



Father Joseph Baker, Pastor
Mrs. Karen Jones, Principal

Reminders

* Our all school Mass will be held on Thursdays at 8:15am. Please join us!

* Please be sure to write your child's name or initials on their fleeces and sweaters.

FACTS Accounts

Please check your account in FACTS. Graduation fees and lunch accounts need to be paid in a timely manner. If facing a hardship, please contact Mrs. Jones. Thank you for keeping your account current.

Lost and Found

We have accumulated a massive amount of clothing and other items this semester. We will have tables set up in the front foyer, please come in and claim your child's clothing.

Poster Contest

Congratulations to the following students who submitted a poster for the K-12 Stewardship Week Poster contest. They received the following ratings

Grades K-1

Caroline Cavanagh 1st place
Addison Hassinger 2nd place
Smith Doran 3rd place

Grades 2-3

Boston Alsdorf 2nd place
Reagan Mackinson 3rd place

Grades 7-9

Chloe Cox 2nd place
Gavin Schaidle 3rd place

Caroline Cavanagh's poster will be sent to Springfield for judging at the State level. Congrats to all of our artists!

Atrium

Third grade students in the Atrium have been offered the opportunity to "foster" one of our Atrium plants during our summer break. Students can care for a plant at home with a parent's permission. Please reach out to Mrs. Krenz at krenz.kelly@stmaryspontiac.org if your child can bring a plant home for the

Upcoming Sporting Events

- Track:
 - May 17- State
 - May 18- State

Save the Date

- May 21- Eighth Grade's Last Day- Clap out at 12:30pm
- May 22- Preschool Graduation
- May 22- Eighth Grade Graduation
- May 24- Report Cards
- May 24- Last Day of School- **11:30AM DISMISSAL- NO LUNCH OR AFTERNOON BUS SERVICE**

2023-2024 Yearbook Order

The 2023-2024 Yearbook is on sale now! The cost is \$20 per book and must be ordered online by Monday, May 20, 2024. The 40-page book features all students, Preschool through 8th grade, along with school events, field trips, extracurricular activities and more!

Order yours today: <https://inter-state.com/YearbookEntry/82064W>

Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus is coming back to St. Mary's! The dates are as follows:

-July 8-12th 9:00am-2:30pm for incoming 1st-6th graders

-July 7-11th 6:30am-8:00pm for incoming 7-12th graders

Registration forms were sent home earlier this week but is also attached to for your convenience. Contact coordinator Marie Kane for questions at marie9kane@gmail.com.

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Part-time Custodian Needed

St. Mary's Parish is looking to hire an able-bodied individual to serve as a part-time custodian for St. Mary's School. Qualifications for this position include: striving to live a Christian life - be practicing the faith if Catholic, if not Catholic, have a respect for the Catholic Church and be comfortable working in a Catholic environment, possessing knowledge, skills, and experience in handling janitorial equipment and basic maintenance tools; assisting the head custodian in duties/projects as needed; maintaining security of buildings, equipment, and tools. Duties would be cleaning of classrooms, hallways, gym following games, offices, pre-K area, and the parish hall, setting up and taking down of tables and chairs as needed, making sure all lights are out and doors are locked, and collecting trash or anything else determined by the maintenance director. Hours would be late afternoon/early evening. If interested, please send a letter of interest, stating qualifications and references, to Fr. Joseph Baker, P.O. Box 374, Pontiac, IL 61764 or drop it off at the church office.

Re-enroll for 2024-2025

Current families can now re-enroll for next year. Simply login to [Facts Family Portal](#) using District Code (SMS-IL) > Apply/Enroll > Enrollment/Reenrollment. A \$10 Facts registration fee is due at the time you submit your enrollment information. **A \$25 late registration fee is assessed after May 2nd and a \$50 late fee will be assessed after July 1st.** All families must complete and return the Tuition Statement form prior to re-enrolling. Please find the form attached for your convenience.

If your family needs financial assistance for the upcoming school year, we encourage you to apply for the St. Blaise and Spalding Scholarships through Facts Grant & Aid at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. This is a separate site from Facts Family Portal. All current scholarship recipients are reminded that scholarships are for one year only; families must reapply each year.

Greetings,

We have a week left of school for this year; I always say the year flies by so quickly, however this year seems to have flown by extra fast.

Thank you to our parents, faculty, and staff for teaching our students about Jesus. Our mission is to get souls to Heaven, it takes each of us working together to achieve this goal.

Next week is our 8th Grade Graduation. I invite you to attend their graduation as these 14 students are true examples of living a life for Christ. These students are role models for our younger children. I have loved getting to know each of them. They love Jolly Ranchers candy and most days would be in my office several times a day asking if they could have one. Several of them also upgraded to asking for chocolate which is kept right outside my office for the teachers. I will miss our conversations and seeing them every day. I will continue to pray for them. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for them on their next adventure to high school.

Enjoy the last week of school!

With many blessings,

Mrs. Jones

