

**Saint John the Baptist  
Catholic School**

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**School Newsletter**  
**June 3, 2024**

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### Upcoming School/Parish Events

- June 4 & 5 - Summer Camp
- June 7 - "The Answer" in La Crosse, WI
- June 10 - St. John's Summer Program begins
- June 15 & 16 - Popcorn for Pop
- June 17 - Deadline for changes in Sycamore
- June 17 - Summertime office hours begin  
M-F 9:00am - 3:00 pm
- June 22 - Party in the Park Lemonade Stand
- June 23-28 - Adventure Camp
- July 10 - Stark's Food Truck
- July 22-25 - VBS held at Holy Family Parish
- August 1 - Concert in the Park Bake Sale
- August 10 - Chalk Fest and Car Show
- August 14 - Normal school office hours begin
- August 16 - St. John's Summer Programs ends
- August 23-25 - Edgar's Steam Show
- September 3 - First Day of School



### Sycamore Information

Please make sure to check all sycamore information online. The last day to make changes for the 2023-2024 school year is on June 17th. If there is any discrepancies on grades, attendance, lunch charges, or extended care charges please let us know before June 17th.

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### 2024-2025 School Year Registration

Thank you to all who have registered, it is not too late to register so please make sure to let your friends know how wonderful St. John's School is!

### AR Point Clubs Quarter 4

- 50 pts - Cooper Kroening
- 100 pts - Memphis Laven
- 150 pts - Evie Albrecht
- 500 pts - Lucas Schreier  
- Spencer Wendtland
- 900 pts - Abby Halama
- 1000 pts - AliMae Martin

Quarter 4 SCRIP Winner:

**COOPER KROENING!**

Hello Families,

The Archangel Youth Group is asking for youth and parents to help at one or more of the summer fundraisers. The fundraisers allow for youth and their families to do events throughout the school year. In 2023-24 the Archangel Youth Group did: Adventure Camp, skating at Melody Gardens, Mother/ son Rib Mountain lift, Father/Daughter Dance, bi-weekly youth gatherings.. In addition to the fun events, the youth group helps support the Salvation Army (bell ringing), and the Wisconsin Right to Life Rose Sale. Jesu Vesperi met monthly and held a Friday Family Fish Fry during Lent that included games and a free meal, brought Noel Furger in to share about Casa Hogar, and the annual Family Campfire.

In order to continue to offer activities and retreats at no cost or minimal cost we need to do our part and generate money. We need your help this summer at one or more of the fundraisers.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

### June is Popping with delicious popcorn and lemonade



Popcorn for Pop is a fundraiser that will help Pro-Life Wisconsin. After the weekend Masses of June 15 and 16, we will have popcorn for sale for our Dads.

Saturday, June 22nd is Party in the Park and will feature our St John's lemonade stand from 9 am - 4pm. This year it will be at Oak Street Park.



### July is Food Truck (July 10th from 1-8pm)

The youth group will host the concessions for Stark's Wednesday Food Truck. We will serve walking tacos with all the fixins. Food donations as well as help is needed. Need adults and youth--this a big fundraiser.

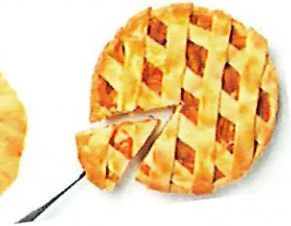


# August

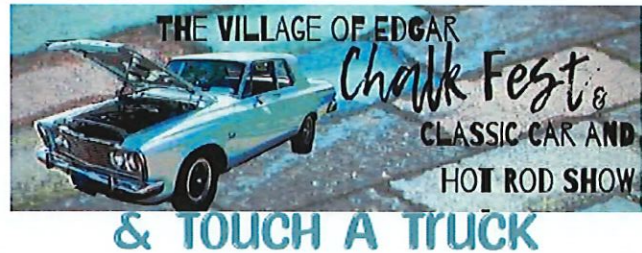
August is baking, face painting, and Steam Show month

We start the month with baking-make your favorite pie. If pies are not what you like, then cookies or bars will work. Thursday, August 1st from 6-9 pm we will serve concessions at the Concert in the Park at Oak Street Park.

CONCERT IN THE  
Park



August 10th is a big day in Edgar as there will be a Car Show, Chalk Fest and we will be there with face painting and lemonade.



We end the summer with a little history as we will help at the main gate of the North Central Steam Show August 23-25.



