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Thank you to all the **volunteers** who helped with the Hog Roast last Sunday. **Thank you** to **everyone** who supported St. Mary School by buying **meals or raffle tickets**.  
**Congratulations to Brett & Schuyler Isley.**  
 They are the winners of the Beef Bundle from Houser Meats.

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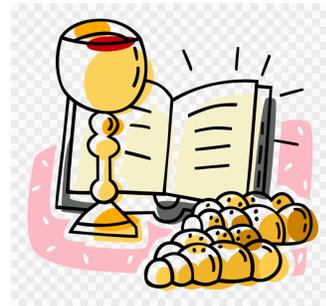


This week was **Fire Prevention Week**. The **Smokehouse** was at school on Thursday. The Fire Department gave a presentation to all the students about fire safety! Check out the SMS Facebook page for Smokehouse pictures.

# 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
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At **this week's school masses**, we heard about the virtue of **Spiritual Joy**. The Virtue of Spiritual Joy is the act of finding complete delight in God and His ways.

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Reminder: **NO SCHOOL** on **Monday, October 13** in observance of Columbus Day.

**11:30 Dismissal on Thursday, October 16.**

NO After School Care available.

Bus transportation is available.



### October Pot of Gold Winners

\$200-Cathy Boessen; \$100-Chris Ormond;  
\$50-Franz Zurita; \$50-Kris Fry; \$50-Norma  
Lane; \$50-Phil Koch. Drawings will continue  
the first week of each month.

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Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on  
**October 22 and October 23** from 4-7 pm  
both evenings. Please call Tammy  
(217-773-2825) to schedule.  
**NO School on Friday, October 24.**

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When **dropping off students**, please enter  
Walnut Street from the North and head  
South. This way all vehicles will be driving  
in the same direction. I also ask that you  
kindly wait for the vehicle in front of you to  
leave before you pull out. Do not pull out  
around vehicles ahead of you. Thank you!

If you are **picking up** your child at the end of  
the school day, please go to Damon Road  
and then get in the pick-up line on

Washington Street (heading East). **DO NOT**  
block the intersection between Washington  
and Cherry as that is to remain open in case  
of emergency. Please do not enter the  
pick-up line from Cherry Street. Thanks!

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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/>

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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.**

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**Family statements for August** were emailed last Friday or Monday morning of this week. If you did not receive an emailed statement, please contact Melissa ([mobert@smseagle.org](mailto:mobert@smseagle.org)). 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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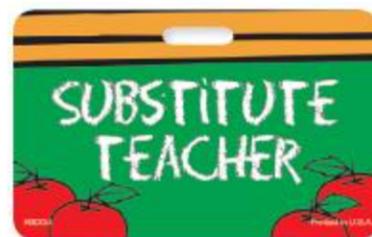


### After School Care (ASC)

**\*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.



### **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.