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**School Newsletter - August 9, 2024**

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# NEWS & UPDATES

**August 14: NO MASS, No Formal Uniform, 31 Days of Adoration Begins**  
**August 15: Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - FORMAL UNIFORMS**  
**August 24: St. Mary Golf Outing**

Dear St. Mary Families,

This week has been an amazing start to the school year! We are so happy to welcome our school families back and a special welcome to our new families! We hope that your children enjoyed the first short week of school and are ready to return next week!

We are sending home tuition statements today to most families. If you have not sent in your 1040 tax return for Choice or SGO scholarships, please do so as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact the office. The PowerSchool logins for parents will be going home next Friday. Please check your student's Friday folders every week for important information from either the teachers or the office. In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus helps us understand better the gift he gives us in the Eucharist. We see bread and wine when we offer our gifts at the Mass. But Jesus helps us see beyond these appearances. Our faith in Jesus leads us to believe that the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus, given to us so that we may have eternal life.

I pray that all of you have a wonderful weekend!

God Bless,  
Mrs. Pam Wells  
Principal

**Our School Mission Statement**

St. Mary's Catholic School and PreSchool is Christ-centered, emphasizing spiritual values rooted in the Catholic faith.

- BELIEVING in Jesus Christ.
- ACHIEVING academic excellence.
- INSPIRING service, personal growth, and responsibility



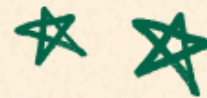
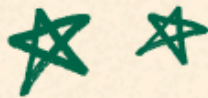
## St. Mary's Theme for 2023-24

The Eucharist is the Cornerstone, and  
we are Building the Framework!



**SMS PTO Facebook Page**

# FAITH IN ACTION SPIRIT WEAR DAYS



8/22, 9/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/19,  
1/23, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, and 5/15

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*Wear SMS spirit wear and jeans on these  
days! Any student not wearing SMS spirit  
wear must wear their regular school uniform.*

## 250 Club!

Don't forget to renew or purchase your 250 Club tickets! The \$500 drawing is coming up! There is still time to enter! Once you are entered, you will be eligible for every drawing each month!

## Purpose

The 250 Club is fundraiser supporting the school community. It seeks to replace many smaller fundraisers with an ongoing event that requires little effort. This allows the school to focus more on education, than on fundraising throughout the year. Greater participation in the 250 Club will eliminate small fundraisers and provide more resources for our school.

St. Mary Catholic School began in 1868 with the classes run by the Sisters of St. Francis and Father McMullen. School was held in the sacristy of the church where the boys were taught separately from the girls. In 1888, a small two-story frame school was erected next to the church with the Sisters living in the lower half and teaching in the upper rooms. In 1925, a multi-story brick school building was erected. The most recent history of the school included the addition of the new annex in 1958, made possible by a bequest from Mary A. McCoy.

## How the Club Works!

The 250 Club is a monthly drawing where you have four chances per month to be a winner, plus four quarterly bonus drawings. \$250.00 is awarded to four members that are drawn from the pool of all members.

### Monthly prizes are awarded to four winning numbers:

- First number drawn - \$100
- Second number drawn - \$75
- Third number drawn - \$50
- Fourth number drawn - \$25

### PLUS Quarterly Prizes

- September - \$500
- December - \$250
- March - \$250
- June - \$250

The first drawing takes place in September, at the Fall Festival.

After the monthly drawing, all of the winning numbers are returned to the pool for next month's drawing.

Each member will be assigned a membership number for the year. Joint memberships are welcomed.

## Yes, I want to join the 250 Club!

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

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Please forward this raffle ticket and payment of **\$50.00** payable to St. Mary Catholic School 250 Club to the following address:

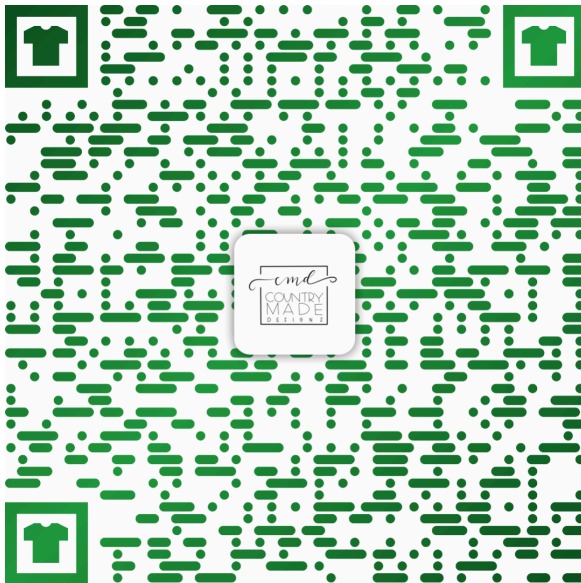
**St. Mary Catholic School**  
226 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rushville, Indiana 46173  
765-932-3639

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call **765-932-3639**

250 Club

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*Must be 18 years old to purchase a membership or win the prize.*



## SMS Spirit Wear

Use the QR Code or the link to purchase new spirit wear! There are new items added this year! Orders are made to order. No stock items.

