THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

506 4TH STREET + MARIETTA, OH + 45750

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22nd, 2026

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

(Sat Vigil)	5:30 PM - Dan Meseroll
Sun 03/22	8:00 AM - People of the Parish
	10:00 AM - Richard Gillon
	Third Scrutiny
	12:00 PM - Barb Brockmeier, 3rd Anniv.
Mon 03/23	7:45 AM - Liv/Dec'd of the Lesti Family
	12:05 PM - D.J. Maxon
Tue 03/24	7:45 AM - Clarence Roesch
Wed 03/25	12:05 PM - Steve & Corey Parman
Thu 03/26	7:45 AM - Gertrude Baker
Fri 03/27	7:45 AM - Liv/Dec'd Members of the Paul & Jean Offenberger Family
	12:05 PM - Mark Bradley
Sat 03/28	9:00 AM - Liv/Dec'd of the Goss Family
(Sat Vigil)	5:30 PM - Francis "Junior" Arnold
Sun 03/29	8:00 AM - Marvin DeGree
	10:00 AM - Robert Murray, 21st Anniv.
	12:00 PM - People of the Parish

PLEASE NOTE: If you have scheduled the intention for the Mass and would like to bring up the gifts to the altar, please speak with one of the Ushers before the beginning of Mass.

Very Rev. Edward Maxfield Jr., Rector
Rev. Emmanuel Nwosu, Parochial Vicar
Msgr. John Michael Campbell, Retired
Deacon Lee Weisend, Retired

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WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 5:30 PM;
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
(or anytime by appointment)

BASILICA NEWS AND EVENTS

REST IN PEACE:

Russell Morgan Hupp Jr., brother of June Deem and Rebecca Buckman of this Parish, passed away on March 14th. His funeral was held on March 19th.

We extend our sincere condolences to his family, and pray that the Lord may welcome him into his heavenly home.

HAPPENING TODAY:

CROSS + FIRE YOUTH GROUP: Please join us today in the Social Hall from 6-7:30 PM! All youth of the parish, 7th - 12th grade, is invited to come learn about the Saints, our Faith, and have fun!

THIS WEEK:

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE - On Wednesday, March 25th, we invite you to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation beginning at 7 PM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LITTLES - Following the Noon Mass on Friday, March 27th, join us for an age-appropriate encounter with Jesus.

VISITORS WELCOME: We welcome any visitors who are joining us for Mass this weekend. We hope your stay in Marietta is enjoyable. *Any new parishioners, or adult children of parishioners at the Basilica are asked to please register with the parish office.*

PARISH OFFICES are normally open from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Mondays, and from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM Tuesdays through Fridays, with a lunch break from Noon until 1:00 PM each day. Closed for all federal holidays.

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THE LORD WILL NEVER BE OUTDONE IN GENEROSITY!

Total collection last weekend:	$	12,822.00
Amount needed each weekend for the Basilica Budget:	$	14,225.00

ONLINE GIVING is available through our website. Visit: https://stmarysmarietta.org/give-online/

2026 D/PSC: Thank you to all who have already contributed toward our goal of $113,892.83 for this year's DPSC. Your support is truly a blessing!

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES If ever you don't receive your monthly contribution envelopes, or if your address has recently changed, please notify the Parish Office via phone or email.

PARISH OFFICE NEWS

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Next weekend, March 28th and 29th, is the last weekend to turn the Easter Flower Memorials envelopes into the basket for the bulletin insert.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

All bulletin announcements must be in by Noon on Wednesdays in order to be included in the following weekend's bulletin. All announcement requests must be made in writing.

WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule weddings and baptisms. Weddings must be scheduled a minimum of *6 months in advance.*

ALTAR FLOWERS If you would like to request flowers for a particular weekend, in memory or in honor of someone, please call the parish office to reserve the date. You should contact the florist of your choice and arrange for delivery.

