



First Annual Sportsman's Banquet

The first annual Sportsman's Banquet for St. Mary School was an overwhelming success, uniting parishioners, school families, and community supporters for an evening of fellowship, food, and fun. Attendance exceeded expectations, and the event raised significant funds to support St. Mary School's mission and student programming. Guests enjoyed a hearty, wild-game inspired meal, lively conversation, and exciting raffles and auctions throughout the night.

A highlight of the evening was the ten gun raffle, generously sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, which generated great enthusiasm and strong participation. The gun raffle sold out and the Knights presented the school with a check for \$16,000 as a result! There were even state level representatives of the Knights of Columbus in attendance as our local chapter was being recognized for its generosity in support of our community.

The keynote address by Bishop Walsh inspired all with a message about the beauty of the outdoors, encouraging attendees to seek peace in nature and to appreciate the beautiful gift that it is. With such a successful debut, having raised over \$50,000, the Sportsman's Banquet has established a strong foundation to become a beloved annual tradition at St. Mary School.



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Upcoming Events

St. Patrick's Dinner
MARCH 15TH

Fish Fry
MARCH 20TH

Spring Break
MARCH 26TH-APRIL 6TH

Open House
APRIL 14TH 5:30PM

Book Fair
APRIL 24TH-MAY 1ST

Spring Musical & Art Show
APRIL 29TH

School Picnic
JUNE 4TH

We Had A Holly, Jolly Christmas!

This year's annual Christmas program was a beautiful reminder of why Christmas plays remain such a beloved tradition in Catholic schools. Our talented students reenacted the story of several shepherds distracted by the obstacles of the world: electronics, food, worry, and busyness. It is easy to miss the miracles right in front of us when our focus drifts away from what truly matters. Our students learned how to improvise with their own quirks and humor to really grab the audience's attention.

The evening also held a few special surprises from Mrs. Anderson. The first was the use of her decades-old scenery and props from her own Catholic school days. The second was inviting several St. Mary alumni to join the stage for the final song, along with a string quartet that included some of our own students, all of whom had been working with Mrs. Anderson in secret.

Together, our current students and past graduates made the most perfect finale to a beautiful 2025!



Catholic Schools Week Highlights

It's been a long, cold winter and just like every year, Catholic Schools Week was once again a highlight of the school year with a week of fun and memory-making for our students and families. Thank you for continuing to support our students, our school, and the mission of Catholic education.



CSW kicked off with a student mass, led by our St. Mary student choir, and pancake breakfast. The week was full of fun, with theme days, including pajama day, color day, and dress like a teacher day, to name a few. Students also enjoyed pairing up for Buddy Olympics and an intense game of basketball, where the staff came out on top against the students!



We Are Guardians

The Guardians' have completed their 2nd annual Fall and Winter sport seasons.

The Cross Country season came to an end at the MHSAA Middle School Cross Country Zone 7 Regional in Mancelona.

The race was held on October 18th, 2025. All athletes ran one of their best times for the season.

The Boys Basketball season was completed on December 16th, 2025 against Boyne Falls. The team walked away in victory defeating the Loggers 36-9.

Congratulations to all of our 6-8th runners and basketball players who represented our school so far this year. These sport programs would not be possible without the leadership and dedication from our coaches, Hayley Spears (head cross country coach), Edward Bartoszewski (head boys basketball coach), and Hunter Ansell (assistant boys basketball coach). Thank you, coaches!

Coming this spring, we have the boys and girls 6-8th grade track and field team. An information night will be held on Wednesday, March 18th 2026. This program is available to St. Mary School and homeschool students. Track and field season will be held April-May.

Go Guardians!

