

IN & OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

St. Mary's offers a challenging, faith-centered curriculum that includes the core subjects of Language Arts, Mathematics, Reading, Religion, Science, Social Studies, and Spelling. Co-curriculars include Art, Band, Music, Physical Education, and Spanish, Library Media and Technology Applications.

A highly organized extra-curricular program provides opportunities for St. Mary students the joy of learning by doing. Our extra-curricular programs include:

- Athletics
- Forensics
- 6th Grade Safety Patrol
- School & Class Trips

COMMUNITY

Parent and community involvement benefits everyone, from students and staff to parents and community members. At St. Mary's, there are many opportunities to get involved—at home, in the classroom, and with co-curricular activities.

Several parent groups work to support and enhance the school community. These groups organize family events, provide financial resources to our school through fundraising, and share their time and talents through numerous volunteer experiences.

Education Commission. Works with the principal to develop, review, and revise school policies.

Home and School Organization. The primary function is fundraising to provide equipment and programs that would otherwise not be provided by tuition monies. ALL parents are welcome to attend the meetings.

Enrollment Management Committee.

Works to promote St. Mary School and to achieve and maintain student enrollments in grades preK-8. Meets monthly.

Athletic Association. Parents of athletes help with concessions, running the scoreboard, and keeping stats. Fundraising is done to purchase athletic equipment for the sports programs.

For more specific information about volunteering at St. Mary's, please refer to our Volunteer Handbook.



REGISTERING FOR SCHOOL

St. Mary School is currently enrolling students for the upcoming school year. St. Mary's provides a family-oriented, Christian learning environment, with a strong tradition of excellence.

TOURS & INFORMATION

The St. Mary's community would love to be part of your child's academic, social, and spiritual development. For more information, or to schedule a tour or a class visitation, please contact principal Jamie Hahn at (608) 742-4998, jamie.hahn@straphael.org.



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ABOUT ST. MARY'S

St. Mary School was founded in 1866 and is fully accredited by the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Association (WRISA).

FAST FACTS

Grades Served: Pre-K through 8
Enrollment: 140
Teaching Staff: 14
Support Staff: 6
Average Class Size: 13

WHY ST. MARY'S?

At St. Mary's, students, teachers, and parents work together to create a nurturing environment that fosters scholastic, social, and spiritual growth. By integrating our Catholic faith with quality learning experiences, St. Mary's assists students with developing the skills for becoming responsible members of our school, faith, and civic communities.

"It 'takes a village' to raise a child, and that is what St. Mary School is. It is a village made up of parents that are involved, teachers that care about all aspects of child development and students that treat each other with respect."

— St. Mary's Parent

Scholastic: The St. Mary's learning environment is exceptional. Our dedicated staff works very hard to provide a variety of challenging and exciting learning experiences for students.

- With a pre-K to 8 structure, our sense of community is strong and our families are very involved.
- Our average class size is 15—ideal for teaching and learning.
- The curriculum and instruction are both top-notch.
- Laptops are incorporated into daily instruction.
- A strong arts program is integrated into the overall curriculum.
- Students get to take Spanish beginning in grade school.
- An academic support system is in place to help meet the needs of all students; tutoring is often available during school hours.
- Our online “Churchwerks” program allows parents and students access to grades at any time.



Social: At St. Mary's, social and cultural development go hand-in-hand with academics in a supportive and family-like atmosphere. Students have many opportunities to live their faith as they study together, pray together, and reach out to assist others around them.

- Each child belongs to a buddy family with kids in every other grade; the older students act as mentors for the younger kids.
- Students can choose from a wide range of co-curricular activities, from band to forensics.
- Organized athletics start in grade 5, giving students early access to quality coaching, and a strong foundation of fundamentals, teamwork, and sportsmanship.
- Opportunities for artistic performance and public speaking are offered throughout the year, helping to building confidence and communication skills.

Spiritual: Spirituality is the common thread that ties everything together and forms the foundation for a lifetime of personal growth.

- Students benefit from having a priest in the classroom, and from being actively involved in weekly mass.
- The spiritual lessons students learn reinforce the academic, social, and behavioral lessons presented at home and in the classroom.

HISTORY OF ST. MARY'S

In 1831, Dominican missionary Father Samuel Mazzuchelli held the first Catholic mass in Portage. The first church, a small log cabin with a cross on the top, was built in 1833.

In 1866, two Sinsinawa Dominican sisters arrived to begin a school. Over the years, the parish has remained committed to maintaining a school and building on its tradition of excellence.

Parishioners have been willing to convert existing space to accommodate more students, to build a new facility, to hire an all lay staff, and to add new programs to maintain the excellent reputation of the school.