## Spirit Wear by Country Made Designs

# Meet the New Teacher!

## Brian Bess, Gym Teacher

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Brian Bess is a native of Rush County and has been a member of St. Mary Catholic Church for over 30 years.



He has been married to his wife Holly for nearly 40 years and he has two daughters, Kelsey Gray and Alexa Welborn. He has three grandchildren—Huck, Tesslie, and Bear—with another grandchild, Baby Gray, due in January.

Brian has had a 40-year banking career, with 25 years at Citizens State Bank before retiring in 2018. In his free time, Brian enjoys golfing.

# Meet the New Art Teacher!

Hello. My name is Larissa Carson. I was born and raised on a farm in your neighboring county, in Connersville, IN. Directly out of high school, I attended Anderson University for four years, where I graduated with a Bachelor's in Family Science and a Complementary Major in Fine Arts in 2014. Since graduation, I have had a variety of titles and job descriptions, which have molded me into the person that I am today.



In 2017, I married my husband Adam Carson and we have two sons, Nelson and Owen. I worked for a while after my first son was born, but as a family, we decided that it was in our best interest that I became a stay-at-home mom with Nelson. About a year after our second son Owen was born I decided that I needed some adult interactions, outside of our home and contemplated looking for a part-time job. At that time, an old art teacher of mine reached out to me and told me that Saint Gabriel Catholic School was in need of an art teacher, and she thought I would be a great fit for the position. I wasn't convinced, but it is truly amazing how God has paved the road to where I am today. I am going into my fourth year at Saint Gabriel Catholic School and I am excited to be given the opportunity to teach your child(ren), at Saint Mary Catholic School this year.

As I step into the position of the new art teacher at Saint Mary Catholic School, I would just like to say that I am thankful for this opportunity. I am passionate about Art and I hope to inspire the students at Saint Mary Catholic School to be the best artists that they can be. I am looking forward to getting to know each one of my students, and to being a part of this wonderful community.

# Faith in Action

Our first Faith in Action is the week of August 19th! See below for all the details!

## FAITH IN ACTION



### CHANGING FOOTPRINTS

- Donate gently used shoes
- New socks
- Boots, cleats, sandals



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL  
FIRST GRADE CLASS



**AUG.  
22  
WEAR  
SPIRIT  
WEAR!**

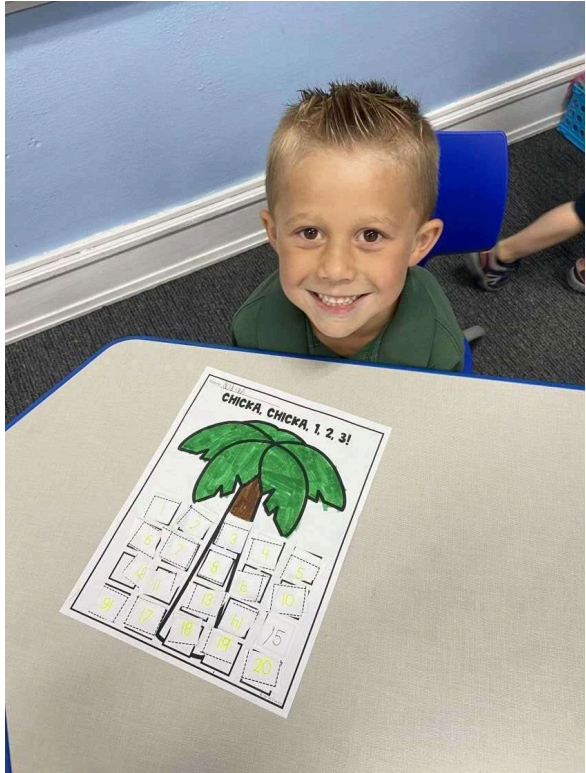
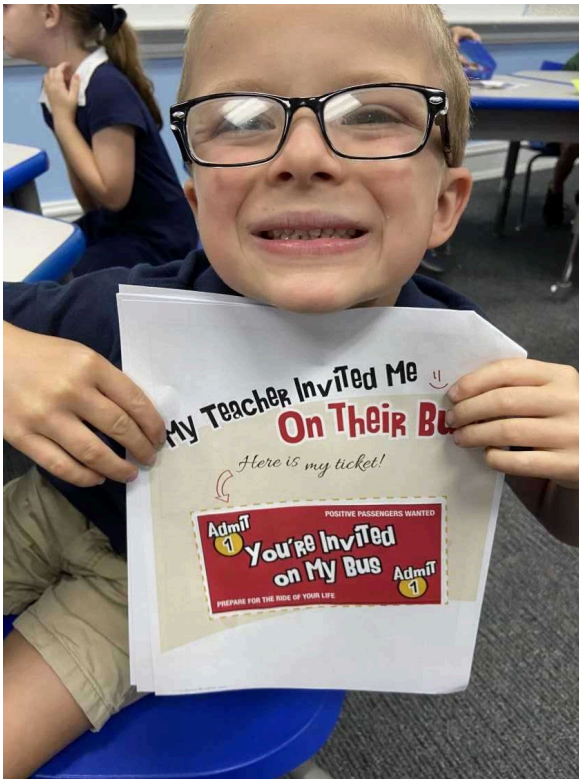
**GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THEM, AND DO SO WITHOUT A GRUDGING HEART; THEN BECAUSE OF THIS THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BLESS YOU IN ALL YOUR WORK AND IN EVERYTHING YOU DO.  
DUETERONOMY 15:10**

