

Campus Connection

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~ Our Mission Statement ~

Waukesha Catholic instills faith and inspires futures by nurturing each child's gifts with an education rooted in the Gospel values and a culture of community, compassion, and love.

This Week's Calendar of Events...

Wednesday, March 22: School Board Meeting 6:00 pm (from 5:30-6:00 pm Board members will be available to meet with parents and/or prospective parents)

Thursday, March 23: Non-uniform Day; SMC - Chess Club, 3:30-4:30 pm

Friday, March 24: SWC - Mass at 9:00 am led by Ms. Pupp's 1-2 class

Sunday, March 26: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 27: Scrip orders due by noon

Wednesday, March 29: SMC - Mass at 8:35 am



March 2023 Campus Calendars

- [SWC](#)
- [SMC](#)

- Click [here](#) for the 2022-23 school calendar.

Kovaleski's Keynote

Happy Wednesday!

The Catholic Community of Waukesha and Waukesha Catholic are proud to support five agencies throughout Lent. Each week we will focus on collecting monetary donations or specific items for one of the five organizations. Donations can be brought to school or dropped off at church when you come for Mass each weekend.

- **This week, we are collecting monetary donations for the Community of St. Paul.** The Community of St. Paul is a Public Association of the Faithful in the Catholic Church, made up of priests and lay men and women from various countries. Their main headquarters is in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and they are present in Bolivia, Colombia, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and Ethiopia. In all of these places, the Community has established firm ties with local churches and have started diverse ministries that primarily open their doors to those most in need.

Our Lenten Path - Walking with Jesus to the Cross:

- **Wednesday, March 22:** Fast from snacks today. Say a prayer for those who do not have enough to eat.
- **Thursday, March 23:** Pray - Make a list of five blessings and thank God for them.
- **Friday, March 24:** Pray the Stations of the Cross.
- **Saturday, March 25:** Give Alms - Say two nice things to each member of your family. Give them a hug if they would like.
- **Sunday, March 26:** Celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent.
- **Monday, March 27:** Give Alms - Count the number of snacks you have in your kitchen cupboard. Put a coin in your almsgiving envelope for each and thank God for His generosity.
- **Tuesday, March 28:** Pray - Spend five minutes in quiet prayer, asking God for forgiveness if you have hurt anyone this week.

Long-Term Substitute Needed

We are still in need of a long-term Middle School English Languages Arts Substitute teacher beginning Monday, April 17 or sooner, if possible. If you know of anyone that might be able to fill this position, please have them contact me directly at lkovalleski@waukeshacatholic.org or 262-896-2920 Ext. 211.

Lenten Retreat

On Thursday, April 6, all students from Waukesha Catholic will be participating in a Lenten retreat at **St. Mary Campus**. The morning will be devoted to prayer, reflection, and a variety of Lenten activities. **Please note that ALL students will need to be dropped off and picked up from St. Mary Campus. All bus riders will be dropped off/picked up at St. Mary, as well.** This is an early dismissal day and will follow the St. Mary Schedule, as follows:

- Drop off at St. Mary between 8:10-8:30 am
- School Day begins at 8:30 am
- Pick-up at St. Mary at 11:20 am

Before Care will be available only at St. Mary Campus on the morning of Thursday, April 6. Students that usually attend Before Care at St. William will need to be taken to St. Mary for Before Care. There will be no After Care available this day.

St. William Campus - Please read and return the informational sheet pertaining to the Lenten Retreat that is in today's packet.

Thank you for all you do for Waukesha Catholic.

Blessings,

Lisa Kovalleski

Registration Links

- [Registration Letter](#)
- [Online Registration Form for 2023-24 School Year](#)
- [Financial Information Sheet](#)
- [Letter to parents of students entering K4, K5, and 1st grade in the 2023-24 School Year](#)

If you would prefer paper forms instead of using online registration, please contact Mrs. Brown at the St. William Campus (wbrown@waukeshacatholic.org) or Mrs. Dunk at the St. Mary Campus (ddunk@waukeshacatholic.org).

Waukesha Catholic News

Attention parents of students entering K4, K5, or 1st Grade (in the 2023-24 school year): Waukesha Catholic will continue to participate in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program for the 2023-24 school year. The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) allows students to attend Waukesha Catholic, tuition-free, if certain eligibility criteria are met. Waukesha Catholic, on behalf of the pupil's parent or guardian, receives a state aid payment for each eligible student. That aid payment or "voucher" covers the entire cost of the eligible student's tuition. The open application period to apply for the WPCP ends on **Thursday, April 20, 2023**. The application and more information can be found at: <https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>. If you have any questions or need help in any way, please reach out to Meghan D. Gorzalski, Director of Admissions and Marketing at: mgorzalski@waukeshacatholic.org or 262-896-2929, ext. 1326.

