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Fr. Aaron, Mrs. Obert, Ms. Tammy, and Ms. Ashley would like to **THANK** everyone for the delicious food and gifts they received during the Christmas season.



At this week's school masses, we were reminded about the virtue of **LOVE**.

LOVE is an interior attitude that is manifested in outward acts of goodness towards others. In short, it is to do right by others out of **LOVE** for God. Unarguably, it is the greatest of all virtues, for all other virtues fail to exist without it. It is true; without **LOVE**, the four cardinal virtues (prudence, temperance, fortitude, and justice) and the other two theological virtues (faith and hope) cease to exist.

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
 - *Sarah Henry



Reminder: There will be an **11:30 dismissal on January 16** for School Improvement Day. **NO SCHOOL on January 19** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



December Pot of Gold Winners
 \$200-**Lance Paben**; \$100-**Richard Johnston**;
 \$50-**Shannon Shoopman**; \$50-**Carl Mitchell**;
 \$50-**Jake Seckman**; \$50-**Kayla Beadles**.
 Drawings will continue the first week of each month.



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!

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/>

Volunteers
needed

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.**



St. Mary School is looking for Elementary Teachers for the 2026-2027 school year.

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.



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 November will be emailed next week. If you do not receive an emailed statement, please contact Melissa (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.



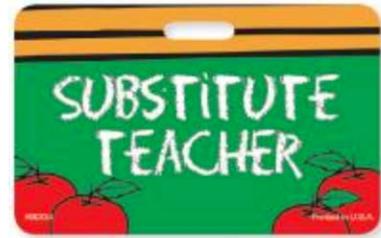
Morning announcements start promptly at 7:55 am. Please have your students at school by that time so they can hear all the important information for the day!



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.



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.**



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



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



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.