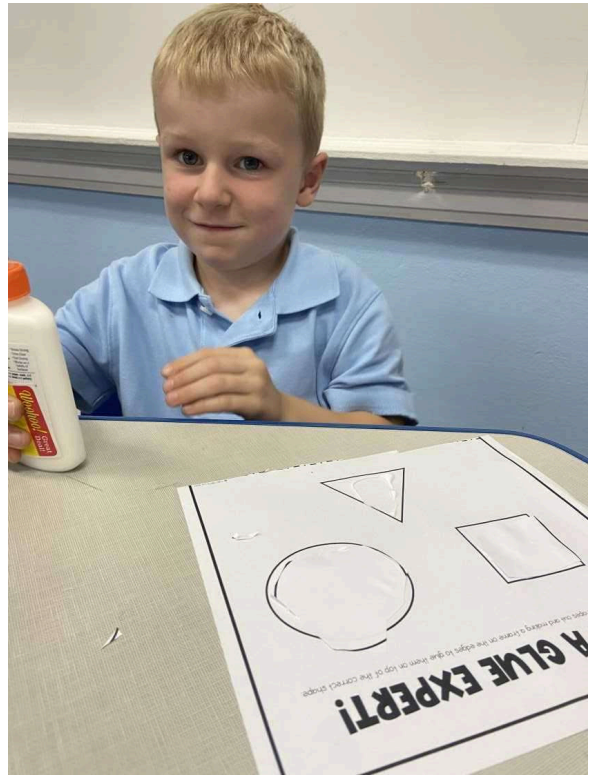
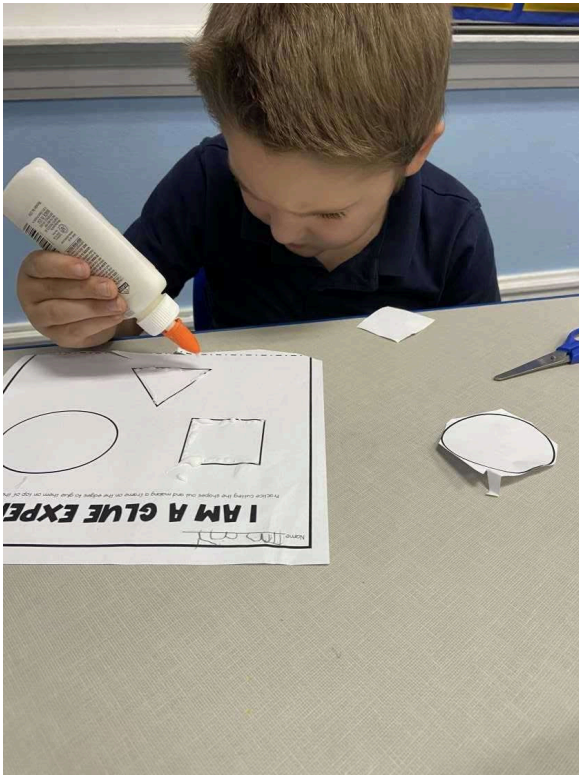