Scan this code to schedule for any of the events listed above or click:

[Sign up sheet for youth group/evangelization events/fundraisers in the summer of 2024](#)

faith

games

music

snacks

fun

prizes

crafts

# CAT-CHAT

## Vacation Bible School

### Cat.Chat VBS

is coming to a  
Catholic Church near you!

Come experience a  
COOL KINGDOM PARTY  
and discover how

"Mary Leads Me  
Closer to Jesus"

Who: Kids in grade 4K - 6th

Where: Holy Family Parish  
Poniatowski, WI

When: Mon. July 22  
to Thur. July 25

Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 noon

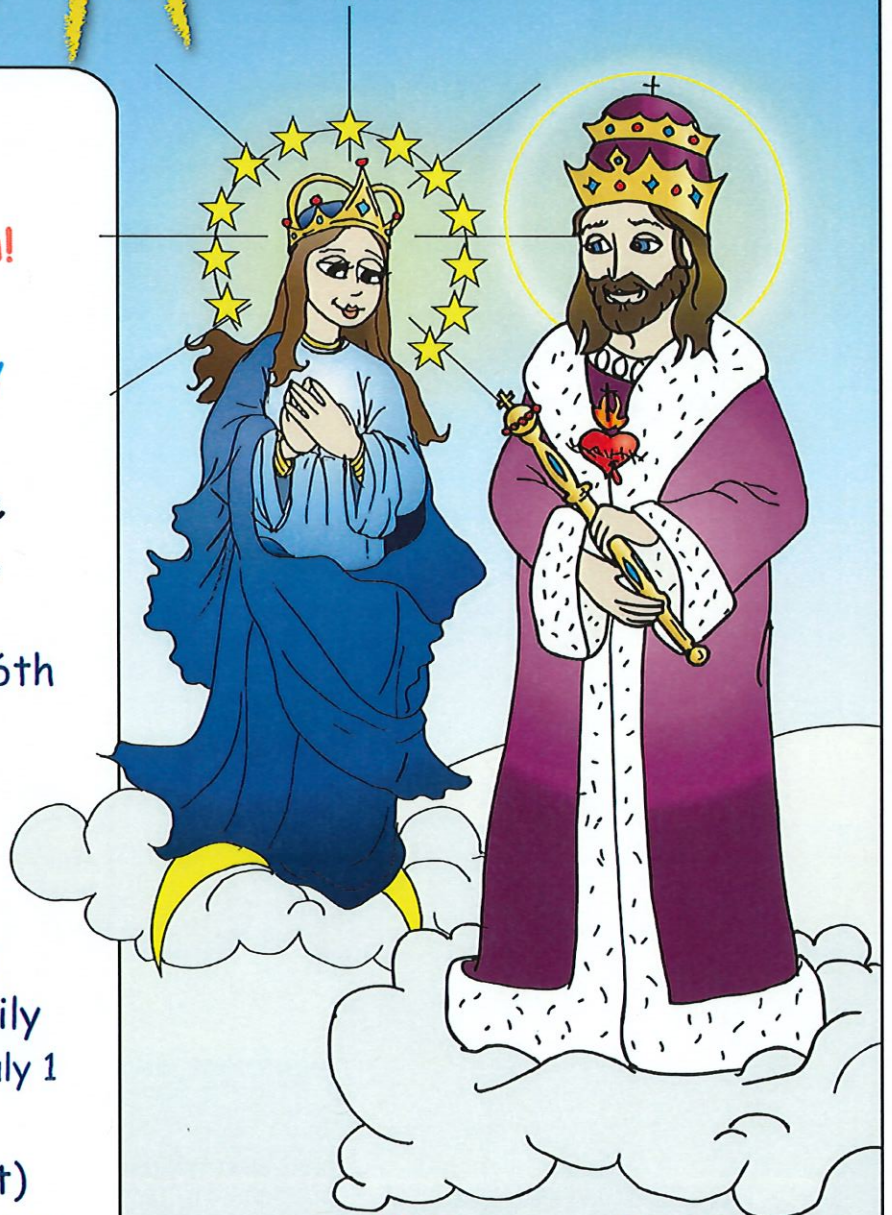
Cost: \$30/child - \$65/family

Registration Deadline: Mon. July 1

Contact: Lori Gajewski

715-257-7943 (Call or text)

Email: [lcgajewski4@gmail.com](mailto:lcgajewski4@gmail.com)



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# Participant Registration Form



