



**Week of 2-2-2012**

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February 2, 2012

**Show class, have pride, and display character. If you do, winning takes care of itself.**

**~ Paul Bryant ~**

Hello St. Mary Families.

With this being Catholic Schools Week, I had to have a quote that indicated that our children, our teachers and staff, our parents and families all make us a winning school!

Catholic Schools Week has been fantastic, and I'd like to thank the teachers who put it all together. Your time, commitment and enthusiasm helped to make this week even better than usual! To all the teachers, you really are the key difference when talking about Catholic Education, and words cannot express how much it means to me, to the children and to the parents how grateful we are to have you in the classrooms! God has blessed us in having you here at St. Mary School!

To sum up the week, it started with a beautiful mass and open house with helpers, tour guides, and greeters working double time to make sure everyone felt welcome. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students really stepped up and were phenomenal in every way, showcasing their science projects, giving tours, and greeting guests ... thank you to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class for being such wonderfully talented, kind individuals! On Monday we had a pep rally to kick off the week, which was dynamic, and a prayer service to close out the day that was thoughtful and meaningful. Tuesday we had several guests arrive to visit, both prospective families and officials from Riverside and the surrounding areas, they were very impressed! Wednesday was our Blue vs. White day and the children loved this, the competition is good, as it teaches them about winning and losing, and doing both with grace; we ended the day with a sing-a-long which included songs like, This Little Light of Mine, Jesus Loves Me, The BIBLE, and America the Beautiful --- really a joy to watch the children singing. Today we end with donations to local food pantries, crazy sock day, and another pep rally for our Basketball and Volleyball players!

While a committee of teachers decided the events for the week, I must also give a shout out to our Student Council Members! They have gone above and beyond in assuring everything ran smoothly! They took charge of our opening day and closing day pep rallies, they helped with tours, made banners, created games, and were ever vigilant in showing their school pride, to all the student council members, thank you, thank you, and thank you!

Information:

- Sharon Leamy who is heading up the grant writing committee for the parish, is looking for people to help with writing some school grants. This is an endeavor that requires some expertise, experience and time, as it is not an easy task. Mrs. Cronin will help organize this, so if you are interested, please contact her at (708) 447.2712 or [mcronin@ameritech.net](mailto:mcronin@ameritech.net) .

- With the money collected from “Labels for Education” we were able to acquire footballs, soccer balls, basketballs and rubber balls for the playground! Thanks for contributing, keep sending them in!
- St. Mary Yard Signs are available for \$20.00! Stop in or drop off a check made out to St. Mary School in an envelope marked ‘Lawn Sign.’ You will walk out of here ready to show your school spirit!
- CCW membership forms will be on our website. Please consider joining this wonderful organization. They are just rallying the troops again after a short hiatus, so they are looking for new members and new ideas! Please contact Mrs. Nikischer at (708) 447.5216 or [cindymmjn@yahoo.com](mailto:cindymmjn@yahoo.com) .
- Tax credit forms are available upon request in the school office, please call Mrs.Vrablik. Thank you for your patience with this.

#### Student news:

- Next week 2/6-2/10: Sixth grader, Grace Toriello, is raising donations and money for medicine and supplies to take to Guatemala. Her classmates want to help by selling lunch treats like - Strawberry flavored syrup ‘squirts’ into the white milk for \$0.25, juicy drinks for \$0.50, cookies/brownies (no nuts) \$0.50 cents, and cake pops with icing for \$1.00. All proceeds will be given to Mrs. Toriello to purchase medical/hygiene supplies for the mission in Guatemala.
- Congratulations are in order for more of our former students!
  - Saint Laurence High School sent us their honor roll list, and Nicholas Paneral made the A Honor Roll and Zach Marcolini and Frank Tonika made the B Honor Roll! What fine accolades to them and again to St. Mary School, that so many of our graduates go on to do so well in high school!
  - Immaculate Conception High School also has one of our alumnae on their High Honor Roll! Karla Ortiz seems to be doing very well, and for that she deserves to be recognized ... good job Karla for working so hard and doing so well!
  - St. Rita High School, another fine school our former students attend also has an alumna who achieved Silver Honors for his hard work! Congratulations go out to Raymond Tenorio for working hard and doing well!

Reminders:

- Family Dance tonight for grades Preschool thru 5<sup>th</sup> is from 6:30 to 8:00, children must be accompanied by an adult, and Jr. High students 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 9:30 will be required to check in at the Link doors.
- Remember, no school tomorrow!
- Spring Fundraiser is fast approaching, so keep your eyes and ears open for more information! Check out the website for information!
- Please remember no dogs are allowed on school property, friendly or not, no one is ever sure how a dog will react with so many people around.

So it is with sadness that I close this letter, as the week of excitement is over, but it is my hope that with all the efforts of everyone, we see our enrollment grow, and our worries disappear! God is good to all of us, and in our hard work, our commitment and our desire to be the best; I believe He will bestow on us a bounty like no other! He will lead families who want more for their children to find St. Mary School, so we must continue to have faith in who we are and what we do, I know I have enough faith in this school for all of us!