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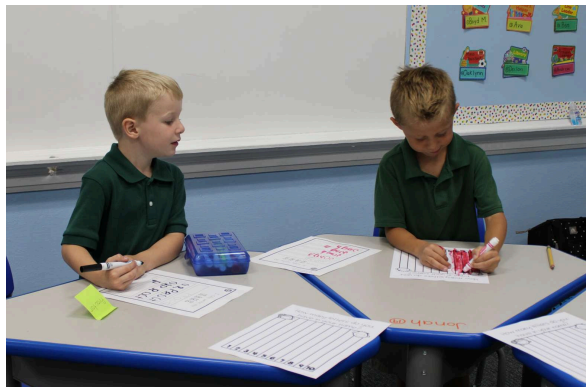


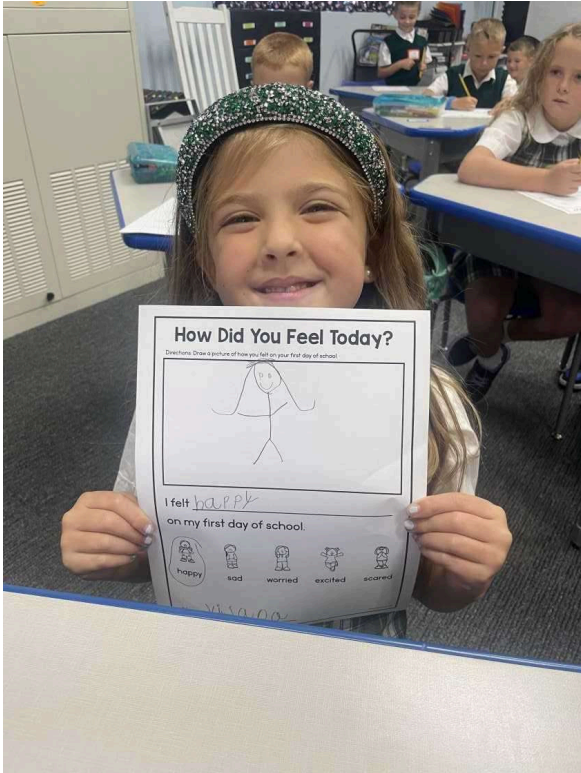
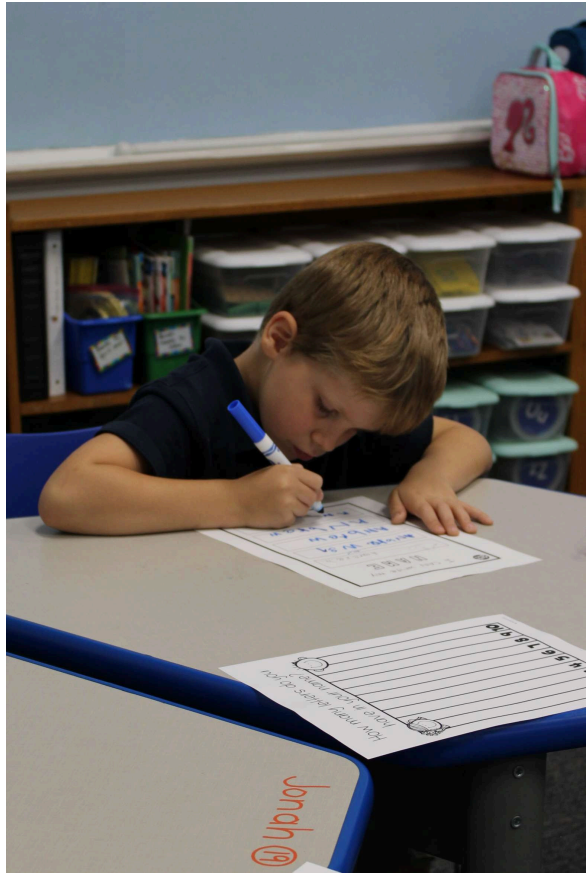