Dates / Location: **July 22-25, 2024 at Holy Family Parish**  
125074 County Road U, Edgar, WI  
Director's phone: 715-257-7943

\$30 per child or \$65 for family of 3 or more. **Make checks payable to Holy Family Parish.**

Please return completed form by July 1, 2024

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## **Child's Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: (circle one) M F      Age: \_\_\_\_\_      Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size: (circle one) child sizes: XS S M L / adult sizes: S M L XL

Allergies or medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

## **Family Information:**

Parents/Guardians' Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: *Hm:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Wk:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Cell:* \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Emergency Contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_      Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that reasonable precautions will be taken to safeguard the health and well being of the participants in this VBS and that I will be notified as soon as possible in the event of an emergency. In the case of sickness or an accident, I authorize and consent the VBS Team, or other associated volunteers of the VBS program to obtain medical care from a licensed physician, hospital, or medical clinic for my son/daughter in the event that myself or other legal guardian(s) cannot be reached. I hereby do release and forever discharge this Diocese, and Parish from all manners of actions, claims which I or the child named above shall or may have for any reason, arising during my child's attendance of the VBS.

Unless other written instruction is submitted, I also consent to allowing my child's image to be recorded, either by photograph or video, and used during the VBS week or for future advertisement of Parish VBS programs. Any other use will require your further consent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# MAY in 3K

## MOMS ARE SPECIAL

A new month began and the first week we talked about how wonderful our moms are and all the things they do that make us feel loved and we made a special gift for them for Mother's Day. We also learned about the Blessed Mother Mary and how Jesus said she is our spiritual mother and we honor her too. We talked about the rosary and we began learning the "Hail Mary" prayer each morning. We also enjoyed the books, "Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother?" and "Are you My Mother?".

## OUR COMMUNITY

In May we also learned about our community and some of the people who help us. We went to visit the Edgar Public Library where the librarian read a story and showed us around the library. We talked about being able to borrow books to look at and then returning them back to the library. Along with the library we learned about the Post Office and how a letter goes in the mailbox and travels to the person we send it to. Other community members we talked about throughout the month were the dentist, doctor, fire fighters and police officers and found out more about their jobs and how they help us.

## OUR FIVE SENSES

Our class also studied about our five senses, what each one does, and how awesome God is to give us these unique senses. We discovered through books how animals use their senses and how different God made some of them. For example, it was funny to learn that a butterfly tastes with it's legs and a snake smells with it's tongue.

## SHOW AND TELL

Another fun thing we did was a week of "Show and Tell." We split in 3 groups and each of the students took turns over the three school days in the week to bring in something from home that they wanted to show and tell about. It was a great opportunity for each student to be able to talk in front of the group and share about something that is special to them. The

other students then had the chance to say something about what someone brought or ask a question. The 3K kids don't quite understand the concept of what a question is yet so mostly they just said how much they loved the item or the color or something else about it. It was good practice for them to learn to listen while someone else speaks, raising our hands when we want a turn to speak, and waiting our turn.

### **SCHOOL PICNIC**

We were all looking forward to the school picnic and even though we didn't get to go to the park as planned because of the weather we still had fun being with our families and even getting a chance to play outside when the rain stopped for awhile.

### **OUR NAMES ARE SPECIAL**

Our names are special and especially for 3K students because that is the first thing they recognize when they are learning the alphabet, is their own name. We ended the school year with some art projects that highlighted their names. First, we did a wax resist project where we painted with watercolors to reveal our name that was written with a white crayon. The children were delighted to see their names appear on the white paper. Since it is springtime, we also made our own paper robin's nest with ripped brown construction paper and filled with blue paper eggs. Each of the student's nest contained the number of eggs coordinating with the number of letters in their names and they had to glue them in the correct order to spell their name. They turned out as beautiful as a nest full of real bird eggs!

### **DANDELIONS ARE BEAUTIFUL in the EYES of a CHILD**

Our final art project was a paper dandelion. The children enjoyed picking dandelions from the grass during recess and would come in with handfuls of dandelions to give to their moms or others. They were so proud of their bouquets!! Of course, the dandelions probably were drooped and shriveled before they reached a vase at home but I hope all you moms enjoyed the loving thought. So, I thought since the kids loved the dandelions so much, we would make a paper version that would stand straight and tall with its beautiful yellow splendor for a while longer than the real "flower." The kids were pretty pleased to have one more dandelion to take home.



