



St. Mary's Parish Fiesta  
 Sept. 15, 16, & 17  
 Come join the fun!  
 Help is still needed! Call the  
 parish office. 824-8178

Please send what you've collected by Oct 1.  
 Then start again for the spring. Thanks!



**\*\*\*Attention: At 11:30 dismissal on Friday, Sept. 15, North Alley car line will move to the gravel lot at the corner of Adams & Washington. Details on page 2.**

**THS Homecoming Parade**  
 St. Mary's will be in the parade Wed., Sept. 13. If you'd like to walk with the school group, meet at the fairgrounds by 5:15. Just walk along the line until you find us. The parade ends after circling the square.

Please bring candy to throw. Wear St. Mary's shirts. There are some adult sizes in the uniforms room. If you want, make signs supporting the Tornadoes! Strollers are welcome.



# ST. MARY SCHOOL

## FAMILY NOTES

September 11, 2017

### Children's Masses

Tues., Sept. 12, at 10:30, **Gr. 5** travels to Taylorville Estates to celebrate Mass with the residents.  
 Thurs., Sept. 14, 9:00, Grade 3 will lead this Mass.

**\*\*\*This Friday, Sept. 15\*\*\*  
 11:30 Dismissal**

We dismiss early for our annual Faculty Retreat.

**After Care is not offered on Friday, Sept. 15 or on any 11:30 dismissal day.**

**No bus service at 11:30 dismissal on Friday, Sept. 15.**

**Also Note:**

**No p.m. bus service on Monday, Sept. 18.** Public schools dismiss early that day, but St. Mary's will have a full day of school ending at 3:00. After Care will be offered. A.M. buses will run as usual.

**No Preschool Friday, Sept. 15, and Monday, Sept. 18 because of Fiesta work and traffic.**

### Blue Jeans Day

On **Fri., Sept. 29**, students may wear blue jeans with either a uniform shirt or any St. Mary's School t-shirt. **Jeans must be blue denim with no holes.**

Full length blue jeans only. Jean shorts are **not** allowed as it is very difficult to monitor length. If students wish to wear shorts on Jeans Days in Sept. and Oct., since shorts are an accepted part of the uniform at that time, they may wear **uniform shorts** with a school t-shirt - but no jean shorts will be allowed. Athletic shoes are required as always.

Blue Jeans Day will be held about once a month from September through April. It is optional; students not participating in Jeans Day must come to school in uniform.

Thank you to our Booster Club which pays for all our students to participate in Jeans Day!

### Jeans Days

Sept. 29 Jan. 26  
 Oct. 20 Feb. 23  
 Nov. 17 March 16  
 Dec. 22

**Living Rosary** - Students in grades 2-5 will take part in a Living Rosary on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 2:15 in the church. Kindergarteners and first graders will attend and pray along as we honor the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Please join us for this traditional prayer to our mother Mary.



### Partners in Education

Our Partners in Education (PIE) assist St. Mary's School by making annual financial donations that sponsor classrooms or special programs. Classrooms—preschool - 6th grade—can be sponsored for \$500 a year. Special programs, like library, art, or music, are sponsored for \$1000 a year. These funds are used to purchase equipment, make updates, and pay costs associated with that grade or program.

As a donor, you would be recognized on signage outside the room you sponsor. The students would pray for you through petitions read at the Children's Mass. You would be invited to attend Masses and special events at St. Mary's School, including a reception for PIE sponsors. At this reception, you will be treated to a slide show that illustrates how sponsorships benefits our students, you'll tour the school to see the children hard at work, and you'll enjoy a slice of homemade pie baked especially for you. If you, a family member, or business would like to become a PIE sponsor, please contact Mrs. Robertson.

St. Mary's Teachers Relay for Life Team will host a raffle fundraiser. Students will view all the goodies being raffled. Chances will be sold Mon., Sept. 25—Fri., Sept. 29. Drawings will be Friday afternoon.  
Lots of winners!  
50 cents per chance. No limit!



### Car Line Changes for Friday

On Fri., Sept. 15, school will dismiss at 11:30. **NORTH ALLEY CARS** will need to move to the gravel lot at the corner of Adams and Washington to pick up students. Tents and stands set up for Fiesta will block the North Alley. I will be there at 11:20 to direct traffic. As you pull into the lot, I ask that you drive south and turn to the left. The first car into the lot should drive all the way around the loop going counterclockwise and park as close to the entrance as possible without blocking it. The rest of the line can pull in behind until the lot is filled. The teachers will bring the children over at 11:30 & we will load the cars that are in the lot. Stay in a loop. If you pull into a parking space you will be blocked in. After all the cars in the lot are filled, I'll start the first car in line toward the exit. Once all these cars leave the lot, vehicles waiting in the street can pull in. When all these cars stop, the children will load up. Cars waiting to get into the lot should be on Adams St. facing east. Pull to the side of the street & please do not block driveways or intersections. We will make every effort to move the line as quickly as possible, but our first concern is the safety of your children.  
***South alley car line will run as usual.***

### Picture Day

#### Monday, October 2



This is a non-uniform day. Please consult the student handbook at [www.st-maryschool.com](http://www.st-maryschool.com) for appropriate dress on non-uniform days.

Order forms are in backpack mail today.

Please let me know if you've signed up for automatic debits for your church giving. This counts as a credit for all new participants.

**Remember:** Only solid white, black or navy blue socks are allowed. No stripes, logos, or other visible designs.



**It's that time of year...** Unfortunately, the spread of head lice is a problem that schools continually face. Be diligent in checking your child's hair for signs of lice. Scratching is a tell-tale sign, but investigate further. If you detect lice, administer an over-the-counter product before sending the child back to school and notify me.

### Coming Events...

- \*Homecoming Parade—Wed., Sept. 13, 5:30 start
- \*11:30 dismissal—Friday, Sept. 15—Faculty Retreat
- \*St. Mary's Fiesta—Sept. 15-17!
- \*Midterm grades for Gr. 3-6—Wed., Sept. 20
- \*Walk for Life, Sat., Sept. 23,
- \*Relay for Life Raffle sale begins, Mon. Sept. 25
- \*St. Mary's Day at Indian Knoll Pumpkin Farm, Sun., Oct. 1
- \*Picture Day— Monday, Oct. 2
- \*St. Mary's Night at Florinda's—Wed., Oct. 4
- \*Preschool dismisses at 11:00 a.m. - Oct. 5 & 6
- \*Board of Education—Thurs., Oct. 5, 6:00, library
- \*Eucharistic Adoration—Fri., Oct. 6—church
- \*Living Rosary—Wed., Oct. 11, 2:15 in church

### St. Mary's Day at Indian Knolls Farm

Sunday, October 1  
2850 N. 1000 E. Rd.

Mechanicsburg, IL 62545

The Bliler Family will donate a portion of the proceeds from sales of pumpkins, gourds and squash to our school on this day! It's a great family day!

