

Father Joseph Baker, Pastor  
Mrs. Karen Jones, Principal

Congratulations to St. Mary's School Principal Karen Jones for being named the Diocese of Peoria Distinguished Principal for the 2023-2024 academic year.  
We are blessed to have Mrs. Jones lead our school.



**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.

**Field Day May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Field Day is Friday, May 10th. All students (PreK-8) will ride buses to St. Paul's. We will leave St. Mary's once we have all students who ride a bus. We will have Mass at 8:30am and events will begin at 9:30am. All parents are welcome to attend Mass and enjoy the day with us. PreK will have 1 chaperone per student and be able to leave after lunch. Our day will end at 2:15pm.

**Upcoming Sporting Events**

- Track:
  - May 11- Sectionals
  - May 17- State
  - May 18- State

**Save the Date**

- May 10- Field Day
- May 16- Kindergarten Graduation
- May 21- Eighth Grade's Last Day- Clap out at 12:30pm
- May 22- Eighth Grade Graduation
- May 22- Preschool Graduation
- May 24- Report Cards
- May 24- Last Day of School- **11:30AM DISMISSAL**

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### **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.

### **Quick Draw Winners**

Congratulations to April's Quick Draw winners. Joe Richardson, Case & Oliver Owens, Ashton Peacock, Joan Deutschmann, Stacy Eilts. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's School.

### **Golf**

We are in the process of registering for golf for next year. Golf is open to grades 6th-8th. If your son or daughter wants to participate in golf next year, send an email to Mr. Lawrence by Monday, May 13th. There will be opportunities for them to golf together this summer. For IESA, there will be one date to golf in. That will be the Sectional. The boy's sectional is Wednesday, September 4th. The girl's sectional is Thursday, September 5th. For more information, please reach out to Mr. Lawrence.

### **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 will be out next week. Contact coordinator Marie Kane for questions at [marie9kane@gmail.com](mailto:marie9kane@gmail.com).

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and a \$50 late fee will be assessed after July 1<sup>st</sup>.** 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.

### **SMS Golf Outing**

Mark your Calendars! This year's SMS Golf Outing is scheduled for Sunday August 4th with a 2pm shotgun start. This 9-hole family-friendly event is the only fundraiser we hold which is dedicated to our sports boosters. Bring out the family and join us FORE fun on the course.

### **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.

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Greetings,

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! Did you know the idea for a week to honor teachers began more than 70 years ago with first lady Eleanor Roosevelt. We are so blessed to have teachers at St. Mary's who care for their students and teach them about God.

Thank you to our TAPS members for treating our teachers and staff this week with homemade bread, a pizza lunch, and doughnuts! It was greatly appreciated to have parents come in and help with lunch and recess duty.

Thank you to all St. Mary's Teachers, we appreciate you!

With prayers,

Mrs. Jones