## THANK YOU FROM 3K

Our school year now comes to a close and I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to everyone who made this year so wonderful for our class. So many have contributed in a variety of ways being as simple as prayers said for our school or countless hours planning and preparing for the happenings during our year...it is very much appreciated!!! I am grateful to have this opportunity to be part of St. John's and loved teaching this awesome group of 3K children this 2023-2024 school year. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making this year so memorable!!



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# 4K NEWSLETTER

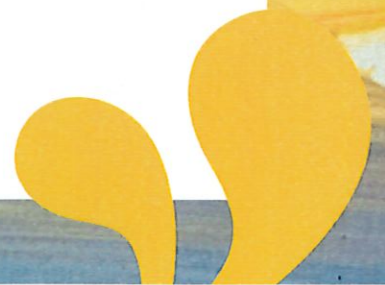
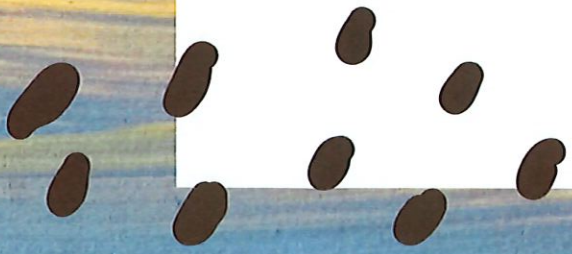
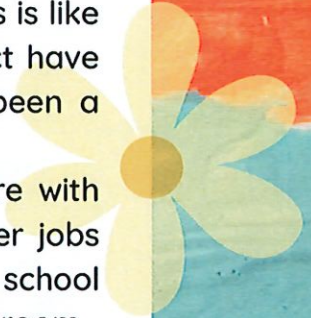
## Saying goodbye

It is now the end of the year. It has been one awesome year for me and the students. These guys were my first class as a teacher (aide) and they made it incredible. We have had our ups and downs this year but we made it through together. I feel this group of kids is like a little family to me. The letters, numbers, words, and project have been great. Our adventures just around the school have been a great learning experience and to Minnow Ponds and the park.

Each student is great in their own way. I have laughed more with these kids out of all the the kids I have watched in my other jobs before. I really can not believe this is finally the end of the school year. It seems just last week I moved up to be their lead in the room. I am very sad to see all these guys go for the summer, but I will still be here next year with your kids in kindergarten. I am so happy I was here all year with them. I have watched them all grow and learn so much and it makes me so very happy.

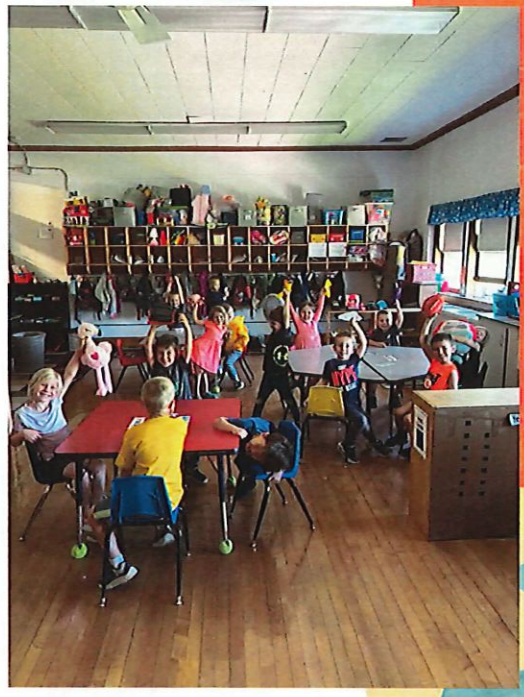
I really do want to say thank you to you all who have been so patient and caring with me and the whole class this year. I am beyond proud of everyone's help.

Now that the end is here, I have a quote for you all as a send off for summer: "The end of the school year is not just a break from the classroom, but a time to reflect on the growth you've inspired and the seeds you've sown."