PARISH CONTACTS

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Divine Mercy Gift Shop	-	Barb Ritchie: (740) 538-4733
Welcoming Committee	-	Jim Naylor: (740) 350-5510
Parish Council President	-	Steve McCarthy: (740) 525-7175
K. of C. Grand Knight	-	Dan Rose: (740) 538-4726
CWC President	-	Debbie Lazorik: (740) 434-3769
Hibernians	-	Bernard A Lyons: (740) 629-1700
Helping Hands Ministry	-	Debbie Murray: (740) 516-9460
Daily Bread Kitchen	-	Mrs. Carol Henshaw: (740) 885-1181
St. Vincent de Paul	-	Help Line: (740) 376 -1334
Prayer Line & Eucharistic Adoration	-	Mrs. Shelly Medley: (740) 525-6360

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

320 Marion St + stmaryscatholic.org + (740) 374 - 8181

LENTEN FISH FRY

St. Mary Catholic School Lenten fish fries continue through Friday, March 27th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Join us for eat in, take out or drive-thru. We now accept credit cards for meals!

CALLING ALL DADS, GRANDFATHERS, AND UNCLES! You are invited to join us for the Feast of St. Joseph on Thursday, March 19th. We will provide lunch at the school beginning at 10:45am and will celebrate Mass at the Basilica at Noon.

ENROLLMENT/REGISTRATION is underway for the 2026-2027 Academic year. To learn more about the quality education at St. Mary Catholic School Preschool through 8th grade, please call the school office at (740)374-8181 or email Mrs. Bradley at tammibradley@stmaryscatholic.org

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Mary Catholic School will present *Willy Wonka* on Friday, April 17th at 7:00 PM. The students and staff have been working hard on the preparations of the musical play.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE SERVICE: We pray for all the men and women who are serving our country in the military, especially those from our own parish. May God watch over them and bring them safely home.

A REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

"And after that He says unto them, 'Our friend Lazarus sleeps; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.' It was true what He said. To his sisters he was dead, to the Lord he was asleep. He was dead to men, who could not raise him again; but the Lord aroused him with as great ease from the tomb as one arouses a sleeper from his bed. Hence it was in reference to His own power that He spoke of him as sleeping: for others also, who are dead, are frequently spoken of in Scripture as sleeping; as when the apostle says, 'But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others who have no hope.' Therefore he also spoke of them as sleeping, because foretelling their resurrection. And so, all the dead are sleeping, both good and bad. But just as, in the case of those who sleep and waken day by day, there is a great difference as to what they severally see in their sleep: some experience pleasant dreams; others, dreams so frightful that the waking are afraid to fall asleep for fear of their recurrence: so every individual sleeps and wakens in circumstances peculiar to himself. And there is a difference as to the kind of custody one may be placed in, who is afterwards to be taken before the judge. So there are different kinds of custody for the dead, and differing merits in those who rise again." - Saint Augustine *Tractates on the Gospel of Saint John 49*:9

DEAR PARISHIONERS

When Jesus approaches Martha in today's Gospel, we get her great confession of faith. She says to Jesus "I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." Even in the face of her grief at the death of her brother, her confusion about why Jesus did not come sooner, she still remembers this essential truth. In our own life, whatever ails and confronts us, whatever grief we face, whatever sorrows we endure, we too should remember that truth. Jesus is the Christ, the redeemer, the one who came into the world to free us from sin and death so that we might have life and have it more abundantly. When like Mary we find ourselves confused, distracted by grief, unsure of the plan, worn out by the journey, we should fix our hearts and our minds on that truth. Then like Jesus says to her, our minds and our hearts might be open and we might eventually be able to see "the glory of God," present in Christ, present in our lives.

- Fr. Edward

MARCH: MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH

The Church encourages us to be devoted to Joseph because he was a model in the heroic practice of all the virtues. The example of virtuous living that he gave in the exact fulfillment of the duties of his state of life is worthy of our reflection.