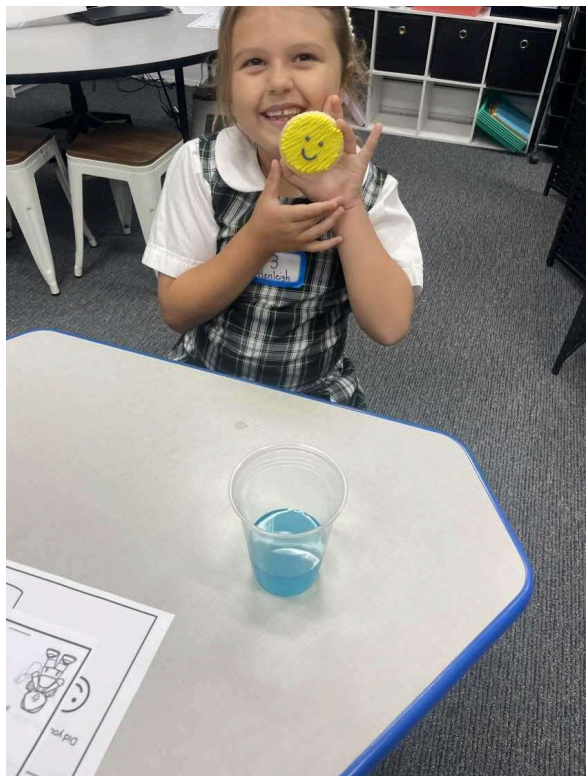
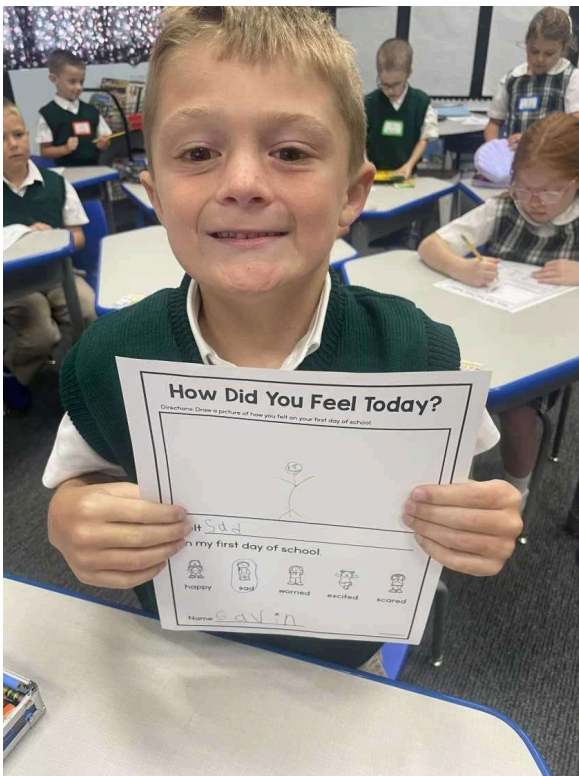
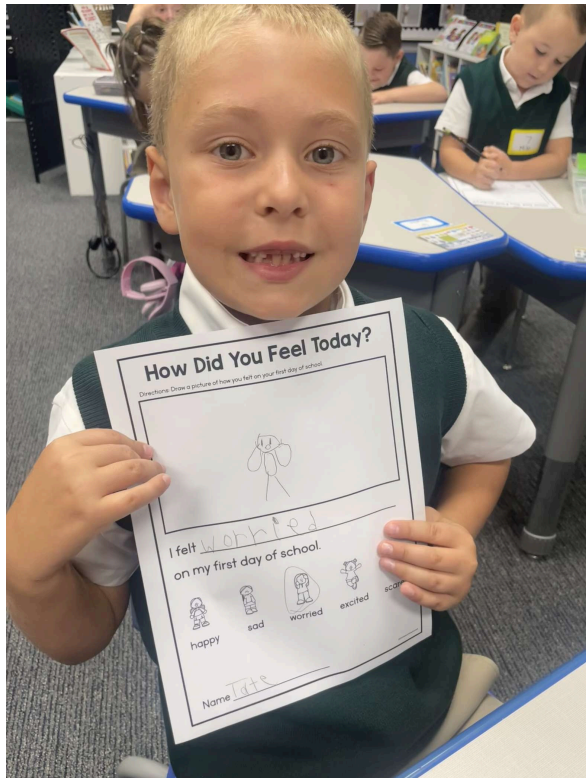
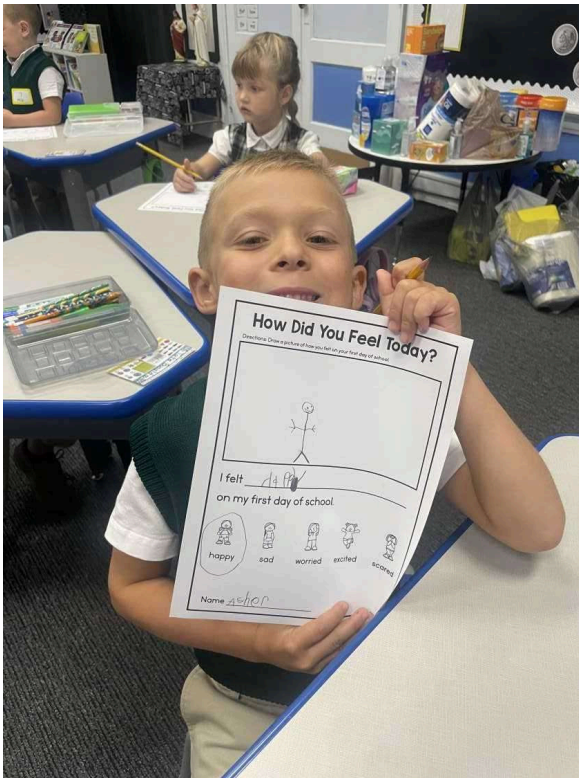