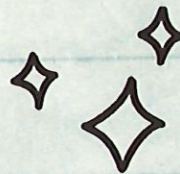


# PHOTO TIME



# May Newsletter

Grade Two



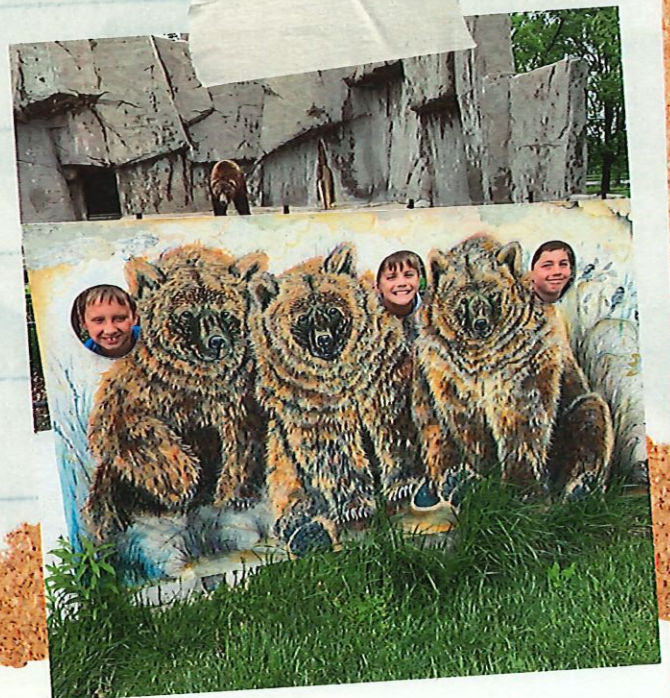
May brings the day we have been waiting for all year in second grade~First Holy Communion! Thank you to everyone for praying for us as we received Jesus for the first time on May 5th. As part of our Mass that Sunday, we also received our brown scapulars. A few weeks after First Holy Communion, we led the school in a May Crowning with a prayer service about St. Simon Stock and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. From our presentation: Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel dates back to the 12th century when hermits founded the Carmelite Order on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land. In 1251, Mother Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock, the leader of the Carmelites in England. She gave him a brown scapular and told him that anyone who wore it in faith would receive divine protection.

With Grade One



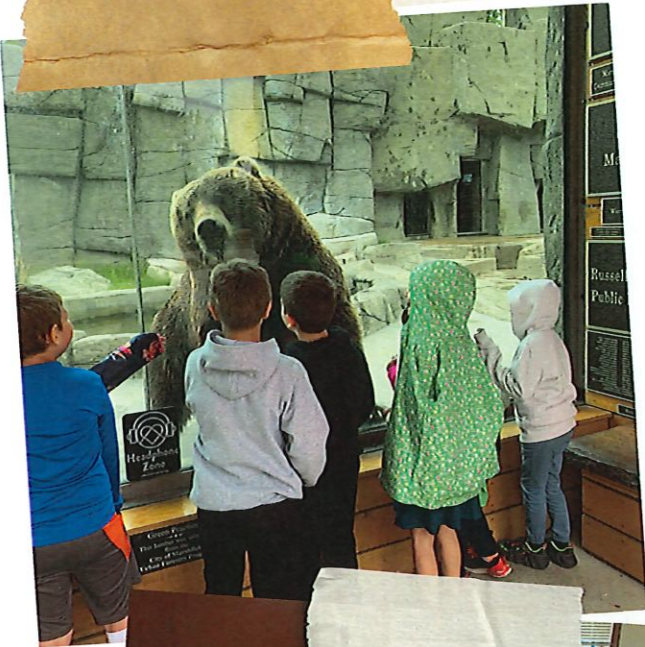
Looking back, we can't believe all the things we have learned through our regular classes and special events this past school year. We finished with a whirlwind of activity that made the month of May fly by in the blink of an eye. Our spring field trip included a visit at the Wildwood Zoo in Marshfield where we got to meet some of the animals up close. After a lunch in the zoo shelter area, we headed to the theatre for popcorn, soda, and *King Fu Panda 4*. On the Friday before Pentecost, we had an ice cream treat and sang "Happy Birthday" to the church. After having a surprise day off because we had no electricity in the school, we enjoyed our rescheduled end-of-the-year family picnic. If that sounds like a lot for one month, we were not done yet! The last full day of school, we had our traditional 3 hour recess where the whole school got to have recess together...all afternoon! Thank you to our HSA for treating us to ice cream at The Back Room Ice Cream Shoppe as part of the fun. We hope every has a blessed, happy, safe summer.

See you in September!



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# a few more May photos



🌻 Summer break is here!

Our Saint of the Month, St. Bernadette Soubirous, actually has an April 16 feast day. The challenges for the month of May were--**Pray and memorize "The Pardon Prayer," pray at least one decade of the Rosary each day, give alms to the poor, and pray earnestly for someone that is ill.** Those are again challenges we definitely can continue even when it is not May 2024 anymore.