Enjoy the nice long weekend with your children, as they are truly blessings from heaven!

Peace,

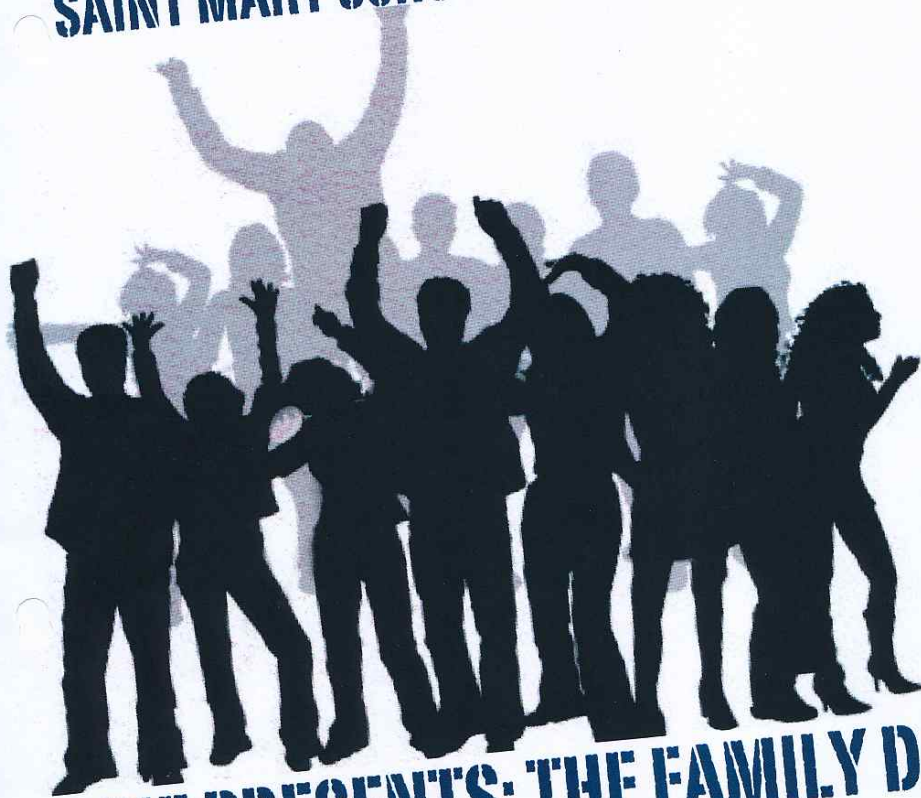
Ms. Diane M. Simonaitis

Principal

**St. Mary School  
Monthly Calendar**

- Feb.**
- 1 POLO playgroup 9:30 – 10:30 am
  - 2 PIE Family Dance Night  
Hot Dog Day
  - 3 No School
  - 4 First Reconciliation – 9:30 am & 11:00 am
  - 6 School Advisory Meeting, 7:00 pm
  - 8 Confirmation Practice 6:00 – 8:15 pm  
POLO playgroup 9:30 – 10:30 am
  - 11 Confirmation, 10:00 am & 2:00 pm Most Rev. John R. Manz
  - 14 Classroom St. Valentine Parties
  - 15 **Returning Family Registrations Due**  
Pizza Day  
PIE Meeting  
POLO playgroup 9:30 – 10:30 am
  - 16 **School Registration open to Parish Families**
  
  - \*17 **Teacher Institute Day Full Day – no school for students \*\* please note this change**  
Progress Reports on Edline
  
  - 18 Chess Tournament in Parish Center
  - 20 Presidents Day – No School
  - 22 All School Mass, (Ash Wednesday) 9:30 am (Parents please join us!)  
POLO playgroup 9:30 – 10:30 am
  - 23 Parent Coffee in Library 6:00 – 7:00 pm
  - 24 Stations of the Holy Cross, 1:30 pm
  - 28 First Communion Parent Meeting 7:30 pm Oak Room
  - 29 POLO playgroup 9:30 – 10:30 am

**SAINT MARY SCHOOL**



**PIE PRESENTS: THE FAMILY DANCE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012**

**PRE-K - 5TH GRADE 6:30 - ENDING PRECISELY @ 8:00 PM  
CHILD/CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

**6TH - 8TH GRADE 8:00 - 9:30 PM  
A PARENT /GUARDIAN MUST REGISTER HIS/HER CHILD UPON ENTERING THE DANCE  
NO CHILD WILL BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE DANCE  
UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN**

# calling all Scrapbookers

The St.Mary PIE  
is hosting

## SCRAP-A-PALUZA 2012

Friday February 24th, 2012

4-11pm

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Saturday February 25th, 2012

9a-11p

St.Mary Oak Room  
126 Herrick Road  
Riverside, IL 60546

Your 2 day event includes:

Individual 8' workstation  
Free use of Cricut cutting machine,  
Stamps, Punches, Cutters.

