

THE ORBITER



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

Reverend Godfrey Mullen, O.S.B.



On March 13, 2026, Pope Leo XIV appointed Reverend Godfrey Mullen, O.S.B., as the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Belleville, Illinois. A Benedictine monk and native of Salem, Illinois, Father Mullen has served as the diocesan administrator since May 2025 following Archbishop Michael McGovern's move to Omaha. His ordination is scheduled for May 1, 2026.

Upcoming Important Dates:

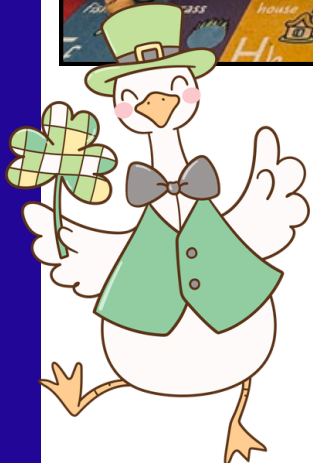
- **April 15th** - Spring Pictures
- **April 19th** - First Holy Communion
- **April 28th** - Farm Blessing
- **May 1st** - Karen Waterbury Celebration
- **May 5th** - May Crowning
- **May 6th** - Spring Concert & Art Show
- **May 13th** - PreK Graduation
- **May 14th** - 8th Grade Graduation
- **May 18th** - Field Day
- **May 19th** - Moving up Mass
- **May 19th** - Park Day
- **May 20th** - Last Day of School
- **May 20th** - Talent Show

A graphic with a blue and white checkered background. It features various school supplies: a red backpack, a blue ruler, a yellow calculator, a green protractor, a purple alarm clock, a yellow school bus, and a green highlighter. The text reads: **REENROLLMENT OPEN**. Below this, it says: **ONLINE REENROLLMENT FOR THE 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN! ACCESS THE ONLINE REENROLLMENT THROUGH YOUR FAMILY PORTAL ON FACTSMGT.COM**. At the bottom, it says: **Call the office at 618-263-3183 if you have any questions**.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



*May God give you... For every storm,
a rainbow, for every tear, a smile, for
every care, a promise, And a
blessing in each trial. For every
problem life sends, a faithful friend
to share, for every sigh, a sweet
song, And an answer for each prayer.
Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

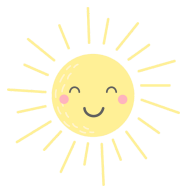


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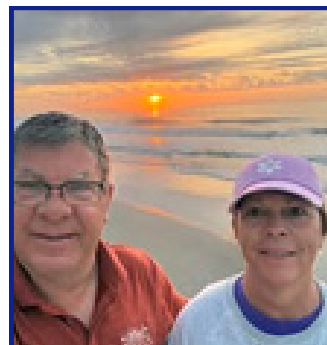
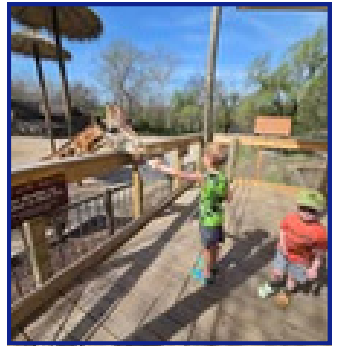
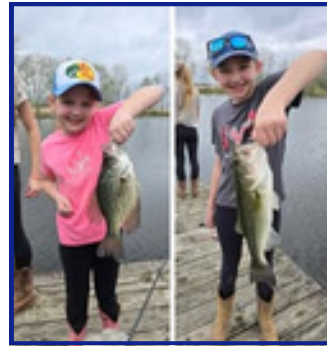
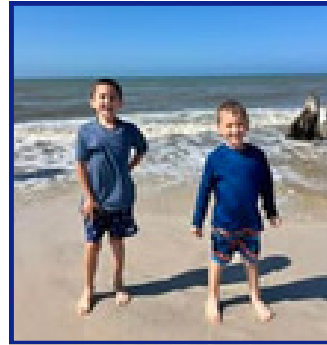
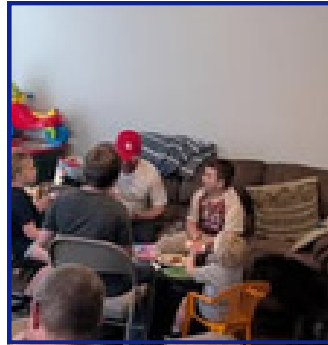




SPRING BREAK



We love seeing what our families did during Spring Break!



Read Across America (K-3)

Read Across America Week (March 2–6, 2026) is a nationwide, annual initiative established by the National Education Association (NEA) to promote literacy and encourage children to read, regardless of their background. It officially kicks off on Dr. Seuss's birthday (March 2) and focuses on bringing communities together to share the joy of reading.



Read Across America (K-3)

K-3 enjoyed Read Across America Week and ended it with a beautiful day outside!



