



Irish Update

January 24, 2025

There are a limited number of tickets available for the SMS Foundation event to be held on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are \$125.00 and admits 2. Tickets may be purchased from the Foundation board members listed in the flyer below. This night is full of delicious food, cash bar (new this year is the addition of Venmo!), friendship, silent auction, dessert auction and the opportunity to win cash prizes.



**31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL** St. Mary School Foundation **Benefit Drawing**

**Saturday, February 1, 2025**

St. Mary Catholic School Msgr. Kakascik Parish Center Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

**\$125 per ticket**  
2 admitted per ticket

**Grand Prize \$5000\***

\* Must be present to win, otherwise \$2500  
\$8,725 in Prizes ~ 51 Winners  
Only 225 Tickets Sold

**SMS**  
*Foundation*

The St. Mary School (SMS) Foundation was established in 1992 to ensure the future financial stability of St. Mary Catholic School and maintain the viability of this educational institution through long-term financial development and planning.

**For tickets or more information contact:**

- St. Mary Catholic School.....740-374-8181
- St. Mary Basilica Rectory.....740-373-3643
- Becky Haller, *President*.....740-706-1397
- Tonya Booth, *Secretary*.....740-336-4750
- Tim Williams, *Treasurer* .....740-525-2848
- Joe Augenstein .....740-525-8521
- Teresa Domico.....740-516-8322
- Matt Ingram.....614-561-9294
- Lori Lutz .....740-374-3231
- Chris Palmer .....740-525-1740
- Chris Pfeiffer .....614-327-6751

Open gym this Saturday



ST MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## 3RD-6TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL OPEN GYM

Join us for optional open gyms to get ready for the spring volleyball season. We'll work on skills, play games, and have fun! It's a great way to give volleyball a try!

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**1/18 AND 1/25**  
**9AM-10:30 AM**

For more information or if you have questions please text:  
Alison Smith (740-221-2705) 5th/6th  
Susan Jahn (740-706-6898) 5th/6th  
Michael Faust (443-935-1062) 3rd/4th



**Catholic Schools**  
**United in Faith and Community**

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated January 26<sup>th</sup> –February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## What is National Catholic Schools Week?

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2025 is January 26 – February 1. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2025 is “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.” Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> we will have All School Mass in the new gym. Families are welcome to join us for Mass. Following Mass, Father Edward will visit all classrooms and provide a special blessing.

This year we invite our families to a school wide breakfast on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> and an opportunity to visit your child(rens) classrooms following breakfast until 10:00 AM. We are replacing the spaghetti luncheon that we have done for several years with the breakfast. Trying something new!

Another exciting thing for Catholic Schools Week this year will be the gift of a St. Mary Catholic Spirit shirt for all students and staff. Spirit shirts will be passed out to all students and staff on Monday, and we **REQUEST THAT ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF WEAR THEIR SHIRTS ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> FOR AN ALL-SCHOOL PHOTO FIRST THING AFTER THE MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**Wednesday will also be a spirit night to celebrate our Junior High girls' basketball team. They have a home game that begins at 5:30 PM. Students will get into the game free. We will be honoring our 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball players prior to the start of the game.**

Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> we celebrate our students with a skating party in the afternoon for grades 1-8. Preschool through Kindergarten will be treated to a special snack and will have a movie day courtesy of Home & School.



The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest will be held at St. Mary Catholic School in Marietta at 12PM, on Saturday, February 8th.

The competition is open to males & females aged 9-14 (age as of January 1st this year) and every student in the area is welcome to participate. This is a local AND District contest, so winners will have the opportunity to compete at the Regional level with a chance to advance to the State competition!

Applications available on the day of completion requiring a parent/guardian signature.

Any questions contact Vince Stollar at [vstollar@suddenlink.net](mailto:vstollar@suddenlink.net) or 740.350.4612

# Home and School News

Welcome Back!!!!

We have been working on Home and School events during our snow/cold break!

We want to give a big Thank you to Allison Dunlap and Bri Moore for being the chairpersons for Santa Shop. This is our biggest event of the year and so much time and work goes into our week long shop. Thank you to everyone that signed up to work shifts and help the kids shop. We hope you all enjoyed your gifts from your kiddos.

Catholic Schools week is next week. The week will be filled with extra fun activities for the kids and families. Tuesday we are hosting a breakfast for the entire school and their families. We could use some extra volunteers to help us with set up, serving and clean up. Please sign up in Track It Forward.

Next Friday, Home and School will sponsor a skating party DURING the school day. Students will walk to the skating rink with their classes for a fun afternoon (grades 1-8) We have volunteer shifts in Track it Forward to chaperone!

Home and school is hosting a Stuffie Sleepover. Please see flyer for this fun event!



**DATE:** FRIDAY, 2/7 - MONDAY, 2/10

**LOCATION:** ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Bring your stuffed animal & payment to school safely tucked inside the provided ziplock bag. While you head home for the weekend, your stuffie will stay behind for a sleepover full of fun!

When you return to school, you'll hear about the exciting things they did while you were away!

**\$15/student     \$10/sibling**

**1 stuffie/student - Please don't send a favorite security item, as stuffies cannot be retrieved over the weekend!**

**Proceeds benefit the Parish Center New Floor Fund!**



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