Dinner and snacks on Friday  
Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Snack,  
Dinner, Beverages, Dessert on Saturday

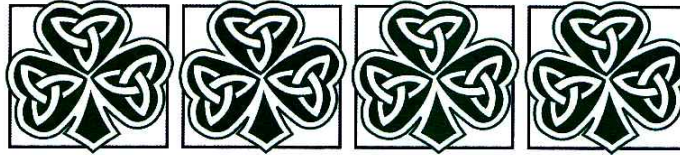
Door prizes *and* Free gift!

We will have vendors on hand from Stampin' Up  
with inventory available for purchase.

Friday & Saturday \$40

A very limited number of reservations accepted!

Call to reserve your space early!  
RSVP to Cathy Kaz (708) 485-5746



Saturday, March 3, 2012  
St. Patrick's Day Party

*Lig An Aimsir An Dea-Roll*  
...that's Gaelic for 'Let the Good Times Roll!'

St. Mary School's Annual Dinner and Auction  
Sponsor Form

Please consider being a sponsor for this event.  
A Family Sponsorship Banner will be hung in our Parish Center  
Gymnasium displaying each sponsor's name.

Platinum - \$1001 and above  
Gold - \$501 - \$1000  
Silver \$101 - \$500  
Bronze \$1 - \$100

Thank you for your support. St. Mary Auction Committee  
Tax I.D. #E9991-5154-06

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Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

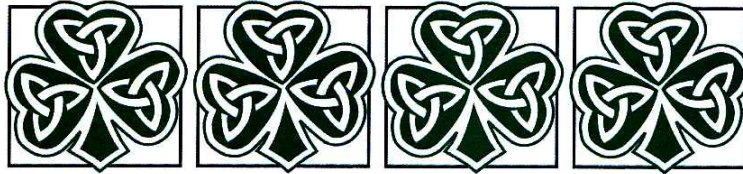
Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please return to Front Office in envelope marked "Auction"\*



St. Mary School's Annual Dinner and Auction  
March 3, 2012  
Auction/Raffle/Ad Banner Donor Form

Please contact Steffanie Woywod at [swoywod@comcast.net](mailto:swoywod@comcast.net) to donate an item, service or participate in the Ad Banner, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to call at 630-212-1874.

All donors will be recognized in the auction materials.

Name/Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Street name & number                    City                    State                    Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

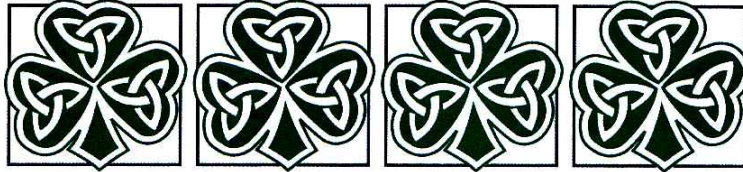
**Ad Banner:** \$100.00 or above flat donation.

The Ad Banner will hang in the St. Mary Parish Center Gymnasium for 6 months from the date of the event. It will display your company name and phone number.

\_\_\_\_\_ yes, I would like to donate by taking part in the St. Mary Ad Banner.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



St. Mary School's Annual Dinner and Auction  
March 3, 2012  
Auction/Raffle/Ad Banner Donor Form

Item or Service:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to donate an item or service to your raffle or auction.

Detailed description of item/service you wish to donate:

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Restrictions/Limitations/Expiration Date:

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Dollar Value of donations \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Steffanie Woywod will contact you to arrange the pickup of your donation. Please complete this form and include it with your item or service when it's picked up. We appreciate any and all donations. To make sure your donation is properly recognized, please return this form by February 23, 2012.

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**CCW**  
**St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women**  
**Empowered by Faith, United in Hope, Serving with Love**

Dear Ladies of St. Mary's Parish,

January 27, 2012

The CCW Board is ready to begin another exciting and inspirational year of events to engage the women of St. Mary's Parish. The purpose of St. Mary's CCW is to connect the women of the parish in activities that are spiritual, social, and philanthropic. These activities benefit our members, parish, school, and community. Future programs will be published in the Bell. Be sure to look for these announcements.

It is a privilege to continue the powerful tradition of St. Mary's CCW. In order to make our annual and ongoing projects, programs, and events successful, we need your wisdom and ideas, your enthusiasm and experience, and of course, your energy and time. We ask that you please join or continue your membership by filling out the form below and sending it in with your dues. Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

Debbie Jensen  
Cindy Ruska  
Maureen Colvin

Jennifer Pondel  
Cherrise Marcheschi

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Please make checks payable to St. Mary's CCW for \$20. Seniors over 65 are free. This membership form should be returned as soon as possible. The completed form with dues may be dropped in the collection basket, turned into the rectory, or mailed to:

Maureen Colvin 85 Akenside Rd, Riverside, IL 60546.

Remember, annual membership dues are tax-deductible

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Husband's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

We invite you to use this space to share your ideas, thoughts, an interest to help with any particular fundraiser, or to offer your services to be on the board. If you have any questions, call Debbie (708-442-5884) or Cindy (708-447-5216).