Attention Current WPCP Families: The WPCP Application portal is now open. If your family currently has a WPCP voucher, please log onto your WPCP account and check in for the year. Review your family profile, update addresses (if applicable), and complete your 2023-24 application for the new school year. **Every current WPCP family must complete this step.** You will not need to provide your financial information again unless you are adding a new student from your family. You are required to provide proof of residency. Please send a current form of residency documentation to Meghan D. Gorzalski, Director of Admissions and Marketing, via email or in a sealed envelope to the school office. Proof of residency for current WPCP families must be sent to Meghan as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday, April 20, 2023. If sending via email, feel free to take a clear photograph of a 2022 W2, a current electric, water, or cable bill dated January 2023-April 20, 2023 to Meghan D. Gorzalski at: mgorzalski@waukeshacatholic.org

[Follow this link to complete your check in for the year.](#)

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Please Help Support the Cast and Crew of Shrek the Musical, Jr. and Future Theatrical Productions at Waukesha Catholic

Last week, you received a playbill ad form in your packets. **Here is a [link](#) to the order form in case you need it, or for if you choose to share it with a business, family member, or friend.**

Special thanks to any family or business who has already submitted and purchased ads! Our playbill is a special memento for our cast and crew each year, but it is also a fundraiser for the show and for next year's cast and crew. Even if you don't have a child in this year's production of Shrek, please consider supporting musical theatre productions at Waukesha Catholic by purchasing an ad for your business, or a shout-out to a friend in the cast. Keep in mind that over 1,000 people will see this playbill! This is a wonderful way for you to show your support and spread the word to the community. The cast and crew work hard on these shows each year and love performing for you. Thank you for your kind consideration as every little bit helps. We hope to see you at Shrek, April 27-30!

Love, the Shrek Cast and Crew

Seton Scholarship Application Deadline Approaching

Each year, the Seton Volleyball Tournament benefits The Waukesha County Catholic Elementary Schools Tuition Assistance Fund, which is used to make Catholic school education a real possibility for those students who may not otherwise be able to afford full tuition. All families whose children attend a Catholic school in Waukesha County are eligible to apply. A limited number of \$1,000 grants will be awarded. Your child/school did not have to be in the tournament to apply. Go to this link for a copy of the application: <https://www.theseton.net/page/show/1997587-scholarship-information>. All applications must be received by Saturday, April 1, 2023. Notifications will be made in late April.

Solo and Ensemble Results

On Saturday, March 18, over 40 of our middle school students were able to participate in the Wisconsin School Music Association's annual Solo and Ensemble Contest. The students worked really hard on their music and were evaluated by a certified music educator. We are proud of our students' hard work and dedication.

Earning a first (I) place rating for their solos were: Tanner P., Clare B., Jack O., Cecilia H., Malia T., Sophie H., Ryan S., Natalie B., and Crystal M.

Earning a first (I) place rating for their group ensemble pieces were: Marissa B., Kaitlyn G., Brianna D., Jacob S., Steven M., Vinny F., Sophie C., Dominic D., Jonathan D., Ryan S., Jackson B., Max K., Johnny M., Addison S., Maria D., Will S., Cecilia H., Malia T., Clare B., Ziva L., Emma F., Natalie B., Bella J., Elise D., Claire L., Jana M., and Lillian S.

Earning a second (II) place rating on their solos were: Dominic D., Cait O., Adam M., Braeden B., Olivia M., Bella J., Elise D., and Jonathan D.

Earning a second (II) place rating for their group ensemble pieces were: Braeden B., Henry K., Alex D., Megan P., Lucy J., Lilliani C., Ryan S., Logan S., and Tristan D.

Congratulations to all of our Waukesha Catholic musicians!

Home & School News Items

Home & School Planning Survey

Happy Spring! As the weather turns to warmer days, Home & School is starting to plan for next year, and we want your feedback! Please take a few minutes to let us know your thoughts and ideas about next year's Home & School events using the survey links below. Thank you!

- ENGLISH SURVEY: <https://forms.dle/EuCbpoi8JaNMLB2G6>

- SPANISH SURVEY: <https://forms.gle/bZTF8Y7kQBxNoBaL7>

Spirit Wear Sale!

Home & School is having a spirit wear sale, which begins today and will end on Friday, April 7! Check it out as we have added new items, not just clothes. Click the Waukesha Catholic logo to enter our sale. Thank you for supporting your Home & School, and happy shopping!



Saz's Fish Fry Event Coming Soon

Home & School will once again host the Saz's Fish Fry at Western Lakes Golf Club on Friday, March 31! Waukesha Catholic receives 10% of all sales from the date of the event. If you choose to dine in or order out, you do NOT need to mention Waukesha Catholic as sales from the entire night will go towards our donation!

OpenTable will be open for reservations and online ordering a month out from our event date (Friday, March 31). Reservations are not required but are highly recommended as we have seen these become more popular year after year. The restaurant is open from 4:00-8:00 pm (the last reservation can be taken at 8:00 pm). Use this link <https://sazs.com/wlgsfishfry/> or click on the Saz's Fish Fry logo above to make a reservation. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Board of Directors Meeting Tonight

- Tonight's meeting will begin at 5:30 pm at St. Mary Campus. All are welcome to attend. Waukesha Catholic Board of Directors members will make themselves available from 5:30-6:00 pm to meet with parents/guardians of present and prospective students.



