

What constitutes an active parishioner?

As we begin the process of re-enrollment in our own School of Saint Mary, I believe it would be helpful to provide clear guidelines for our families on what constitutes active parishioner status. This also applies for families enrolling students at Bishop Kelley High School. We should be clear what the expectations of an active parishioner are so that everyone understands the standard we use.

Because we view Catholic education as a partnership with families and the church does subsidize the school, we offer discounted tuition to active parishioners who are supporting the parish with their time, talent, and treasure. In the case of Catholic families who are parishioners elsewhere, we ask their parish to verify their status and pay a subsidy per child.

So... what constitutes an active parishioner at the Church of Saint Mary?

- **Be formally registered in the parish.** If in any doubt about whether your family is in the church database, please contact the parish office to verify.
- **Attend Sunday Mass regularly.** This is the most important metric we use. Due to schedules or other commitments people occasionally attend other parishes, which is perfectly understandable. However, we should see you on a regular basis. We love to see families at the weekly school Mass on Friday, but Friday does not fulfill your Sunday obligation.
- **Give according to your means.** The amount you give is not important, but it is helpful to us to know that you are financially supporting the parish by trackable contributions such as checks, online giving, or using envelopes.
- **Be active in parish ministries.** Our parents do a great job supporting school events, but don't forget about many of the ministries on the parish side. Consider attending or volunteering as a contribution of your time (which we know is limited and valuable, so all the more worthy of recognition).

We are blessed with a wonderful community at Saint Mary in both our church and school. Catholic education is a huge part of what we do; therefore, fostering close ties between the parish and the school is critical to the success of that mission. With these active parishioner guidelines, we hope to encourage the fullest possible collaboration with all our families.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Stuart Crevcoure

The School of St. Mary exists to carry out the educational mission of the Church
by teaching children to live, love, learn and walk with God.

For Your Information

SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

www.schoolofsaintmary.com

October 25, 2024



October/November 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
20	21	22	23	24	25 9am Mass-7th	26
27	28	29 8:30-12:30 7th to Outsider House and Circle Cinema 6:30pm Home and School Mtg.	30	31 2:30-3pm Classroom Halloween Parties	November 1 Re-enrollment Home 9am Mass-6th	2
3	4	5 Free Dress	6	7	8 9am Mass-5th 2:15-3pm Marian House Mtgs. 5:30-6:30pm Parish Family Eucharistic Adoration	9
10	11 Picture Retakes	12 9:30-10:30 am Prospective K Parent Open House 6:30pm Advisory Council Mtg.	13 Pizza Day	14	15 9am Mass-4th	16
17	18 2nd Qtr Progress Rpts Issued	19 9-10:30am 6&7 to B'Nai Emmunah	20	21	22 Re-enrollment Due by 8am 9am Mass-3rd	23

Parishioner Status for 2025-2026 School Year. Please complete the [Active Parishioner Form for Enrollment](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3Ka_AzYa--vkuI2YMWVnN4_MuHtNTXoJcwKx51k5aX4FFw/viewform?usp=sf_link) if you are planning to apply for parishioner status for the 2025-2026 school year. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3Ka_AzYa--vkuI2YMWVnN4_MuHtNTXoJcwKx51k5aX4FFw/viewform?usp=sf_link. This form may also be found in the links portion of ParentSquare.

Annual **BK**
HALLOWEEN
 ★ *Baseball Game*

CANDY AND BASEBALL

OCT 29TH

\$5 GATE FEE OR CANNED GOODS- ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

START AT 5:30

BISHOP KELLEY BASEBALL FIELD

VOTING FOR BEST PLAYER / FAN COSTUME! \$1 PER VOTE

*** COSTUMES ENCOURAGED ***

QUESTIONS: PFRAZIER@BISHOPKELLEY.ORG

CHURCH AND SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

M O **Y C** **MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN**

November 12 at 9:45am

Church of Saint Mary
 Maria Goretti Youth Space

Childcare is available for ages 6 and under.
 Email CHassink@churchofsaintmary.com by November 8 to make a reservation.

MOYC meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:45am for fellowship, faith, and friendship. Each month we will have an activity or a speaker relevant to mothers raising Catholic families. We welcome all moms in our community to join us as we share family values and child-rearing experiences.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 10

HOME & SCHOOL MEETING

Rocco's Room

TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER 6:30 PM

Connect with other parents and learn how to support your child's school. As parents, we all want the best for our children.

- Meet other parents
- Get your questions answered
- Discuss important information

For More Information
 HS.President@schoolofsaintmary.com

Uniform Cart

Cooler temperatures are upon us and the Uniform Cart is stocked! Stop by at your convenience to sort through pants, shirts, and jackets for your children – and at no cost! As a reminder, we accept all gently used uniforms as donations. As your kids outgrow their current uniforms, they would be greatly appreciated on the Uniform Cart to pass along to other SOSM families. **The Uniform Cart is located just past the nurse's station at the front of the building.*



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SAINT MARY

Open House

Tuesday, November 12th

9:30

School of Saint Mary

**Come learn about our admissions process,
important enrollment dates and tour our school!**

RSVP: sarah.edwards@schoolofsaintmary.com

Church of Saint Mary

SUNDAY SESSIONS

“You shall be my witnesses.” Acts 1:8

evangelization 101

Every Catholic is called to become a missionary disciple. Even you!

Coached by Fr. Vince Fernandez & Kelly Steichen, this series will equip you to share the Gospel.

October 20, 27
November 3, 10, 17

St. Joseph Parish Hall, West

9:15a-10:15a

Sunday Sessions are appropriate for anyone who is middle-school-aged or older. All are welcome at any of this series' five sessions.

Childcare is available with a reservation. Email chassink@churchofsaintmary.com by October 16 with children's names and ages.

PRAYER FOR NEW PRINCIPAL

HEAVENLY FATHER

We come before you with open hearts and minds as we seek a new principal for our school. We ask for your wisdom and guidance in this important decision.

Help us to identify a leader who will inspire, nurture, and uplift our students and staff. May this person embody integrity, compassion, and a commitment to excellence in education.

Grant us clarity in our discussions and discernment in our choices. Surround us with your peace as we navigate this process, and help us to trust in your perfect timing.

We thank you for the individuals who have served us in the past and for the future leader you have in store for us.

We trust in your plan for our school and look forward to the growth and success that lie ahead.

Amen