



SMSS Daily Bulletin

School Day 126 ~ Thursday, February 26, 2026

Principal's Challenge

Go, and make disciples of all nations.

Senior Saint of the Day ~ chosen by Jake Haas

Today's quote is from **St. Maximilian Kolbe**. He is the patron saint of prisoners, journalists, families, the pro life movement, and those with addiction. He is known for his heroic self-sacrifice at Auschwitz, volunteering to die in place of a stranger, and is revered as a "Martyr of Charity" for his profound love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Daily Prayer Intentions:

Our prayer intentions for today are for **Fr. Steve Holman of Madisonville** and students **Owen Masek** and **Kody Marshall** and Athletic Director **Tim Stewart**.

Catholic Fact: Did you know the pretzel has historical origins as a Lenten bread?

Indeed, history shows that pretzels were a Lenten meal. Much of the information available is based on tradition that has been handed down through the ages. Nevertheless, the Vatican library actually has a manuscript illustrating one of the earliest pictures and descriptions of the pretzel (Manuscript Code no. 3867). Origin stories include Italian monks in the 600s baking special Lenten bread of water, flour and salt, the bread was rolled in strips and then shaped in the form of crossed arms, mimicking the then popular prayer position of folding one's arms across the chest to remind monks of Lent. The shape was called "bracellae", the Latin word for "little arms." This bread form became popular in Germany, and there, "bracellae" became "bretzel" and now "pretzel". Pretzels were enjoyed all year, a symbol of good luck, long life and prosperity as well as Lenten prayer. They were a substantial bread that satisfied hunger and were often used to feed the poor. Enjoying pretzels in Lent can be a reminder that God knows our needs, and answers our prayers. - adapted from [CERC](#)

Flu and Cold Season Reminders:

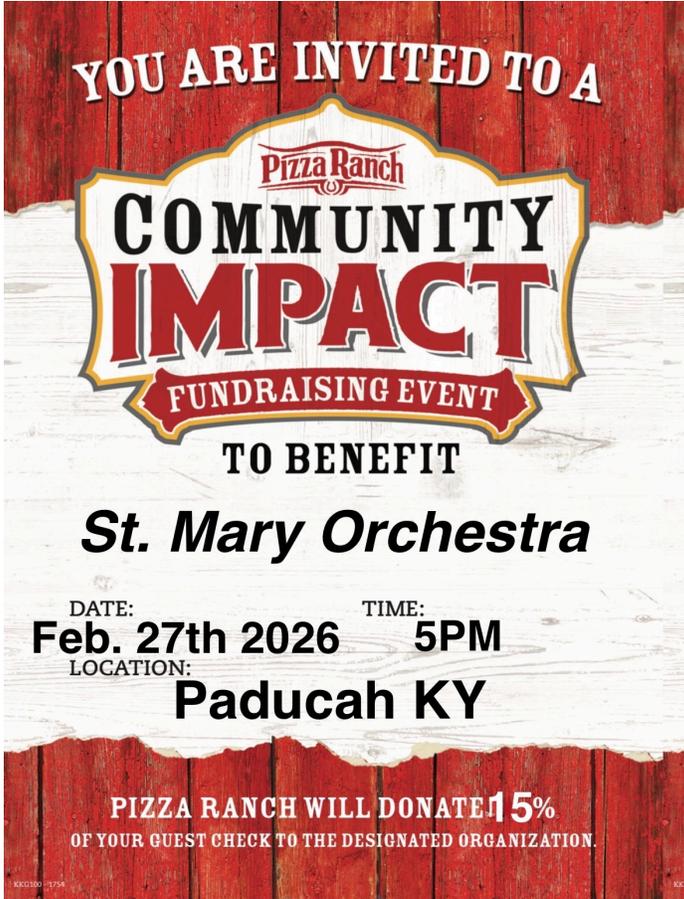
- **Please wash your hands several times daily for at least 20 seconds** and use hand sanitizer often. Good hygiene helps stop the spread of germs.
- **If you have tested positive for flu or have a fever**, please remain at home until you have been fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications.
- **If your child is absent or tardy, please call the Front Office at 270-442-1681** or email mara.sredl@smss.org. Thank you!

St. Mary Prayer Life

- **The rosary is offered daily in the chapel at 7:30am**. All students and staff are welcome to come and enjoy this beautiful prayer each morning.
- **MS/HS Parents Prayer Group meets each Wednesday afternoon in the Chapel @ 3:30pm**. Opening prayer, silent meditation and a closing prayer is offered.

All School News

- 02/27 Come out and support the St. Mary Orchestra at a Community Impact Event at Pizza Ranch! Friday, Feb 27th beginning at 5pm! Pizza Ranch will donate 15% of proceeds to our Orchestra!
- 03/11 St. Mary Orchestra will have their Spring Concert on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30 pm in the Commons. They will play a selection prior to their competition in Orlando, Fl.



MS News

- 02/26 Robotics Club meets on Thursday, Feb 26th after school in the MS Lab.
- 02/28 Middle School Dance will be held on Saturday, Feb 28th in the Commons. Tickets are \$10.
- 03/01 Register now for the MS Shamrock Fund Run! To learn more and register, [click here](#).
- 03/05 MS Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 5th. Full uniforms are required.
- 03/10 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held Tuesday, Mar 10th in 1st-4th hours. Winners will be announced during MS Lunch.



ST. MARY MIDDLE SCHOOL POMS 2026 SHAMROCK RUN



Student Incentives



\$100 (by 2/28)= Limo Ride to Middle School Dance

\$25= Glow Bracelet

\$50= STM Basketball



\$200= GOLDEN TICKET

(Reach \$200 and get in our CASH BOOTH!! Gift Cards, Cash, Uniform vouchers ETC.