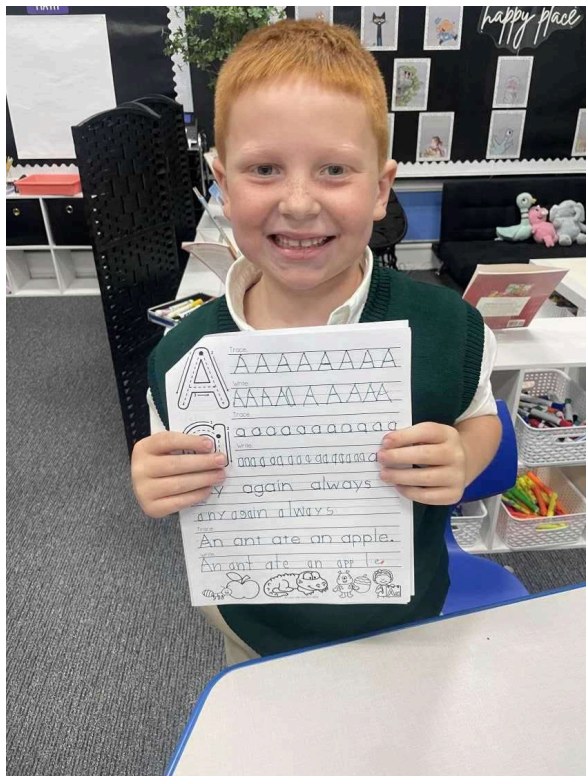
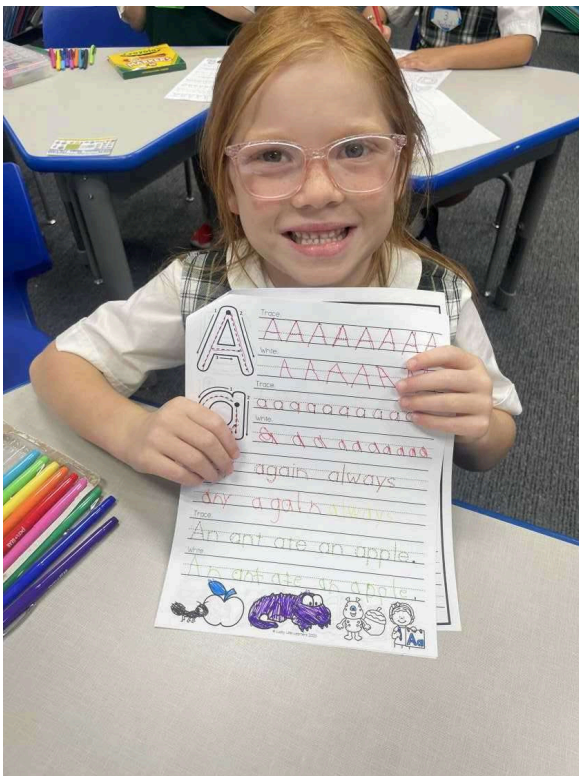
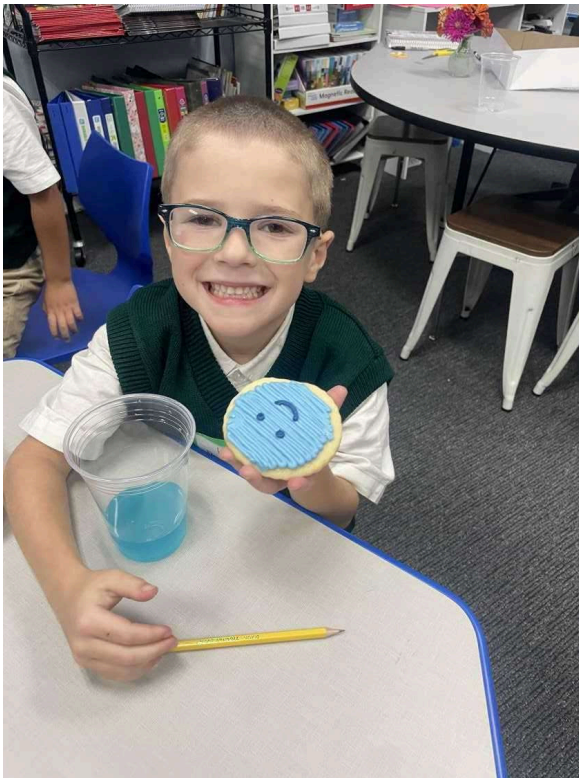