Here is how we wrapped up our classes. We checked out the Original Solitude portion of our Theology of the Body curriculum, investigated shapes and perimeters, diagrammed sentences, explored the West Region, and challenged ourselves with a test on the 50 states.

From start to finish, it was a wonderfully busy month for us. We had the privilege to join St. Mary's at our state's capital and at Milton House. We were impressed with Middle School presentations of their Science Fair projects. We had a very enjoyable day in Marshfield with animal encounters at the zoo followed by Kung Fu Panda 4 at the movie theater. Topping all of that off, we had ice cream at the Back Room. Many thanks to all who make all that happen!

At the closing of the Splash Learn Springboard competition, we did remain in first place in Wisconsin. Fantastic work, everyone!! We can't forget our end-of-the-year multiplication flashcard challenge. For that challenge, we had Jacob in 1st place, Sam in 2nd, and Evie in 3rd. Congratulations! As we transition into summer, please keep those skills fresh by practicing math facts, reading regularly, and exploring God's beautiful world around you. We look forward to seeing our students continue to shine. Have a safe, adventurous, and joyful break! Stay sunny and spectacular! 😊🌟



### The Pardon Prayer

❤️ My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love Thee. Amen. ❤️



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Overall US Ranking

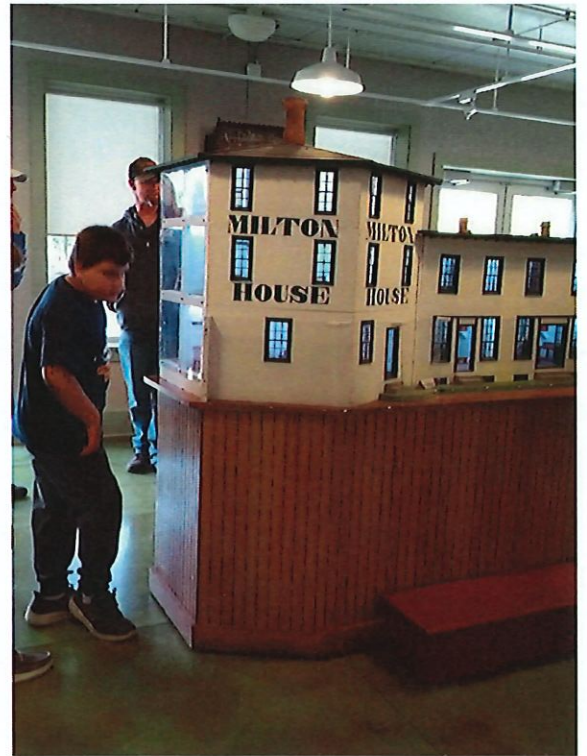
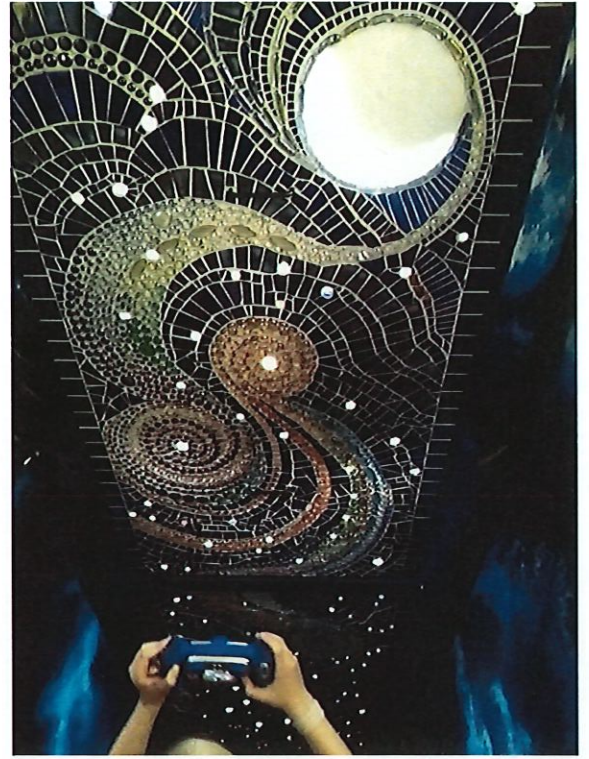


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Overall State Ranking

SPLASH LEARN SPRINGBOARD CHALLENGE '24

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Marshfield Zoo and Movie Theater



Back Room Ice Cream~YUM! 😊



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# Mrs. Michlig's

## NEWSLETTER



### May News

May has been a busy month! As the school year wound down, we completed units, had fun reading, took a field trip, and even presented some end-of-year slideshows that the 6th graders worked on. I think a fan favorite was going to Wisconsin Dells on our field trip! We all had a blast!

