



March 31st, 2017

Dear Parent(s),

### **Message from the Marching Forth Committee**

It's an exciting time to be part of St. Mary School! As you are all aware, our school was nearly forced to close its doors at the end of this school year. However, because of you and strong parishioners at both St. Mary and Nativity BVM (Menominee) our school remains open. We are marching forward! Our community has realized that we can no longer keep St. Mary School the best kept secret. You will find a St. Mary promotional flyer in your child's folder today. This is just one of many efforts our community has put into place to begin marketing our school. Other efforts include a new Facebook page, scheduling an Open House and registration night (April 10), posting St. Mary registration signs along the road, advertising in multiple local papers, flyers in Jo Daviess County, Catholic parish bulletins, with many more marketing strategies in the works. If you would like to be a part of God's work to keep our school marching forward, please call or email Mrs. Kass or Mrs. Jones. Additional promotional flyers are available in the school office; if you know of someone you'd like to share one with let Mrs. Kass know and she would be happy to mail out for you. Next week, watch for the Marching Forward to 100 Campaign Flyer- a campaign to secure annual funding for the school.

### **Confirmation Carnival**

This Saturday the St. Mary and Nativity BVM Confirmation class will be hosting a carnival at St. Mary School. The event will include carnival games, a bounce house and many more fun events. All are encourage to attend! The carnival will begin at 2:00 pm and continue until 5:00 pm. At 5:15 there will be a showing of the movie "Moana." A flyer was sent home last week.

### **Sheehan Benefit**

On May 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a benefit held for Vince Sheehan in his fight against cancer. St. Mary School would like to help with this benefit by putting together a dinner and a movie basket for the silent auction. We are asking the students of St. Mary to help by sending in restaurant and movie gift cards, dvd's, movie theater candy, popcorn, etc. This is not a requirement but your donations are greatly appreciated.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Communion**

First Communion for the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be **Saturday, May 6th at 10:00 AM** at Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a First Communion Retreat on **Wednesday April 19, at 6:30PM** in the Church basement. Rehearsal for First Communion will be on **Wednesday April 26, at 6:30PM** at Nativity BVM.

### **St. Mary Open House**

Please plan to attend our Open House and Registration Night on Monday April 10th 6:00-7:30. This is the perfect time to invite anyone you know who is thinking about attending St. Mary School next year. Mrs. Jones and the teachers will be present to answer any questions.

### **2017-2018 Registration**

This year registration has been sent via email through google forms rather than our usual paper copy. This form was sent a couple weeks ago. If you have not done so already please be sure to fill it out and submit it back to St. Mary School by April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have questions about the form or are unable to access the form please let me know.

### **Baby Bottle Campaign**

St. Mary School is joining St. Mary Parish and Nativity BVM in Menominee in supporting Clarity Clinic's annual Baby Bottle Campaign. St. Mary School has a large baby bottle located at school. Please help us fill it with spare change, cash or checks. The money earned from this campaign goes to help support the Clarity Clinic in their efforts to provide ultrasounds, counseling services, and baby necessities to women who are expecting. It costs them \$1200 to save one baby. Please help St. Mary School support these efforts. As an incentive to the kids, if we can earn \$250 for this campaign, the whole school will earn an out of uniform day.

#### Calendar

Saturday 4/1	2:00-5:00 PM	Confirmation Carnival
	5:15 PM	Moana Movie
Monday 4/3	11:45 AM	5/6 Field Trip
Tuesday 4/4	8:45 AM	Prayer Service 7/8
Thursday 4/6	8:30AM	All School Mass Gr. 5/6
Friday 4/7	2:00 PM	Station of the Cross 1/2

#### HOT LUNCH MENU

April 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

Monday – Pork Patty on a bun, baked beans, corn and applesauce

Tuesday – French Toast Sticks sausage links, broccoli and cheese, and oranges

Wednesday– Grilled Italian chicken patty on a bun, fries, cooked carrots, and apples

Thursday – Chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, and bread

Friday – Fish nuggets, tortellini, lettuce and grapes

\*Lunch Menu is subject to change\*