\$300= OFF CAMPUS Lunch with the Principal

School-Wide Incentives

\$1,000= non uniform day

\$2,000= Pizza Party at lunch



\$3,000= Ice Cream Truck



\$4,000= WaterSlide at Spring Day



\$5,000= Rec Hour

\$6,000= Glow Party at Fund Run



Overall Top School Earner

Principal PIE in the FACE- PEP RALLY



HS News

- **02/26 Juniors - Thursday, February 26th - Mastery Prep ACT Bootcamp - all day in the library.**
- 02/26 Boys Investment Club meets on Thursday, Feb 26th at lunch in Room 208.
- **02/27 Order your personalized HS Yearbook by Feb 27th!** One Book. A Thousand Moments. Don't Miss the Memories. Yearbook order forms can be found in the front office. Personalizations can be added until February 27th. The last day to order a yearbook is March 30th.
- **03/03 HS Students will participate in a "Day of Service" at local non-profits on Tuesday, March 3rd.**
- **03/05 HS Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 5th.** Seniors may wear Mass-appropriate clothes. Juniors and Underclassmen must wear full uniforms.
- **03/05 French Club** will meet at lunch on Thursday, March 5th in Room 209.
- **03/05 Spring ACT District Testing for juniors** - Thursday, March 5th 8:00-12:30 in the library.
- **03/05 Seniors, Freshman and Drama students will be attending a production of Romeo and Juliet at Murray State University on Thursday, March 5th.** Please contact [Mrs. Gavin](#) for more information.
- **03/06 Spanish and French club / class members will be going to MSU on Friday, March 6th** for a Global Language Showcase and Lunch. Please email [Mrs. Pacheco](#) for more information.
- **03/12-15 Senior Class Trip will be March 12-13th.**

Academic Team - Upcoming Competitions

- **03/20-23 HS and MS Teams will compete at the KY State Finals March 20-23** in Louisville KY. Students will travel to Louisville after school on Friday afternoon.

Christian Service Opportunity

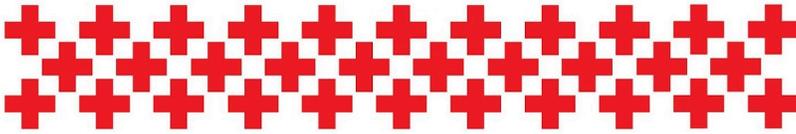
03/27 The Jefferson St. Knights of Columbus are looking for student volunteers for their upcoming Lenten fish fries. When: Fridays until 3/27/26, Where: 3028 Jefferson St. Contact: Jeff Warren 270-519-9990, Times: 3:45-7:00 or 6:30-8:00 (the latter shift is for clean up).

NHS Blood Drive

03/10 NHS Students are partnering with the Red Cross for a blood drive on Tuesday, March 10th from 8:30-1:30. Our blood drive offers an opportunity to help a SMHS student(s) through the Red Cross scholarship program. Our blood donation total determines how much scholarship money is earned! Please sign up for an appointment time today! *Donors will receive a \$15 gift card via email while also saving lives!

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive St. Mary Middle/High School Auxiliary Gym

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Help us earn Red Cross scholarship funds by donating at our drive!

16-year-olds may donate with a signed Red Cross parental consent form.

Go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: smhs, email NHS sponsor Ms. Cunningham at kelly.cunningham@smss.org, or call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule an appointment today.



Scan to be directed to RapidPass®



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Sports Events

02/26 VG Basketball District Tournament @ McCracken 5:30 pm
02/26 Esports (Mario Kart) 3:00 pm
03/05 MS Boys Soccer v CFS 5:00 pm
03/09 HS Tennis v Home School @ Noble Park 4:00 pm
03/09 HS V/JV Baseball @ Lyon Cty 5:30 pm
03/10 Tennis @ Mayfield 4:15 pm
03/10 MS Soccer @ RMS 5:00 pm
03/10 HS Track @ McCracken Quad 1 5:00 pm

Daily Prayer Leaders

02/25 - AM Conrad Green / PM Julianne O'Farrell
02/26 - AM Jake Haas / PM Nubia Pacheco
02/27 - AM Nolan Howard / PM Ansley Stubblefield
03/02 - AM Hunter Korte / PM Becca Thompson
03/03 - AM Jake Morris / PM Leena Turner

HS/MS Lunch Menu

All lunches are served with raw veggies, fruits and milk or juice

02/25 - Hot Ham & Cheese, Potato Soup, Tots, Carrots, Fruit
02/26 - Queso Chicken & Rice, Corn, Black Beans, Salsa Fruit, Cookie
02/27 - Bosco Sticks & Marinara, Green Beans, Side Salad, Fruit, Pudding
03/02 - Mini Corn Dogs, Vegetable Soup, Mashed Potatoes Peas, Fruit
03/03 - Orange Chicken, Fried Rice, Green Beans, Side Salad, Jell-O

Cleaning Assignments for the week of February 23, 2026

- MS Power Snack 7th grade Boys / MS Lunch 7th grade Girls
- HS Power Snack 10th grade Boys / HS Lunch 10th grade Girls

February Birthdays 🎉 🎂 🍰

MS: Ansley Stubblefield, Reagan Suazo, Sam Wilson, Rebekah Nunley, Roman Harrell
HS: Drew Puckett, Paige Topping, Meredith Paxton
Faculty: Kathli Falk, Mara Sredl, Kelly Cunningham