Before and After Care Position Open

We are looking to hire a Before and After Care position at our St. Mary Campus. You can make it work for your schedule! Afternoon shift 3:10-6:00 pm. Work as much or as little as you want. This is an ideal job for a college student, retired person, or someone just wanting a great part-time position that is fun and rewarding! Please email care@waukeshacatholic.org for more information, and to set up an interview.





From the Business Office

Tuition Tax Form Information

Tax season is quickly approaching. A simple form can help you deduct up to \$4,000 for K-8th grade tuition on your state income taxes. Click [here](#) for 2022 Schedule PS Tuition Tax Form. For questions regarding tax forms, you will need to contact your personal accountant.

To help you fill out your Schedule PS form you will find your tuition payment summary in FACTS. Please follow the instructions below to view/print your payment history for the 2022 calendar year.

Step 1: Sign in to FACTS at <https://online.factsmgt.com>

Step 2: Select 'View Details '

Step 3: Select 'View Payment Summary' **Page will open in another window or tab.**

Step 4: Select the year and then 'Print'

NOTE: This report will show the total paid for each of the accounts. You can select a year or a date range for this summary. This will also include the School's Federal Tax ID and address.

If you do not have access to FACTS, please contact Mary Jo Bartelt in the business office at 262-896-2929, ext. 1327 to get your login information.

Hot Lunch Nibbles and Notes

MCFI To Offer Local Foods For Schools

MCFI is proud to announce they were awarded monies under the **WI Local Foods for Schools (WI LFS)** program! They are working to source more fresh local foods from local farmers and processors

and will be highlighting these products on our upcoming menus. Menu items include locally-grown greens for salads, locally-raised beef for burgers, local yogurt, and local produce! Please watch for announcements, links to farmer interviews, and pictures of the foods we will be offering!



- **This week we have leafy greens from Superior Fresh out of Chippewa Falls:**

<https://www.superiorfresh.com/>

Reminder of Hot Lunch Policy:

Low Balance reminders and replenish rules are allowed to be set by parents in [School Payment Portal](#). **We ask that all accounts be kept above \$5.00.** At a negative balance, an invoice will be sent home in the Wednesday folder until a deposit or payment is made. Please pay close attention to see if money is owed or your balance is low.

Check out the January [newsletter](#) from MCFI with great recipes, fitness, and health tips for the month!

Want to avoid the fees on your hot lunch account? You can also send payments to school in an envelope marked with your child(ren)'s name(s) to the attention of 'Hot Lunch'. Checks should be made out to Waukesha Catholic. Thank you for your participation in our hot lunch program!

[March 2023 Menu, revised 3.12.23](#)

Volunteer Opportunities in Hot Lunch: [SMC](#) / [SWC](#)

Campus Updates

[St. William Campus \(Click Here\)](#)

[St. Mary Campus \(Click Here\)](#)

Athletics

Track Uniforms

Those students in grades 5-8 participating in track this spring need to pick up/check out their track uniforms next week after practice. Uniforms can be checked-out on Monday and Thursday after practice from 7:00-8:30 pm in the St. Mary's Gym (enter door #9 facing the playground). A parent and the athlete must be present to properly size and sign for the uniform.

8th-Grade vs Parent/Teacher Basketball Game

The annual 8th-grade teams vs parent/teacher game will be held on Friday, April 21 at 2:30 pm in the St. Mary's Gym. Parents of the 8th-grade team players are welcome to participate or watch the game. More details were emailed to those teams this week.

- [Updated Track Information 2023](#)
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Scrip News (RaiseRight)

March Madness is here! Have you ordered from the *SCRIP* Program yet? Now is a great time to try it out! Do you like Culver's? Then this is for you! Anyone who places an order of at least \$100 will be entered into a drawing for a Culver's \$5 gift card. For every \$100 in Scrip cards that you order you will be entered! Place an order for a Culver's \$25 gift card and you will also be entered to win. We will be giving away one FREE gift card for every \$2,000 in orders placed by all school families

between now and Monday, March 27 at noon. Check out how the Scrip Program works and get a chance to win some FREE Culver's treats!

Place your Scrip order by Monday, March 27 at noon for delivery on Thursday, March 30.

The Scrip Program is easy to use - order gift cards from over 750 top retailers. You can give the cards as gifts or use them for your regular purchases. Almost every store and restaurant you visit has a gift card offered through the Scrip Program - check out the options at www.RaiseRight.com. If you are new to the Scrip Program you will need to create an account and use our Waukesha Catholic code D62CEALE1142 to register.

Do you have questions about the Scrip program? Contact Charlotte, our Scrip Coordinator, at scrip@waukeshacatholic.org or 262-896-2929, ext. 1331 for more information.

Community Messenger



Save the Date for May Crowning

Where: St. Mary Parish

When: Monday, May 1

Time: 6:30 pm

Virtue Baseball Club Information

Click [here](#) for an informatinal flyer on the Virtue Baseball Club being offered this summer.



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