

THE ORBITER

"Encourage one another & build each other up" – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Pope Leo XIV

Congratulations to Pope Leo XIV, our new Holy Father, on his election! May God bless him with wisdom, strength, and the grace to guide the Catholic Church with compassion and justice.



Written by: Annie McGrail
May has been a crazy month filled with laughter, reminiscing on fun times, and celebrating our amazing students! This month we celebrated Mother Mary as well as all of our Mother's, 2nd Grade students received First Holy Communion, Track and Field and Volleyball had their end of year banquet, we witnessed the unveiling of our new Pope, Pope Leo XIV, we had our Pre-K and 8th Grade graduation, our Spring Concert, and the last week of school was filled with celebration and fun! We hope everyone has an amazing summer and we can't wait to see you all again in August!

Rockets of the Month

Congratulations to the May Rockets of the month, Owen Berberich and Jacob Smith!

Upcoming Important Dates

- **June 7th** - Deacon Levi James Ordination
- **June 8th** - Father Levi James First Mass at St. Mary's
- **June 10th** - Adult Education Starts
- **June 12th-19th** - Wabash County Fair Week
- **July 30th - August 2nd** - Ag Days
- **August 12th** - New Student Orientation
- **August 12th** - Open House/Meet Your Teacher
- **August 12th** - Back to School Cookout
- **August 14th** - First Day of School



May - The Month of Mary

May is traditionally the month of Mary, a time dedicated to special devotion and honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This encourages reflection on Mary's role as the Mother of God and deepens our faith and relationship with God through her intercession.

During this month, we have a May Crowning, which is a tradition that honors Mary, the Mother of Jesus. This is a small special ceremony where a crown of flowers is placed on the statues/images of Mary. It's a way to recognize Mary's role as Queen of Heaven and to express devotion and gratitude for her motherhood.



MOTHER'S DAY



Kindergarten made some beautiful pictures for their moms to let them know how much they love them!

5th Grade made beautiful bouquets of flowers for their moms!

6th Grade made coupon books for their moms! Back rubs, quiet time, playing outside, and breakfast in bed were a few of the most common coupons!



HAPPY
Mother's Day

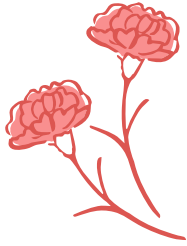
Mother's Day

Preschool had their annual "Morning with mom" event to thank their moms for all they do!



Mother's Day

First Graders wrote their moms the sweetest letters for Mothers Day!



Dear Mom,
In my opinion I think you are the best Mom! I will tell three reasons why. First, you are cute. Next, you are a good best. I love you. That is why you are the best Mom!
Love, Wylie

Dear mom,
In my opinion I will tell you three reasons why you are the best mom. First, you are a good mom. Next, you let me help you do the dishes. Last, you let me play. That is why you are the best mom.
Love, Thalia

Dear Mom,
In my opinion I think you are the best mom. I will tell you three reasons why you are the best mom. First, is because you are sweet. Next, is because you are fun. Last, is because you take us to fun places. That is why you are the best mom!
Love, Aurora

Dear Mom,
In my opinion I think you are the best Mom. First, is because you cook delicious food. Next, is because you are grateful. Last, is because you are good. That is why you are the best Mom.
Love, Dean

Dear Mom,
In my opinion you are the best Mom. I will tell you three reasons why you are the best Mom. First, I love your hugs. Next, you let me help you do the dishes. Last, I love you. That is why you are the best Mom!
Love, Nolan



Dear Mom,
In my opinion I think you are the best Mom. I will tell you three reasons why you are the best. First, you give us lots of candy. Next, you let me do dishes and I like that. Last, you help us. That is why you are the best. I love you.
Love, Sadie

Dear Mom,
In my opinion you are the best mom. I will tell you three reasons why I love you. Next, you are the best. Last, you are a fun mom to be with. I love you.
Love, Luke





Sports

Track and Field



JV Track and Field Awards:

Drew Naas - MVP

Elin Swanson - MVP

Varsity Track and Field Awards:

Cate Pyatt - MVP

Ryland Houchin - MVP



Volleyball



A Team Volleyball Awards:

Cate Pyatt - MVP

Lucy Mann - Sportsmanship

McKinlee Grimes - Best Attitude

B Team Volleyball Awards:

Presley Stevens - MVP

Eliza Kramer - Rookie of the Year

Elin Swanson - Most Improved

Hunter Nelson - Sportsmanship

Pope Leo XIV



We had such an amazing experience being able to welcome in the new Pope Leo XIV with the students!

We were on the edge of our seats and the excitement was something like we've never seen. What a cool thing for our students to be able to say they experienced.



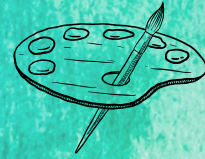
Spring Concert



We are so proud of all of our students!
They are so talented, and we love
seeing their talents come to life
during performances like this!



Art Show



Field Day

We had so much fun at our field day this year! We appreciate Mrs. Lucas and all of the staff and parent volunteers for making it such a fun time!



Field Day



Middle School Dance

The SMS/Allendale Middle School Dance was a huge success! The kids had so much fun and so did the staff and parent volunteers!



Sno Cones

We had such an eventful last week of school and Student Council provided Sno Cones for us!



First Holy Communion



CONGRATULATIONS

St. Mary's School

Duke Baumgart
Lucas Crummley
Isabelle Hockgeiger
Roman Johnson
Violet Morningstar-Johnson
Claire Smith
Sophia Woodcock

PSR Class

Annabelle Alspaugh
Vincent Dean
Carter Embry
Karsyn James



Virtue



This month we wanted to highlight our amazing Pre-K kiddos! We are so proud of how they've grown this year!

