



Prayer to End a School Year
God of wisdom,
we thank you
for all the gifts you have given us
throughout this school year.
We praise you for giving us life,
for saving us in Christ,
and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year,
we voice our gratitude
for the good things you have done in us,
and we praise you for all who have shared
in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love
and give them refreshment and peace.
We praise you, God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

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May 21, 2021

Dear St. Mary's Families,

As we enter our final week of school, I would like to thank you for all that you have done this year to support your child, our students, our faculty and staff, and our entire school community. **It has been a Challenging year in many ways, but also a year filled with tremendous grace and blessings.** As a school community we rose to each challenge with love, courage, and hard work. I would like to thank our incredible St. Mary's faculty and staff who have loved, nurtured, and encouraged our students with extra compassion and support while never lowering our high standards for instruction and faith formation. In a school year filled with uncertainty, the dedication and love we have for our students, families, and each other has never wavered. The days are long and the years are short when you are raising a child, St. Mary's is proud to be a part of your child's life.

Please join us for our final **School Mass of the school year next Thursday, May 27th starting at 8:30 a.m.** Please note the change in time from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. In addition to celebrating Mass as a school community before summer officially begins, we will also celebrate our Kindergarten – 5th Grade students following Mass with our annual Awards Ceremony. School dismisses at Noon on Thursday, but you are able to sign your child out of the office if you would like to take them with you after Mass. Reserved areas for our students will be marked and parents and grandparents are welcome to sit on the east side of the sanctuary behind Pre-K, on the west side of the sanctuary across the aisle from 5th grade, and in the rear 4-5 pews on each side of the main sanctuary.

Speaking of the end of the school year, [please make sure your child's lunch balance has been paid in full](#). Grade cards and awards/certificates will not be released until school balances are paid in full. No student may participate in any summer program (such as summer school) until lunch balances and other fees are paid in full. Miss Amy emails a lunch balance through Easy Apps every week of the school year, and additional notifications of outstanding balances are also sent home in Communicator Envelopes each week. Your prompt payment not only will allow your child to participate in Summer Fun 2021 and get his or her end of year awards and report cards, but also allow the school office to close out lunch accounts for the school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school office, 623-1465.

Summer is getting closer and that means VBS is getting closer, too! [Rocky Railway](#) is the theme for VBS 2021 being hosted by Sacred Heart Church in Webb City July 12th – 15th. Contact your parish office for more information!



SAVE THE DATE!!
Joplin Area Catholic Churches VBS 2021
July 12, 2021 through July 15, 2021
6:00pm to 8:30pm
Sacred Heart Church, Webb City
If you would like to volunteer
Let your church office know.
Becky Bertonicino 417 529-5324

Thank you to the families who have completed enrollment for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year! St. Mary's continues our exciting growth in enrollment and getting your child's

enrollment completed ensures their spot in his or her class. I ask you to complete online enrollment as soon as possible for these and other reasons, all of which help us plan for another great year at St. Mary's! If you would like more information about scholarship information and/or continued Covid-19 aid, more information can be found on the JACS website, www.jacss.org. To complete the online reenrollment process visit the JACS website as well. If you have any questions about enrollment, please call Marla Testerman in the JACS Business Office at 624-5003 or the St. Mary's School office at 623-1465. We are happy to help your family in any way that we are able!

The McAuley cheerleaders are holding a [Junior Cheer Camp June 15th – 18th](#) from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. each evening. The Hollywood themed cheer camp is open to children 3-years old to Middle School and is sure to be a fun experience. Registration closes on June 1st, so register soon. More information is attached to this newsletter, you may also email Coach Parrigon at MadisonParrigon@gmail.com with any questions you might have.

Speaking of great sports camps for St. Mary's students, the McAuley High School volleyball coaches and athletes are hosting an [elementary skills-based volleyball camp](#) on July 7th and 8th from 9:30 a.m. to Noon. The camp is open to incoming 1st – 6th graders and the \$40 fee includes a volleyball camp t-shirt. Please register by June 13th to be guaranteed a camp t-shirt. More information and a registration form are attached to this email.

[It may only be May, but the JACS Booster Club is already thinking of fall mums!](#) Last fall the JACS Booster Club sold beautiful mums as a fund raiser and due to the overwhelming success of the event, orders are now being taken to ensure availability in the fall. The large, potted mums are \$20 each and are available in 6 different color varieties. Please contact Ryan Taffner (417-439-9750) or Kyra Reichardt (620-674-1506) for more information and to get your order placed now. All funds raised with the fall mum sales supports school athletic events which includes equipment, uniforms, referees, and much more. Thank you for your support, your fall pumpkins will be happy to hang out with beautiful mums next fall!

God bless and take care,
Joanne Lown
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[Important Dates to Remember:](#)

Tuesday, May 25th

4th Grade Field Trip to GW Carver, leaving school at 9:20 a.m.

Kindergarten Park Day, leaving school at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 26th

Pre-K Graduation Ceremony, 6:00 p.m.

Early Learners & Preschool Field Trip to Ocean Adventures, leaving school at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 27th

Last Day of School!

School Mass followed by K-5th Grade Awards starting at 8:30 a.m.

Noon Dismissal

No After School Care