O blessed Joseph, faithful guardian of my Redeemer, Jesus Christ, protector of thy chaste spouse, the virgin Mother of God, I choose thee this day to be my special patron and advocate and I firmly resolve to honor thee all the days of my life. Therefore I humbly beseech thee to receive me as thy client, to instruct me in every doubt, to comfort me in every affliction, to obtain for me and for all the knowledge and love of the Heart of Jesus, and finally to defend and protect me at the hour of my death. Amen

'I know by experience, ' says St. Teresa of Avila, 'that the glorious St. Joseph assists us generally in all necessities. I never asked him for anything which he did not obtain for me. '

Taken from CatholicCulture.org

DECEASED PRIESTS OF OUR DIOCESE

Mon 3/23	16th	- Rev. Richard L. Battocletti
Thu 3/26	57th	- Rev. Stephen J. Pekalla
	8th	- Deacon Lawrence Meagher

These priests have served the Lord in our Diocese. We pray that they may rest in peace and have the reward for their service in Heaven.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION OF THE MONTH:

FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE

"Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence."

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Holy Spirit continues to allot special graces to the faithful in order to enrich and build up the body of Christ. It is important that we recognize these manifold gifts and express our gratitude to God for allowing us to be partakers in his work of salvation.

MASSES, FEASTS, & EVENTS THIS WEEK

BASILICA SCHEDULE

7:45 AM - Daily Mass.

9:10 AM - Confessions at School.

12:05 PM - Daily Mass.

6:15 PM - Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

7:00 PM - OCIA in the Social Hall.

MONDAY, MARCH 23RD

SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

Toribio was the chief judge of the Inquisition at Granada as a layman. As Archbishop of Lima, he presided over the III Council of Lima and established the first seminary in the New World. He is patron of Latin American bishops.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH

BASILICA SCHEDULE

7:45 AM - Daily Mass.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH

BASILICA SCHEDULE

9:00 AM - Eucharistic Adoration begins.

12:05 PM - Daily Mass.

6:45 PM - Eucharistic Adoration ends.

7:00 PM - Lenten Penance Service.

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

"And the angel said to her,
'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.'"
- Luke 1: 30-31

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

BASILICA SCHEDULE

7:45 AM - Daily Mass.

8:15 AM - Cleaning of Our Basilica

6:00 PM - Little Saints Youth Group

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH

BASILICA SCHEDULE

7:45 AM - Daily Mass.

8:15 AM - Eucharistic Adoration begins.

12:05 PM - Daily Mass, followed by Children's Stations of the Cross

2:30 PM - Stations of the Cross with St. Mary's School Children (at Basilica)

6:45 PM - Eucharistic Adoration ends.

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross.

LENTEN FRIDAY

Visit our Lenten Fish Fry at St. Mary's Catholic School!

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

BASILICA SCHEDULE

9:00 AM - Daily Mass.
- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt

3:30 PM - Confessions in the Basilica.

5:30 PM - Sunday Vigil Mass.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

BASILICA SCHEDULE

8:00 AM - Sunday Mass.

8:30 AM - CCD Classes.

9:30 AM - Sunday Mass at St. Henry's.

10:00 AM - Sunday Mass.

12:00 PM - Sunday Mass.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help are celebrated every Monday evening at 6:15 PM.

Parishioners are encouraged to participate in this devotion to the Most Blessed Virgin. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, may God continue to bless us and the work that is done here at our Basilica.

A shrine to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, including a large mosaic of the icon, is located in the back of the nave of the Basilica.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Eucharistic Adoration will take place at our Basilica on Wednesday and Friday each week, in the Chapel of the English Martyrs. It will begin at 9:00 AM on Wednesday and 8:15 AM on Friday, and end at 6:45 PM both days.

Jesus invites us to watch with Him for one hour. When we sit before the Eucharist, we allow our heart and soul to expand and unite with Jesus.

In this Year of Grace, may we be open to whatever God wants to give us.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross is a prayer of meditation focused on the final moments in the life of Christ, from His condemnation by Pilate to his Death and Burial.