### Our fox friend at the Grotto



### ELA and Religion

In ELA, the students finished writing their trickster tales. Students had an additional challenge to incorporate a beaver into the story and the differences in each students' stories were super fun to read!

In religion, Mr. Radtke taught the students about Jesus's ascension and rounded out the year by discussing the rules of the Church.

## Social Studies

In social studies, we finished out the year strong by learning about some new topics. We covered information about Russia and the Cold War. We even learned about the Space Race and watched the famous movie *Hidden Figures* to learn more about the Space Race. All of the students loved the movie.



Rudolph Grotto

## Math

The 5th graders finished their math class out strong by learning about types of lines, angles, and geometry.

## GEOGRAPHY

Finally, in geography we finished off the year by learning about Asia, Australia, and the Pacific Islands. There was also some short information on Antarctica. Did you know that Australia is the only continent on the world without an active volcano on it? Students learned about the history of the native peoples of Australia and the Pacific Islands and learned more about their economies as well.

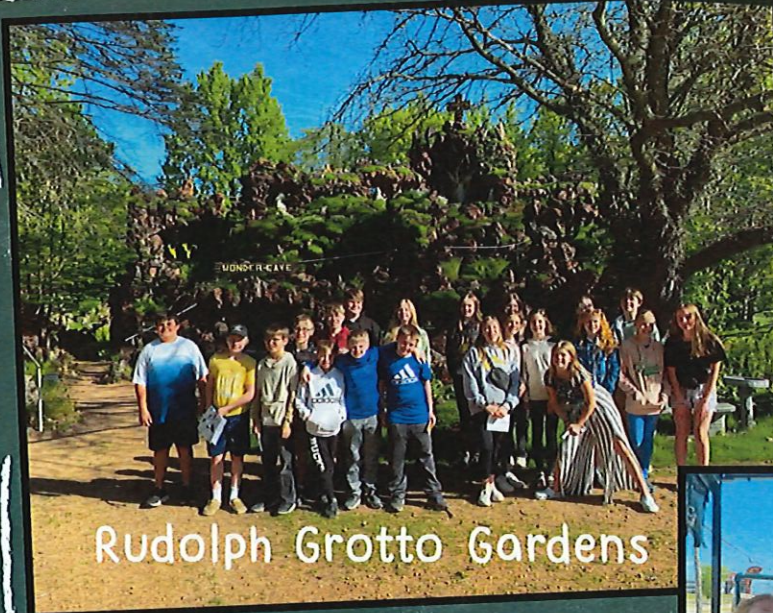
*Thank you all for such an amazing year. I will miss you!*

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## This Month In 7/8 Homeroom

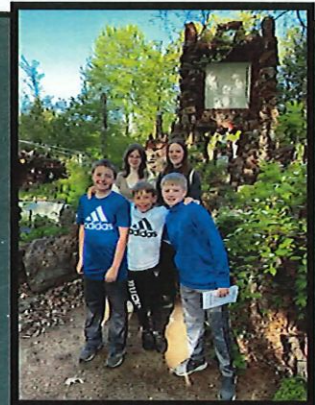
What happened to May??!! It really flew by with all the activities that took place: the Science Fair, End of Year field trip, May Crowning, 8th grade graduation... It was a busy month, but it was filled with so many good memories!



Rudolph Grotto Gardens



Wisconsin Dells  
Ducks, Buffalo  
Phil's and  
Knuckleheads



## End of Year Field Trip

## Upcoming School Activities

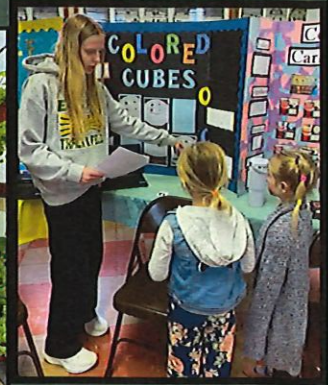
- Back Room ice cream
- 3-Hour recess
- Last day of school!