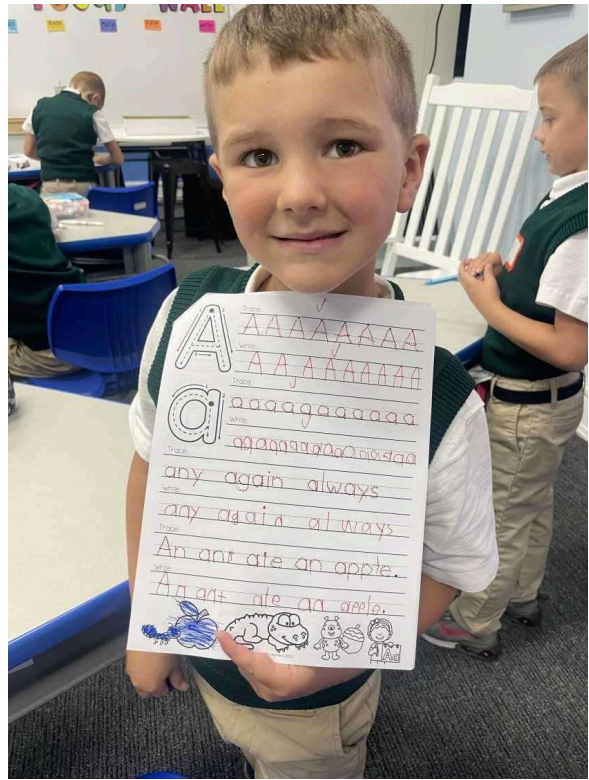






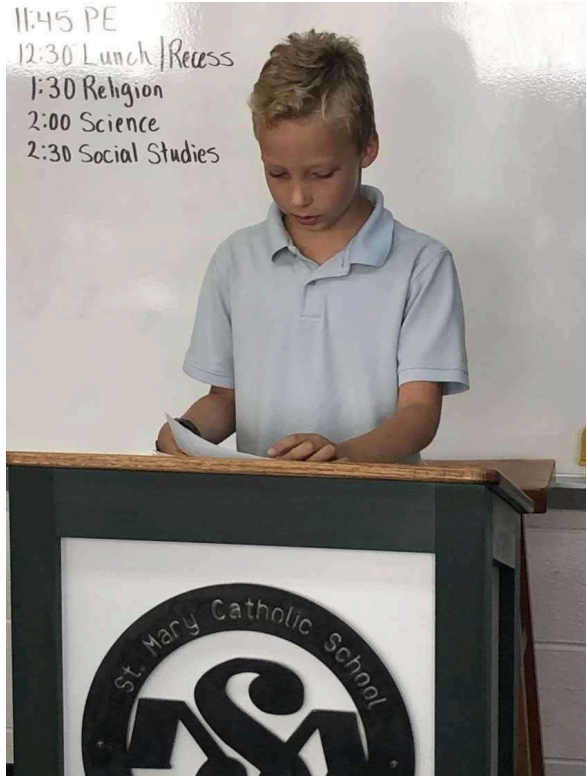


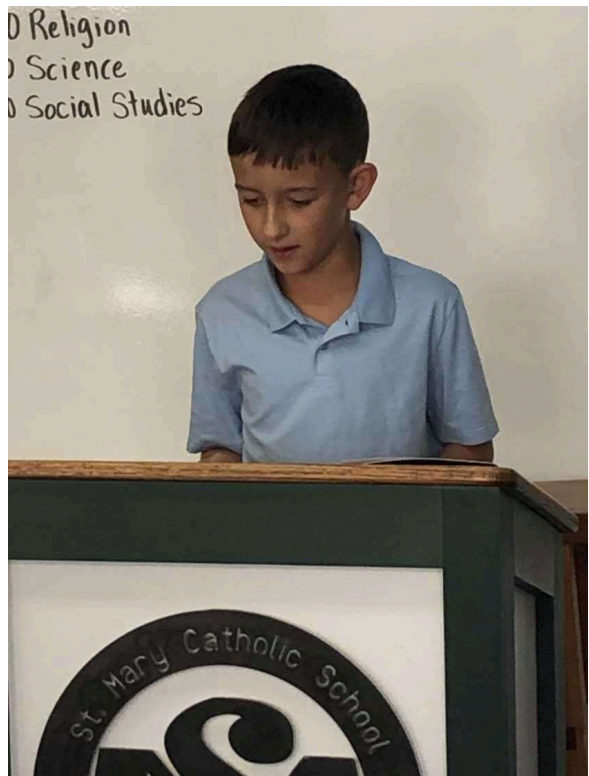
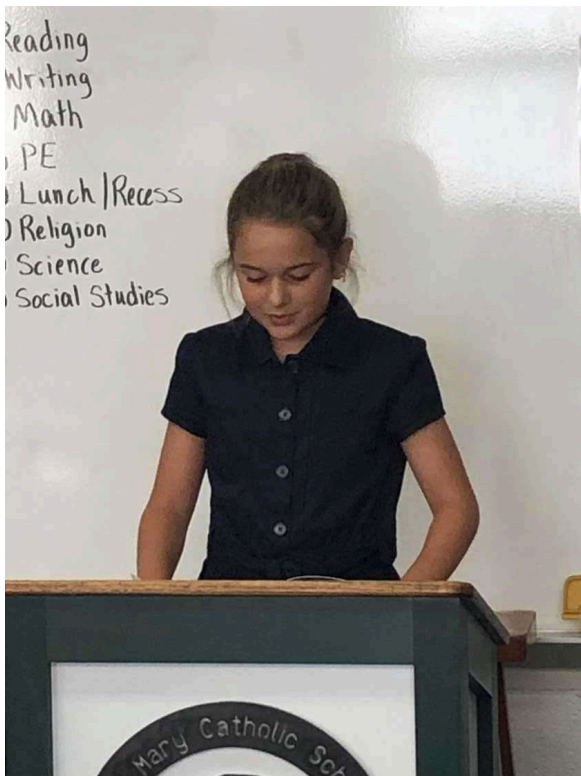


