



The Christian Home and School Association sponsors a float during Colby Cheese Days.

### St. Mary School Standards:

- Articulate the moral imperatives of the 10 Commandments.
- Recognize in the life and teachings of Jesus the fundamentals of Faith.
- Derive personal confidence and joy from trust in God's Goodness.
- Seek Integrity through a commitment to honesty and trustworthiness.
- Demonstrate loyalty, respect, self-control, and temperance.
- Seek to serve others through productive work.
- Model charity, generosity, kindness, and empathy for others.
- Read informational and literary texts with critical comprehension.
- Write effective prose using the conventions of standard English.
- Display competence in solving abstract and practical problems.

### Formed in the Church; Inspiring the World

"The Church's role is especially evident in Catholic schools. ... It is the special function of the Catholic school to develop in the school community an atmosphere animated by a spirit of liberty and charity based on the Gospel. It enables young people, while developing their own personality, to grow at the same time in that new life which has been given them in baptism. ... Thus, the Catholic school, taking into consideration as it should the conditions of an age of progress, prepares its pupils to contribute effectively to the welfare of the world of men and to work for the extension of the kingdom of God, so that by living an exemplary and apostolic life they may be, as it were, a saving leaven in the community."

(Vatican Council II, *Gravissimum Educationis*, n. 8)

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## ST. MARY SCHOOL COLBY, WI



St. Mary School Mission Statement:

*Founded in God's grace, St. Mary School is dedicated to supporting academic excellence through developing students' potential to know, love and live the Catholic faith.*



Since its founding on October 25, 1894, St. Mary School has consistently provided a strong Catholic faith-based academic education for the students in the local community. We are currently offering education from 4K through to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Each of our teachers follows the Wisconsin state standards and incorporates the Catholic faith in all subject areas. The small class sizes enable teachers to work closely with students while identifying their strengths and weaknesses. Collaboration between parents and teachers plays a key role in fulfilling the educational needs of each student.

St. Mary School develops children spiritually, academically, and emotionally through a nurturing school environment.



All Saints' Day. The 1<sup>st</sup> grade students relish the opportunity to dress as saints and make a presentation about the saints at Mass.



St. Mary School served a much larger Catholic community in the past and had up to 35 children in each classroom and the school provided education in grades 1 - 8.

In recent years, 5K and 4K were added to our curriculum and we now serve an average of 10 children per classroom, providing a relatively intimate setting for the children under our care.

St. Mary School receives the majority of its financial aid from the parishioners of St Mary Help of Christians Parish, Colby. Additional support is provided by the Alumni of our school, the Christian Home and School Association, the Monsignor Malik Education Fund, the Adopt-A-Student program and a variety of other sources.

Since 2018, St. Mary School joined the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) which is offered by the WI Department of Public Instruction. The children who are entered into the WPCP receive their instruction at St. Mary School with no cost to their parents.

Here are some of the advantages of sending your child(ren) to St. Mary School:

- A Catholic based curriculum
- Weekly celebration of Mass
- Rigorous core subjects
- Dedicated faculty
- Relatively small class sizes
- An accredited School (WRISA)
- WI Parental Choice Program (WPCP)
- Close parent/teacher partnership
- Involvement in local parish communities
- 4K at no cost to parents
- Low tuition costs
- In service of the local community and the missions of the Church



Box of Joy. The students are offered opportunities to serve the local community and beyond. Box of Joy, sponsored by Cross Catholic Outreach, is an example of our student outreach to some of our brothers and sisters in poorer countries of the world.