my best and to treat everyone with respect and kindness.

I will follow the example of Jesus and His Mother Mary in all things.

Today I promise to live what Saint Mary teaches.

We are all one
United in Christ!



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Saint Mary School Profile

Enrollment:

Jr. PK – 8th Grade, 540 Students

Accreditations:

DOE & AdvanceED Accreditations

“A” School Status

Faith Formation:

Students receive religious education every day and attend mass twice a week.

Faculty:

Please visit school.stmarycp.org for a complete, up to date, listing of our outstanding faculty, and staff complete with photos and bios.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

CYO Band, Choir, Student Council, Altar Servers, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Chess Club, Academic Team, Junior Academic Team, WSMW Student Run TV News Program, Environmental Club, Science Olympiad, Girls on the Run, Rosary Club, Math Bowl.

Athletics:

Boys and girls in grades 5-8 participate in the following CYO sports:

Basketball, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Soccer, Track, Cross Country, Football (CP)

Last Years CYO Champions:

5th/6th Grade Girls Track, 6th Grade Girls Basketball

Recognition and Honors:

Chess Team 2nd place in State



Support St. Mary's School

Occasionally people ask how they can support the next generation of students at St. Mary's School. To make a tax-deductible, monetary donation, please make checks payable to St. Mary Catholic Community School and send them to:

St. Mary Catholic Community School
Attn: Principal
405 East Joliet Street
Crown Point, IN 46307

Want to support Catholic education at St. Mary's School with an online donation? Use the link::

<https://tinyurl.com/mxyncve3>



...Or simply scan the QR code



Your support is very much appreciated and will help add to the legacy of St. Mary Catholic Community School. If you have further questions please call Mr. Tom Ruiz, Principal (219-663-0676)

Corporate Sponsorship:

St. Mary's Home and School Association is pleased to offer our Corporate Caring Sponsorship Package. We would like to invite you to join our efforts to offer our children the best education possible by advertising your business, or your employer's business exclusively to the St. Mary's School and Parish Communities. Sponsorship packages include tickets to attend all of the events, and year round advertising on our event posters, school newsletter, school website, facebook page, and at the SMS events. To learn more call Sarah Vicari at 219.746.1701 or email CorporateSponsor@stmarycp.org Please support those on the back of this newsletter, as they support Catholic education at SMS.

Upcoming Events

- 08-14-24 **School Resumes**
- 08-19-24 **Golf Outing**
- 10-11-24 **Grandparents / Special Person's Day**
- 11-13-24 **Spaghetti Supper** - St. Mary's iconic event
- 11-15-24 **Veteran's Day Program - 9:00 am**
- 12-06-24 **First Reconciliation** - Please remember our 2nd graders in your prayers!
- 01-22-25 **Evening Open House**
Prospective families are invited to tour the school and meet the teachers.
- 01-29-25 **Pancake Breakfast and Open House** - Enjoy breakfast and tour the school!
- 02-01-25 **Celebration of Gifts** - Join us at our largest fundraiser of the year for dinner, dancing & silent auction bidding!
- 02-22-25 **Daddy Daughter Dance** - All St. Mary's parish dads and daughters invited
- TBD **Mother Son Bowling** - All St. Mary's parish moms and sons invited
- 04-26-25 **First Communion** - Please remember our 2nd graders in your prayers!
- TBD **Confirmation** - Please remember our 8th graders in your prayers!



For more information about any of the events above, please visit school.stmarycp.org and see the Home & School page or simply call our office at 663-0676



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