This prayer will take place every Friday evening of Lent at 7:00 PM. Families are encouraged to attend this traditional devotion in an attempt to live the events of Jesus' march to His Death at Calvary.

Children are welcome, so that they, too, may learn some of the beautiful traditions and devotions of our Faith.

PILGRIMAGES TO THE BASILICA

Special spiritual benefits are attached to the designation of a church as a minor basilica. All Catholics who are properly disposed may seek a plenary indulgence by visiting the Basilica on specified days and by fulfilling the conditions required. We welcome all visitors, encouraging them to come, pray, and enjoy our beautiful church.

If you are a member of a group who would like to tour our Basilica or make a spiritual pilgrimage, please let us know how we can be of assistance.

Please observe a reverential quiet in the Basilica.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNIGHTS KORNER

Brought to you by K. of C. Council #478

ATTENTION: Joe Wilson, from our Council #478, will be making a presentation at every Mass this weekend about the benefits of becoming a Knight of Columbus. Additionally, he and follow Knights will be handing out information packets and sign up cards. They will also be present after all Masses to answer questions.

MEMBERSHIP Want to become a member of the Knights of Columbus? Contact Dave Payne at (740)-516-6390 or davidp437sl@gmail.com

MEETINGS are held at the Marietta K of C Hall (at 312 Franklin Street) on the first and third Tuesday of each month. From now through the end of the Lenten Season, all K of C meetings will be preceded by a Rosary recited at 7:00pm.

BASILICA GROUNDS CLEAN UP

Thursday, March 26th from 4:30-6:30 PM

We invite all parishioners to join the Knights of Columbus in pruning, mulching, and doing general clean up of the Basilica grounds, just in time for Holy week. Please bring hand tools! There is no need to sign up ahead of time, just show up! For questions, please contact 740-525-0053.

NOVENA FOR LIFE

Please join the Marietta Knights of Columbus Council #478 in praying a Novena for Life, beginning Tuesday, March 24th.

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. We remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being—from the moment of conception to natural death.

To commemorate and bolster this important cause, Council #478 is promoting this Novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes, and wider community. Novena prayer cards will be available at all entrances of the church.

LADIES CORNER

Brought to you by the CWC

MEETINGS are held at 6PM in the Social Hall at the Basilica every first Wednesday of the month. All women of the parish invited to join in the discussion and share your ideas!

MONTHLY BOOK CLUB: March 25th, 6PM, Social Hall. March Book: Night Road by Kristin Hannah. Books are now available in the church library to check out. A summary of the book will be available if you are not able to get it read.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Debbie Lazorik, lazorikd@marietta.edu, text or call 740-434-3769.

FEELING FAINT THIS EASTER SEASON?

The longer masses, the prolonged kneeling and standing can sometimes get the best of us Catholics! Here's some helpful tips:

Move your legs, bend your knees and move your feet while standing and kneeling. This will prevent circulation from being restricted. Have breakfast while still maintaining your one hour fast before receiving communion to keep your blood sugar up. If you feel dizzy, see spots or the church starts to spin, tell someone and sit down in the pew. If you witness someone having an episode- first help them to sit. If they faint, lay them down on the pew so circulation can return to their head and bend the knees up, if possible. This will only last a short while if it is the main issue.

Next, find out if they are diabetic. If an usher witnesses the episode they will probably be bringing you juice and a cool cloth from the cry room. It is best to wait until the person has regained consciousness before putting anything in their mouth.

If a medical professional is in the mass, they will more than likely come and check on the situation and can help you decide if emergency services are necessary. More than likely the change in position or the juice will be sufficient and no further action will be necessary.