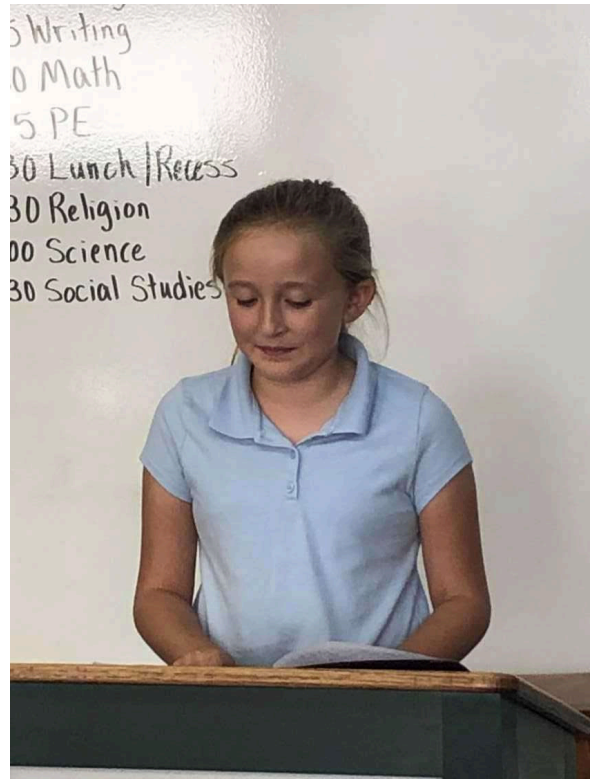
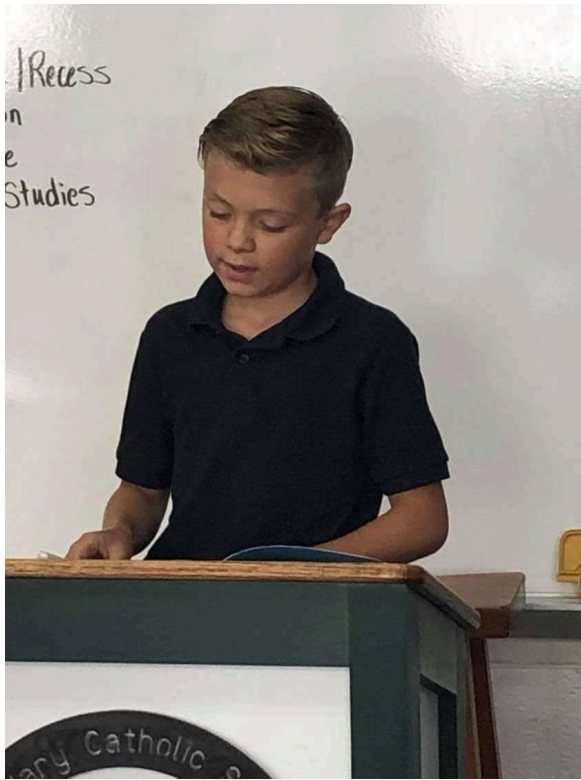
















## Ongoing Fundraisers

- 250 Club
- BoxTops for Education
- Kroger - register online at [kroger.com](http://kroger.com), our number is **XJ640**
- Amazon Smile - [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

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