Cayson Shiever



Cayson is very caring and watches out for his friends!



Charlotte Brooke

Charlotte is cheerful and uplifting and makes others feel included!

Josie Drone



Josie is sweet and loving and very patient with her friends!



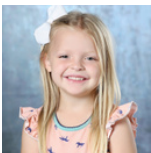
Oliver Johnson

Oliver is always willing to lend a hand to help his friends and teachers!

Peyton Timmons



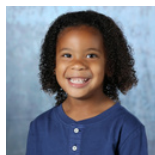
Peyton is very knowledgeable and loves sharing information with friends!



Tinley Adams

Tinley is very kind-hearted and a sweet girl who loves all living things (especially animals)!

Kayden Miller



Kayden is patient and a loyal friend to everyone!



Camille Smith

Camille is very artistic and loves to draw and color beautiful pictures to share with her friends!



Charley Wood

Charley always likes to comfort her friends when they are feeling sad or sick!



Huck Kieffer

Huck is always seeing what he can do for others to help out!



Kasen Cooper

Kasen is a sweet and kind boy who is a good friend to all!



Olivia Halloway

Olivia is a sweet and loyal friend who loves coloring and drawing!



Sawyer Hocking

Sawyer is a sweet and caring boy who loves sharing stories with friends!



Brooks Meyer

Brooks is creative and passionate and helpful to his teachers!

*"The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God."
-St. Gregory of Nyssa-*

Pre-K Graduation

Congratulations to our Pre-K graduates! We can't wait to see what your future holds!



Congratulations!

**Tinley Adams
Charlotte Brooke
Kasen Cooper
Josie Drone**

**Sawyer Hocking
Oliver Johnson
Huck Kieffer
Brooks Meyer**

**Kayden Miller
Cayson Shiever
Camille Smith
Peyton Timmons**



8th Grade Graduates

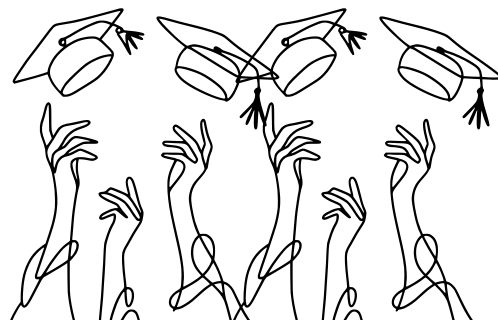
Congratulations to our 8th grade graduates! We wish you the best of luck in High School and beyond! We are so proud of you all!



- Catherine Pyatt - Valedictorian
- Lucy Mann - Salutatorian
- Amelia Crummley
- Aiden Lasswell
- Keirsten Malone



Congratulations



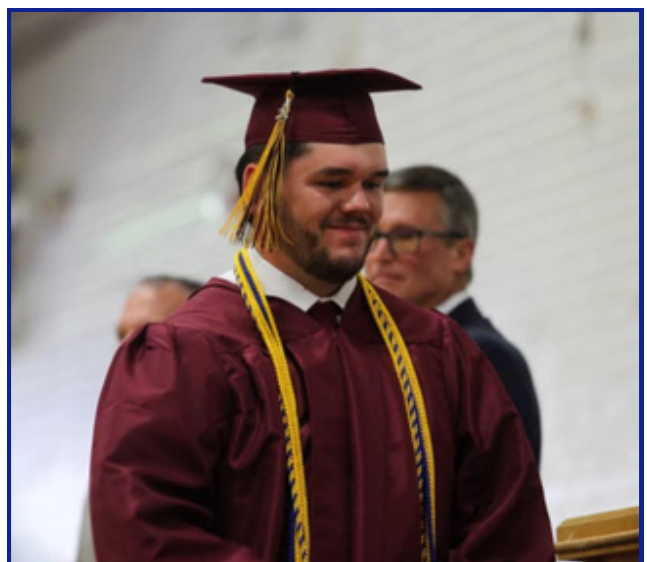
MCHS St. Mary's Alumni Graduates

Congratulations to our St. Mary's Alumni who graduated High School! We are so proud of you all!



Congratulations!

- Emily Gottman - Valedictorian
- Maddie Stevens - Valedictorian
- Isabella Andrews - Salutatorian
- Elizabeth Hefner
- Reed Stinson





Saint Mary's
...the Spirit is in the School




**Mrs. Wissel
St. Mary's New Principal**

**We are excited to introduce our new Principal
we are very lucky to have her and look forward
to what she brings to St. Mary's!**

We'd like to introduce you to St. Mary's Catholic Schools new Principal, Mrs. Lori Wissel! Originally from Vincennes, Indiana, Mrs. Lori Wissel brings over 40 years of experience in education and service to others. Throughout her career, she has taught at various levels, from preschool through grades 3-5, and middle school science. Mrs. Wissel spent 7 years as Principal of Flaget Catholic Elementary School, where she was known for dedication to faith-based education. For the past 4 years, she has been a devoted member of the St. Mary School community, serving in multiple roles with grace, wisdom, and a steady focus on academic excellence. Mrs. Wissel has graciously accepted the role as Principal of St. Mary's School. She shares, "I hope to build on the strong traditions we have been given here at St. Mary School." She believes that education in a Catholic school is truly a treasure. She has been married to her husband, Jeff Wissel, for 37 years. We are so lucky to have her and can't wait to see what she does for our school as Principal!



The staff had our annual end of year dinner at Coco's in Lawrenceville! It was a wonderful time to reflect on the year and spend some time together! We hope everyone has an amazing summer!



TRUE NORTH
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

VBS at St. Sebastian

Monday, June 16th-Friday, June 20th

6-8pm

Ages 3 (potty trained) through students entering 7th Grade

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