We hope this helps keep you upright and do not be embarrassed, you are not alone!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

DAILY BREAD KITCHEN NEWS

The Daily Bread Kitchen has operated for more than 15 years with the help of many (too many to count) volunteers. Inevitably, age and illness have taken their toll, so we ask for your assistance. If you are able to donate some time each month, or if you are a cookie baker, or if you want to aid with our mission in any way, we can use your help! Contact Linda McMichael or any team member for more information. Again, thanks to all who have already given so much.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

BOB EVANS FARMHOUSE:

St. Mary Catholic School Home & School board has a arranged a community fundraiser with Bob Evans Farmhouse restaurant for all day Thursday, March 26th. The flyer, which is in today's bulletin, must be shown for the 15% net sales of the day. We encourage businesses to go together and order lunch and families to let us help with your dinner plans!

SARRIS CANDY:

Also in today's bulletin is the information for an Easter candy fundraiser through Sarris Candy. This is an all-online fundraiser and all orders are delivered directly to you. Anyone anywhere can order and use our group ID code (10-3985) to earn credit for Home & School.

COME AND SEE RETREAT

The Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus invite young women ages 16-33 to a Come and See retreat from 7:00 pm on Friday, March 27 to 1:30 pm on Sunday, March 29. It will be held at our convent at 700 Lovers Lane, Steubenville, Ohio. To register please call 740-346-2625. Jesus is inviting you to remain in his love, come and discover the beauty of Consecrated Souls united to the Heart of Christ.

LITTLE SAINTS YOUTH GROUP

Our first "Little Saints" meeting will be on Thursday, March 26th from 6:00-7:30 PM. Open to children in Pre-K through 1st grade.

To register or for more information, please contact Teresa Domico at teresatokodi@gmail.com

2026 BASILICA BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Children and grandchildren of the Basilica, join us for a pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 28. Breakfast will be served at 9:00 am followed by an egg hunt. Bring baskets to collect eggs.

Anyone interested in sponsoring or donating towards the event, please call/text Lora Offenberger at 740-374-2126.

SVDP 2026 LINEN DRIVE

The 5th Grade CCD Class in conjunction with Saint Vincent de Paul will be having a linen drive. Gently used or new bed sheets and towels will be collected at all Masses during the weekend of March 28th and 29th. Bins will be placed at both side entrances of the Basilica to collect these items.

Last year's drive resulted in our being able to assist 50+ families. Please note that it is through the generosity of you, the people of this parish, that we, St. Vincent de Paul, are able to do what we do for those in need in our community.

PARISH ROSARY ON PALM SUNDAY

The Knights of Columbus, together with the Catholic Women in Action, will be praying the rosary before all Sunday Masses on the weekend of March 28th and 29th, in preparation for the beginning of Holy Week.

We will begin half an hour before Mass. Plan to arrive early, and don't forget to bring your rosaries. Everyone welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

FIRST READING	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
Isaiah 50:4-7	Philippians 2:6-11	Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 28TH & 29TH

	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
Sat:	(CAPT) Evelyn Potter	Tony Huffman	Connor Bichard
5:30	(HOST) Brian Putnam		Nora Schiltz
	(HOST) Wendy Thieman		Evelyn Farkas
	(CHALICE) Missy Deskins		
	(CHALICE) Debbie Lazorik		
Sun:	(CAPT) Patti Finkel	Carol Wharff	Brandon Burnworth
8:00	(HOST) Sandy George	Tom Hushion	Greg Dickson
	(HOST) Carol Antill		Joyce Iaderosa
	(CHALICE) Sharon Loken (swap req.)		Mike Iaderosa
	(CHALICE) Brandon Boley		
10:00	(CAPT) Ken Masselli	Mikhal Grueneberg	Henry Corcoran
	(HOST) Joel Erb	Sophia Parlin	Jonah Corcoran
	(HOST) Cathy Harper		Rylan Offenberger
	(CHALICE) John Towner		
	(CHALICE) Pat Dickinson		
12:00	(CAPT) Sandy Bickert	Stan Vanlandingham	Jonathan Schmidt
	(HOST) Cheyenne Greenwood	Jamie Boersma	Annie Tokodi-Ruth
	(HOST) Meredith Becker		Carson Black
	(CHALICE) Lisa Taylor		
	(CHALICE) Jeannette Flowers		

CHECK YOUR CALENDARS! IT'S TIME FOR A NEW BASILICA DIRECTORY!

