

Father David Sabel, Administrator  
Mrs. Karen Jones, Principal

# Weekly Bulletin

March 13, 2025

## ST. MARY'S SAINTS

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST  
WHO STRENGTHENS ME.  
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

### Save the Date

- Mar. 14 7th - Cultural Fair 12-2pm
- Mar. 17 St. Pat's Day - wear **GREEN** with uniform bottoms
- Mar. 19 Student Council Mtg 3:10pm
- Mar. 20 Dads, Doughnuts & Devotions 7:00am in Parish Hall  
Student Council Shake Break
- Mar. 21 **No Bus/No Hot Lunch**  
Saints vs. Irish Game 12:15  
Early Dismissal 1:30pm  
Report Cards
- Mar. 24- Spring Break!  
Mar. 28
- Mar. 31 School Resumes
- Apr. 7 Solo & Ensemble Contest

### Upcoming Sports

#### Scholastic Bowl:

- Mar. 15 Away TBD
- Mar. 18 vs. Ridgeview 4pm
- Mar. 20 vs. Roanoke Benson 4pm

#### Track:

Save the Date: 1st meet is on April  
2nd at Herscher-Limestone 4:15p

### From the Desk of the Principal

Greetings,

As you are aware, we have many teaching positions open for the 2025-26 school year. Please be assured we are working hard to fill these positions. Currently, these positions are posted on multiple websites. I know that many of you are asking about what the plan is for next year. I can assure you that classes will not be combined as this is not in a child's best interest. I ask for your prayers as we navigate the unknown right now. If you know of anyone who teaches and is looking for a change, please have them contact me.

A Prayer for Teachers and Educators:

**Lord, our God,** thank you for the gift of education and the countless teachers who dedicate themselves to shaping young minds and hearts.

**We pray for our Catholic schools,** that they may always be able to attract and retain teachers who are not only skilled but also filled with faith and compassion.

**May they be blessed with wisdom and patience,** enabling them to nurture their students and guide them toward a deeper understanding of themselves and the world around them.

**May their work in the classroom be a witness to the love of Christ:** and a powerful tool for building a community of faith.

**We ask for your guidance and support:** for all educators, that they may continue to serve with grace and determination.

**We also pray for students:** that they may be open to learning and seeking knowledge with a spirit of gratitude and humility. Amen.

Mrs. Jones

### *Fine Arts Night*

Our annual Fine Arts Night will be the evening of Thursday, May 1st. This event is a wonderful tradition at SMS. Student art work will be on display in the MPR and there will be 2 concerts: Pk-3rd followed by 4th-8th. Be sure to mark your calendar as this event involves all students. Stay tuned for more details!

### *Altar Servers*

We have many opportunities for students to serve at Mass (weekdays, weekends and during Lent for Stations of the Cross). As a reminder, anyone can serve and earn Confirmation hours. All students in 6-8th grade have been trained. You can find all the sign ups on our website under the Parent Page or under Student Life:

<https://school.stmaryspontiac.org/parents.html>

### *Scholarships*

Re-enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year began on **March 3**. We strive to ensure that our youth are able to receive a Catholic education despite the possible inability to pay. If you have financial need, please take advantage of available opportunities. Parents of students currently receiving scholarships are reminded that all scholarships are for one year only and anyone seeking to renew a scholarship must reapply. For further information, please contact Danielle Gill at [gill.danielle@stmaryspontiac.org](mailto:gill.danielle@stmaryspontiac.org).

### *Blue Ribbon Book Fair*

Do you remember bringing home a quarterly book club flyer from Scholastic or Weekly Reader when you were a child? Blue Ribbon Book Fairs in Bloomington, Illinois has resurrected the book club flyer as a way for schools to promote reading and earn rewards at the same time. Each book has been vetted to ensure that it is in harmony with Catholic values and virtues.

- Visit the website at: <https://blueribbonbookclub.com/>
- Sign In or Create Account
- Select St. Mary School in Pontiac. (20% of your order will be donated to St. Mary's!)
- Browse the Easter Flyer and place your order.
- Books will be delivered to the school approximately 2 weeks after you place the order
- ALL ORDERS SHOULD BE PLACED BY MARCH 20!!



### *Draw Down*

We only have 23 tickets left for our annual Draw Down event on Saturday, April 5. If you, or someone you know, still needs to purchase a ticket, don't wait! Get a ticket today, before they're gone!

### *Shake Break*

Student Council will be hosting the next DQ Shake Break on Thurs, Mar. 20. Orders forms were sent home last week and need to be returned by Tues, Mar. 18. Do not send cash. We will charge your FACTS account.

### *Google Calendar*

You can subscribe to our school's Google Calendar and have important information (no school, casual days, special events, etc) right on your phone! Subscribe today!