

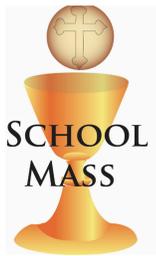


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August 22, 2025

— WELCOME —  
**BACK TO SCHOOL**

We had a **fantastic start to our school year** for our Kindergarten-8th grade students this week!! We are so excited to welcome our PreK friends on Monday!



Our **Back to School Mass** will be on **Saturday, August 23, at 5:30 pm at Holy Family Church.** We hope to see all of our families there!



**Snack Pack forms** for K-8 were sent home today. The forms will be due on August 29, 2025 (the form says August 22). The Snack Pack program is for **needy families.** The first snack packs will be handed out on Friday, September 5, 2025.

# Eagle's Nest

## St. Mary School Prayer Intentions

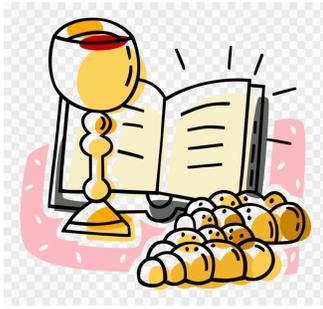
- \*Parents, faculty, staff, & students of St. Mary School
- \*Father Aaron, Deacon Paul
- \*Our Sister Parish in Guatemala
  - \*Rick Kunkel
  - \*Jim Duvendack
- \*Logan & Isabella Wilson
  - \*Kalvin Schenk
  - \*Dylan Hendricks
  - \*Misha Follis Allen



There will be a **parent meeting** for BCMS **JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' BASKETBALL** next Wednesday, August 27, at 6:30 pm in the BCMS gym.



The **2025 SMS Golf Tournament** will be held on Saturday, **September 13**, at **Rolling Greens Golf Course** in Mt. Sterling with a shotgun start at 9 am. To register a team or to be a sponsor, please contact Chris Ormond at 217-257-1787 or email [cormond76@gmail.com](mailto:cormond76@gmail.com). All proceeds will benefit St. Mary School.



At **today's school mass**, we heard from the Gospel of Matthew "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. The second is

like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Fr. Aaron talked with us today

about the virtue of LOVE and how fitting the

Gospel was for our first school mass!

Love, as a virtue, is a deep and enduring affection, often associated with kindness, compassion, and selflessness. It's

considered the greatest virtue because it encompasses and motivates other virtues like patience, generosity, and humility.

**GOD IS LOVE!!** May we contemplate the virtue of love and show it to everyone we encounter!



At **drop off** and **dismissal**, please pull in the middle of Walnut Street as the road is completely shut down to traffic except for St. Mary School.



### August Pot of Gold Winners

\$200-Duskee Kassing; \$100-Jon & Rachel Boylen; \$50-Blake & Lauren Law; \$50-Lyle Paben; \$50-Charlene Clifford; \$50-Franz Zurita. Drawings will continue the first week of each month.



We are considering adding **window tint** to a few of our classrooms to help reduce the amount of heat in the rooms. Please contact Melissa if you or someone you know installs window tint. Thanks!

[mobert@smseagle.org](mailto:mobert@smseagle.org)

We now have a website that will allow you to buy **St. Mary School apparel, lunches, & seasonal tasty treats.**



Check out the website below!  
<https://stmaryschool.bigcartel.com/>



With our increased class sizes, we could use a little extra help. **If you are interested in volunteering at St. Mary School, please contact Melissa** at 217-773-2825 or [mobert@smseagle.org](mailto:mobert@smseagle.org).

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**St. Mary School is looking for an English Language Arts 3-8 grade Teacher (part time or full time)**. SMS has small class sizes, comparable compensation & benefits to the public school, teacher collaboration, positive & supportive atmosphere, & a family environment! Candidates must have a valid teaching certificate. If you are interested, please call Melissa at 217-773-2825 or email her at [mobert@smseagle.org](mailto:mobert@smseagle.org).

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### School Mass Attire

Reminder: We have School Mass on most Fridays. Students should show reverence to God and the Church with their attire. **No jeans or sweatpants & no graphic t-shirts are allowed. Khakis, dress pants, dresses, skirts, SMS shirts, and/or nice shirts should be worn. Leggings can only be worn if wearing a dress that is knee length.**



**Family statements for August** will be emailed out the first week in **September**. If you are sending a payment to school with your student, please place it in an envelope with your child's name. Also, please indicate the amounts for each category, i.e. \$300 to tuition, \$25.10 to lunch, \$12.75 After School Care.

**Family statements are only available to view for 14 days** after they have been emailed. Unfortunately, that time frame can not be changed, nor can the time restriction be removed from RenWeb (Student Information Services software). If you need an additional statement sent, please contact Melissa.

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**Morning announcements start promptly at 7:55 am.** Please have your students at school by that time so they can hear all the important information for the day!

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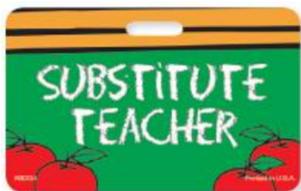
### After School Care (ASC)

**\*Please sign out your child everyday with time and signature.**

Only PreK students and their siblings can attend ASC. Just a reminder that **ASC charges are always a day behind**. If your

student attended ASC on Wednesday, it will be charged on Thursday. Also, sometimes there will be more charges for one day if Mrs. Obert was unable to enter the charges on a particular day. She always keeps the sign out sheets and records the day each charge is entered. Please call her if you have any questions.

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**We are in need of substitute teachers!** If you have an Associate's Degree, love children, & have the desire to teach, you could be a substitute teacher for St. Mary School! If you are interested, please call the Regional Office of Education at 217-277-2080 to apply for a substitute teacher license. **Please also contact Melissa before you start the application process. She has paperwork from the Diocese that you will need to complete to take with you to the Regional Office of Education.**

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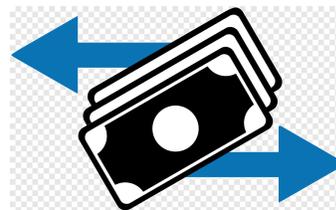
Please send a **water bottle** to school with your child (except PreK) everyday. Thank you!

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There is a **dumpster for aluminum cans** at the school. The money generated by the cans is used for St. Mary School expenses.

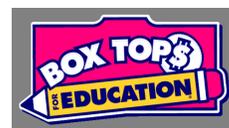
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### **Automatic Transfer of Funds**

**Did you know that you can use automatic transfer of funds for SMS payments?** For example, you could have your tuition and/or lunch fees automatically taken out of your checking or savings account. Please contact Melissa for more information.

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### **Box Tops for Education has an App!**

When you download the Box Tops of Education App, search for our school by the zip code (62353). It will be much easier to locate St. Mary School. Once installed, scan your receipt & the app will tell you if anything you bought is eligible for a Box Top for Education credit.