Last Supper Service



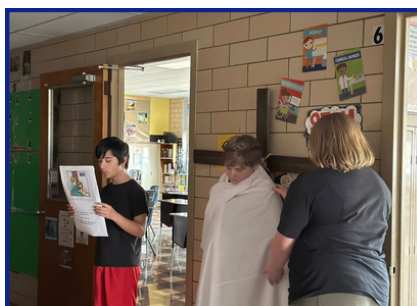
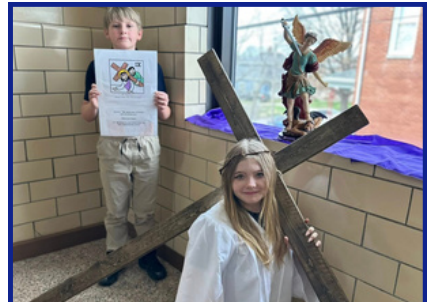
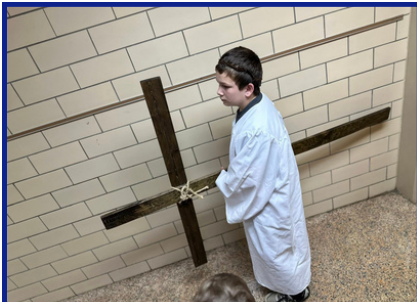
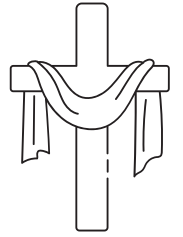
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Living Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during the season of Lent our students and staff participate in Stations of The Cross. We do this either as a whole school in the church, in our classrooms or throughout the school doing what's called Living Stations of the Cross. Our middle school students participated in the Living Stations of the Cross and lead us through the steps that lead up to Jesus being taken off of The Cross and placed inside of the tomb.





Sports



Track and Field

Track opened their season with a meet at Mt. Carmel High School on March 23rd.



Golf

Boys and girls Golf is in full swing with the first match at West Berwick on April 9th. Rockets golf has nearly 20 athletes on the roster this 2026 season and we are very excited to tee off for the first time in school history!



March Dadness

March Dadness was a huge hit! Thank you to Coach Grimes for organizing a wonderful night for everyone.



Community

American Legion Americanism Essay Contest

Congratulations to Willow Trail (8th Grade) and Marisa Stevens (7th Grade) for receiving 1st Place in the American Legion's Americanism Essay Contest. The essay title this year: "What Are the Core American Values?" Thank you to Jeri Glick and the American Legion for presenting these students with their awards.



Fist Bump Friday

Wabash Valley College athletes and coaches surprised the SMS students for Fist Bump Friday!



WVC Ag Department

The students from the Wabash Valley Agriculture Department stopped by to read and donate books at the school!



A Night in Tuscany

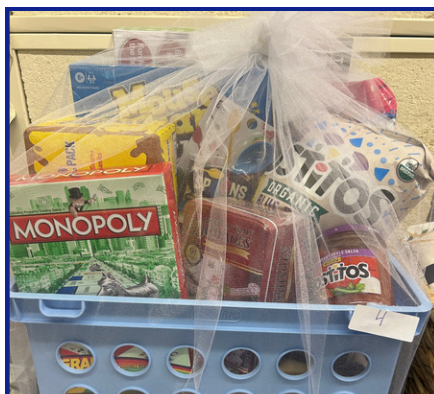
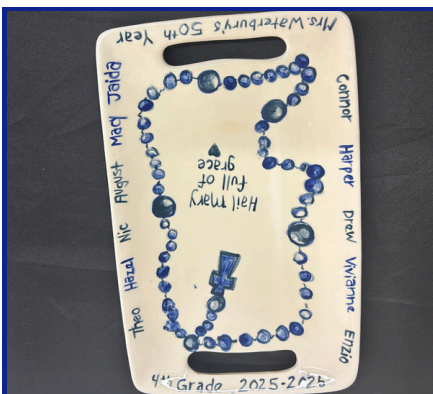
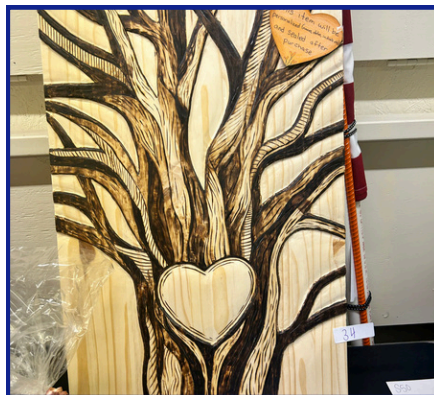
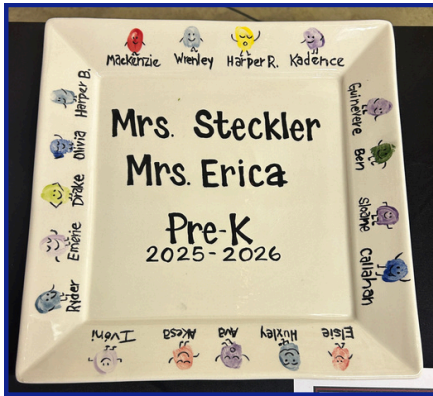
What an incredible evening! We held our annual dinner + auction event and what a success it was! We have so many people to thank that we would surely leave someone out if we started listing so to everyone who donated, purchased tickets, bid on items, gave their time - we are so thankful for every single one of you. Without continued support from so many this event wouldn't have near the success, so, thank you. The future of our world lies in the hands of the children that we are teaching. Every single person who plays a role in this event every year is only helping the future of the world. We appreciate you.



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



SPRING PICTURE DAY!

Spring picture day will also include Spring sports, Pre-K and 8th Grade Graduation pictures!

April 15th

Congratulations to our amazing students and staff who participated in the Wabash Community Theatre Production of Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka! We are so proud of all the hard work you put into the show, you did an amazing job!



Mrs. Karen Waterbury

Join us for a party 50 years in the making! Our very own, Karen (Dulgar) Waterbury, is celebrating 50 years teaching at St. Mary's School, and we would love to celebrate her with you! We will be hosting an Open House on May 1st from 3:30-6pm in the Gathering Space at St. Mary's Church. Come by, visit with Mrs. Waterbury, and thank her for the amazing gifts she has given to our community over the years!

Monthly editions of "The Orbiter" will be posted on Facebook, St. Mary's School website, and copies will be available in the office.