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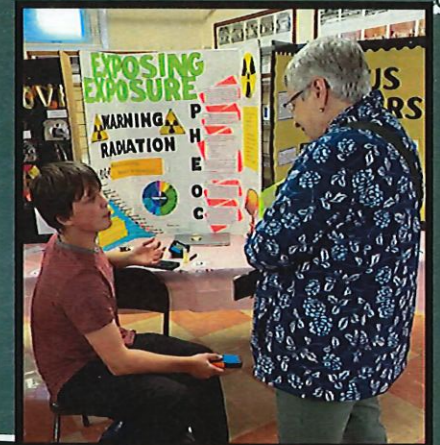
# Middle School Subjects

The biggest focus this month was the 2024 Science Fair! Middle school students conducted experiments, collected data, analyzed the results, and communicated what they learned. This was a large part of their 4th quarter science grade and the students took it seriously. There were some seriously good projects! Besides the science fair, students in 5/6 grade began to learn about ecosystems. The pictures to the right show student with their mini-ecosystems: terrariums! The 7/8 science class completed their unit on chemical changes by solving a mystery and using the evidence to find a fictional culprit!



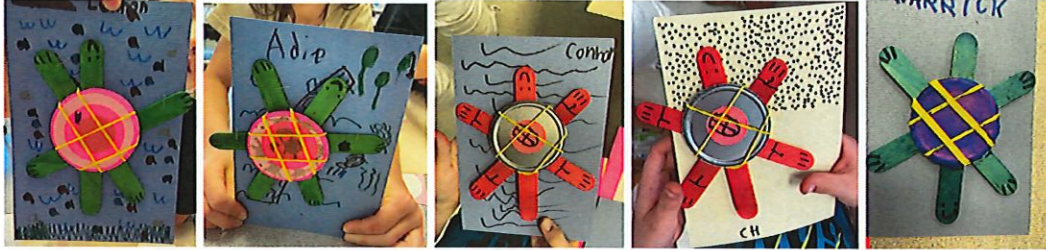
## A Note From Ms. Wozny

As the school year ends, I get a tear in my eye. Another group of 8th graders will graduate and leave St. John's. Their absence is always felt and I know that next year will have a different atmosphere because they will no longer be the "leaders" of St. John's. Even though, I look forward to hearing about your accomplishments in high school, you will be missed, Abby, Siara, Aiden, and Spencer!



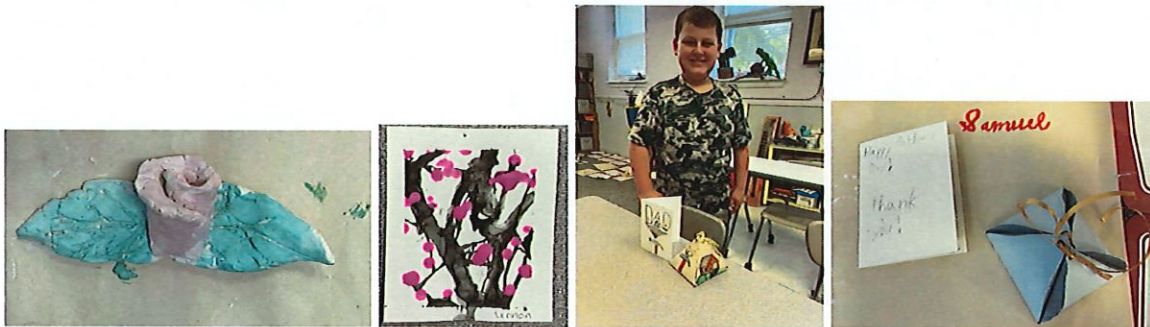
Hello from Art and Happy Summer!

The end of another year is always such a mixed blessing. Of course I look forward to the warmer weather and a chance to slow down as these end of year turtle projects suggest:



Don't you just love that one red turtle who figures out he can lay on the beach as well as swim! Maybe that explains the sunburn 😊. See! I will miss it when kids do the unexpected like this.

We hope moms enjoyed their blossom cards or paintings and the rose magnet/pins.



We were also busy creating something for dads too but I did not want to spoil that surprise too much so I limited my photo selection to just these two because they're all wrapped up and you only get to see the cards and the outside of the origami inspired pyramid (tabs in) or tent (tabs out) gift containers (thank you pinterest for that idea!).

Meanwhile, older students were working on honing their observational skills by drawing six different views of a chosen object including some close ups. If they finished on time, the second part of the challenge came in demonstrating six different color scheme combinations based on one original color.



Maria's object of choice was a drawing doll (pictured at right). Tada! I'm done too.  
Have a great summer! Love, Mrs. Wierzba