



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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St. Mary's School and Parish Special Events

Each year St. Mary's has a number of special events unique to our community. These are fun, social, enlightening, and represent the culture that is critically important to our school and the parish. Many of the events not only give you the opportunity to join in, but also volunteer your time and talents which is important to the growth and success of the school and parish community.

Summer Night at the Natatorium - July 27

Grab the family and join the St. Mary's community at the Natatorium Sunday, July 21st. This is a great opportunities for students and parents to reconnect, meet new families and enjoy the Boise evening at the Natatorium for this private event

Back to School Night -August 19 - 6:00-7:30 pm

Parents are invited to join us at the school to meet the principal, the teachers, and other members of the school board and PTO to listen and discuss the goals and plans for the upcoming year.

Back to School Bash - August 23 - 6:00 pm

PTO sponsored special event. Come, volunteer and enjoy camaraderie and merriment at the school. There are games, food, activities, and drink.

OktoberFest - September

St. Mary's is more than a church and a school. It is also a food bank that is aiding approximately 500 families in the surrounding area. The foodbank hosted an OktoberFest celebration at Payette Brewery to help them continue their mission. The event and the venue are family friendly. Please come, enjoy a bratwurst, a pint of beer and participate in the auction activities.

Spartan Run - October 17

While other schools do Fun Runs, St. Mary's Spartans do a Spartan Run. Our course not only involves running, but a variety of obstacles, like any true, Spartan Run would. We love volunteers and supporters to cheer on the students and perhaps join in on the obstacles.

Trunk or Treat - October 26 - 4:00 to 6:00

Decorate your trunk, bring some candy and the kids to enjoy a safe, fun and unique trick or treating experience at St. Mary's.

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Parish/School - December 12 - 5:00 - 8:00 am at St. Mary's - Other Evening Events - JUMP

Experiencing the Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Mary's is incredible. The Hispanic members of the parish start at 5:00 am with Las Mananitas. This is followed by Mass at 6:00 am and celebration breakfast in the school cafeteria. There is entertainment including singing and dancing. Later that evening, St. Mary's School's Mexican dancers perform at JUMP at a citywide celebration. All are welcome

Pastorela - Date TBD (December)

Students from 5th through 8th grade come together to perform the reenactment of the nativity with a Spanish cultural twist. Please join the rest of the school and we watch this entertaining and unique take on the birth of Jesus.

Family Picnic - Catholic Schools Week - January 26-30

On Friday of Catholic Schools week, all families are invited to join the students for a family picnic. Bring a blanket, chairs and food to join your student on campus for a special lunch with our community.

Ringling of the Bells - Catholic Schools Week - January 30 - 3:00-3:15 pm

Each year the entire student body and any parents who would like to stand on the corner and ring bells to bring a conclusion to Catholic Schools Week. Please come and ring bells, or drive by and horn in celebration.

Gala - Ball and Auction - Saturday, January 31

The Social Event of the Year - This is the biggest social and fundraising event of the year for the school. Every year we dress up, show out, and raise money for the school. There are many ways to be involved before, during and after the event by volunteering your time, treasure or talents. The night's activities include raffles, silent auctions, live auctions, dinner, drinks, and dancing.

Shrove Tuesday - Tuesday, February 17

This annual tradition at St. Mary's is unique to our school. Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, the school comes together to close the Adoration of the Christ Child Triptych (painting behind the altar) and bury the Alleluias for Lent. Our church is uniquely arranged to compliment this reflective ceremony. All are welcome.

Pi Day - March 12

Math does not get many holidays. We make the most of 3/14 to recognize and celebrate Pi Day. Mrs. Russell works feverishly with the middle school to collect and sell pies for our families to celebrate the irregular number of Pi. The proceeds are helping to fund our ongoing STEM afterschool and in class programs.

Grandparents Mass - April 1

Every year on the Wednesday before Easter, we invite the grandparents of the community to join us as we celebrate the liturgy. Easter is late next year, April 20.

Living Stations of the Cross - April 1, 2:45-3:15 pm

Each week during Lent, the school gathers to participate in the Stations of the Cross. On the Wednesday before Easter, our 8th graders perform a live performance for the school, our parent and the parish community.

Hallissey Basketball Tournament - Date TBD (End of February)

Since 1963, Catholic schools and parishes from all over the state have gathered to compete in a basketball tournament. The tournament involves 7th and 8th grade students. There is a boys, girls and coed division. St. Mary's has a long tradition of participation and success in the tournament. Many of the younger students enjoy going to cheer on their buddies, especially on Championship Sunday at Bishop Kelly.

ICSI - Basketball Tournament - Date TBD (March, before Spring Break)

ICSI (Idaho Catholic School Invitational) is a basketball tournament for our 3rd through 6th graders to compete against Catholic communities from around the state. St. Mary's put together three teams to compete in last year's tournament.

Clap Out - Friday, May 15 - 3:00-3:15 pm

Completing 8th grade is an honor at St. Mary's. These students have been the role models for the student body for the past year. They are a representation of everything important to St. Mary's. On their last day, the rest of the school gathers to "clap them out" on their final departure as students of St. Mary's. But always remember, once a Spartan, always a Spartan!

Regular events

In addition to our special events, there are regular events and activities that set St. Mary's apart from other schools.

Daily Prayer Square - Daily - 8:00 am

Every day the entire school gathers in the cafeteria to join in prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and words of wisdom. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and/or siblings are welcome to join us. The more the merrier.

Weekly Mass - Every Wednesdays - 8:30 am

The school gathers every Wednesday to celebrate Mass. Each week the students bring a different offering, whether that be food for the foodbank, clothes or sundries for the Corpus Christi House, or collection of funds for charitable donations to community groups.

Student Led Masses - Quarterly

Each quarter St. Mary's students will lead one of the weekend masses. Our presence at the parish is important to building and sustaining our incredible community. Many of the masses will

be followed by other events. The dates will be announced as we work through the calendar. First mass will be August 24th at 5:00 pm, followed by the Back to School Bash.

Stations of the Cross - Tuesdays during Lent - 2:45 pm

On Tuesdays during Lent (March 5 - April 17, 2025) the school gathers to reflect and pray The Stations of the Cross. Parents, families and parishioners are welcome to join us on any given Tuesday.

These are only some of the events and activities that make St. Mary's a great place to learn and grow as students, families and as a community. Please keep up to date about these and other activities and events shared in the weekly Spartan Spotlight and the school calendar.