



Irish Update

October 31, 2025



Congratulations to the Parkersburg News & Sentinel/The Marietta Times Scary story Artwork winners! St. Mary Catholic School was well represented! 🎃👻🍂

1st grade winners: 1st place, Josie with "Destroy the Town"

2nd place, Norah with "The Ghost Buddies", 3rd place, Abby with "Spooky Cat on a Spooky Night."

2nd grade winners: 3rd place, Vera with "A Creepy Night"

3rd grade winners: 1st place, Teagan with "Scary", 2nd place Helen with "Three Lost Men" and 3rd place, Ellason with "Murdle."

4th grade: 1st place, Naomi with "The Pumpkin", (missing from the photo) 2nd place, Aubrey with "The Scary House with a Broom", (also missing from the photo) & 3rd place Elija with "The Lonely Pumpkin."

3rd Grade Saint presentations this morning following All School Mass

A dark blue rectangular graphic with a white cross on the left side. At the top is a stylized American flag with a silhouette of a soldier saluting. Below the flag are three red stars. The text is centered and reads: "St. Mary Catholic School Veterans Day Mass & Assembly November 7th, 9:15 AM New Gym". Below this, it says "\$1.00 spirit day of Red, White or Blue to benefit the local AMVET organization." and "Students may invite a Veteran to Mass & our school assembly." There are two red stars at the bottom corners.



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Game Club

St. Mary Catholic School in conjunction with our Technology/Stem teacher Mr. Allen is starting a Game Club. Mr. Allen has always been fond of gaming and wants to share his passion with St. Mary Catholic School students who may have similar interests. He has been collecting all sorts of games since he was young and hopes to introduce students to different types of games, exploring video games from the 80's to the present day. However, this club isn't just about video games, it will also be card games. Some examples of card games would be Pokémon, One Piece, as well as traditional card games.

Things we would do in the club:

- Card tournaments
- Pack openings
- Speed running
- High score tournaments
- Mario Kart tournaments

Honestly, there are too many things to list!

Club Rules:

1. Play nice, win nice, lose nice.
2. Everyone cleans up, make sure everything is put back in place.
3. Drinks and Snack if brought must be far away from the games.
4. Clean hands, we don't want "cheese fingers" on cards and controllers.
5. No table talking, EX: giving hints to people when it is their turn. Let them think for themselves.
6. Treat all cards and games carefully. It would be no fun to damage other people's things.
7. Be respectful to everyone that is in the club, we are here to have fun and enjoy our shared love of gaming.

To get this club off the ground, Mr. Allen is going to need help from parents that have kids interested in joining. I know there are many different types of video games and card games out there. If there is something you would NOT like your child to play, please let me know. I will be sending out a signup sheet and comment card where you can let me know about those games. Also, after we get the club up and running, I will have students officially give this club a name. I want the students' input on what it should be. I want to start this club in the second quarter of the year, which is next week. The exact start date will be shared following the sign-up period. This will be split up over 3 different days. Depending on how many sign up and grade levels, I am going to start with grades 5-8,

with hopes of expanding to younger grade levels. Below is the tentative schedule; and it will depend on the number of students interested.

Club times:

Mondays 8-8:30 AM

Tuesdays 12-12:30 PM

Thursdays 12-12:30 PM

Please look for an email from me with official signup sheets and permission forms. I look forward to this new opportunity for St. Mary Catholic School.




 **You're Invited to the St. Mary School Fall Back 5K Run & Walk!** 

Get ready to lace up your sneakers and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with family, friends, and the community!

Join us for the St. Mary School Fall Back 5K Run & Walk

 **Sunday, November 2nd**

 **2:00 PM**

 **East Muskingum Park on Front Street**

Mark your calendars and fall back into fun with us on November 2nd!

To register, visit [Fall Back 5K](#)

Thank you for your support and participation in our October Cancer Awareness Month activities.

The winner of the change challenge will be announced next week and the total of our collections for the month. Stay tuned for check presentation photos in a future Irish Update!

Save the Date!



Home and School News

Get your poinsettia orders in for your holiday décor. Every year these flowers are beautiful! Orders AND money are due by November 12. Pick up will be in the school parish center on November 24

Save the Date for Arby's night Tuesday November 18 from 4-8pm. A portion of sales will be given to Home and School



We are accepting Santa Shop donations! Santa shop is an exciting time for the students each December to shop by themselves for their family members. Donations can be left inside the alley doors.



Application is available by contacting coordinator Mrs. Jona Rinard at jona.rinard@gmail.com

- Winter uniform guidelines go into effect November 1st through March 31st. Shorts may not be worn.

- Attached to today's Irish Update is our newspaper clubs first edition of the year,
The Irish Times!