



Father Adam Cesarek, Pastor
 Karen Jones, Principal

REMINDERS

- It's not too late to sell Quick Draw Tickets. Do you want to sell your tickets after Mass this weekend? Contact Amanda Lauritsen at 815-674-1207 or lauritsen.amanda@stmaryspontiac.org
- St. Mary's Spirit Wear is available at the General Store. A portion of the proceeds go to St. Mary's School.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

3rd Grade is in search of new or gently used bright yellow tennis balls that families might have in their garage and want to get rid of. These may be turned in to the school office. Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW?

In your Facts Family Portal, you can click on School > Resource Documents, and view bulletins from previous weeks. Additionally, you can go to > School > Web Forms, and update student and parent demographic information as well as emergency contacts.

RCIA

The next session of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin on September 16th. To join or ask questions, please call the Parish Center at 815-844-7683. See the attachment for more details.

DRAW DOWN

Each year our St. Mary's teacher-parent organization (TAPS), hosts a dinner and DrawDown for cash prizes, at Pontiac Elks Lodge. Due to the pandemic, our 29th annual DrawDown was postponed from April 2020 to October 2020. Unfortunately, we are forced to reschedule once again. Our 29th annual DrawDown will now be held Saturday, April 17, 2021. For those who have already purchased tickets, thank you for your support. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, contact Danielle Gill at gill.danielle@stmaryspontiac.org for more information.

NEXT WEEK'S PREVIEW

September 13-19	
14	Baseball vs Saunemin DH 4:30
16	RCIA begins 6:30-8:00
17	Softball vs PC DH 4:15
18	Softball @ Beecher DH 5:00 Baseball vs PJHS 6:00

SAVE THE DATE

- Sept. 25 – Progress Reports
- Sept. 28 - Commission Meeting – 5:00
- Oct. 9- Early Dismissal 11:30 – SIP Day
- Oct. 12 – Columbus Day
- Oct. 21 – Report Card Day
- Oct. 28- Early Dismissal – P/T conferences
- Oct. 29 - Early Dismissal – P/T conferences
- Oct. 30 – NO SCHOOL- P/T conferences

Greetings,
 Have you ever thought about a specific day of the week and the memories it invokes? When our children lived at home, Saturday nights were spent at home building a fire and making s'mores, sometimes it would just be us, other times friends would join us. We always looked forward to this night. Another night that stands out are Wednesdays. This was the one day of the week where you knew it was "church night" There weren't any meetings or practices. This was the one night where as a family, you ate supper together and just hung out.
 We have started "Wednesday Rewind" this year at St. Mary's by having no homework on any Wednesday. If the pandemic has taught me anything, it is the need to slow down and count my blessings and be grateful to have had a chance to spend it with my husband. Our own kids are grown and gone, but the memories of Saturday night fires and Wednesdays being for church and family, are something I will never forget.

Many blessings,
 Mrs. Jones