We are updating our church directory to better connect our parish community. We have connected with the Washington County Career Center for photography and help with layout. This benefits their program while keeping this project completely free for you. (No portrait sales) You will receive a FREE digital copy of your photo to use as you wish, as well as a FREE Directory for participating. Photography dates are April 17, 18, 19 and April 24, 25, 26. You must be a registered parishioner to participate.

Please sign up using the QR code to go to stmarysmarietta.org/directory anytime to reserve your spot!

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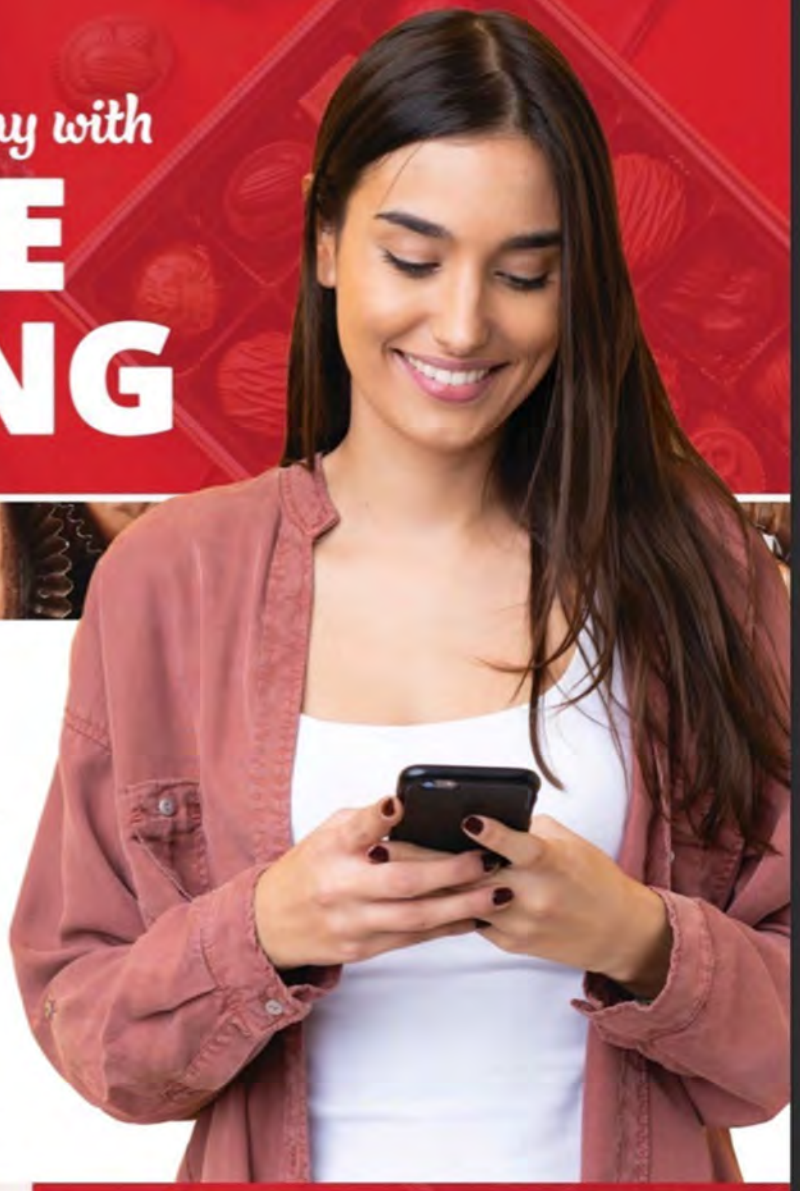

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St. Mary Home & School Association

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10-3985

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not applicable

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