



St. Mary's Catholic School 2025-2026

Weekly Newsletter



February 9th-13th

Upcoming Dates

Mon, Feb 16th: President's Day

- **NO SCHOOL OR CHILDCARE**

Wed, Feb 18th: Ash Wednesday

- School Mass at 9:00am at St. Mary's Parish. **Students must be dressed in their uniform.** If you attend Mass and arrive after 8:55, please come knock on the Parish front door to be let in.

Fri, Feb 20th: No Mass

Tue, Feb 24th:

- Open House (Kindergarten 2026-2027) at 5:30pm in classroom

Fri, Feb 27th:

- School Mass at 8:45 at St. Mary's Parish
- Hallissey Basketball Tournament in Boise (All Diocesan Catholic Schools Compete)

Email Address for School Office

Please note that we are no longer using the email address attendance@stmarysmoscow.com for any communications. If you'd like to get in touch with the school office, please use these emails: **office@stmarysmoscow.com**
stmarysmoscowoffice@gmail.com

Stations & Soup Event- March 6th

The "Stations and Soup" event is an opportunity for fellowship during the season of Lent. This will be on Friday, March 6th starting at 6pm and our entire school community is invited to participate. We are looking for family volunteers to help facilitate this event. Please [click here](#) to look at the volunteer opportunities and sign up. Thank you for all your support!

A Message From Father Ben

Dear Parents,

With gratitude and mixed emotions, I wish to inform you that our Principal Mr. Greg Ahmann has decided to step down from his role as the principal of St Mary's Catholic School.

We are deeply thankful for the faith, dedication, leadership, and care he brought to our school community throughout his term of service.

While this marks the end of an important chapter, we trust that God continues to guide the path of our school. We remain united in faith, hopeful for the future, and committed to providing the strong Catholic education, loving and nurturing environment that defines our school community.

Please keep Mr. Ahmann in your prayers as he begins this new chapter, and may we continue to support one another with encouragement and trust in God's providence.

I have requested the Superintendent of Catholic Schools in our Diocese to provide an oversight at the school while we go through this transition period.

Thank you all for your understanding, continued partnership and faith in St Mary's Catholic School.

Remain Blessed,
Fr Benjamin

Kindergarten Open House!

Please join us on February 24th at 5:30pm for our kindergarten open house. We will have light refreshments and enjoy visiting in the kindergarten classroom about our amazing St. Mary's Catholic School program. Please plan to come if you are a new family, or if you are a family in our Pre-school or Pre-K program, we would love to spend time showing you our kindergarten!

Hot Lunch Menu During Lent (Feb 18th-Apr 4th)

We will not be serving hot lunches with meat on Ash Wednesday (Feb 18th) or any Friday during Lent. Please see the school website for the full lunch menu. *Why? Choosing not to eat meat isn't about labeling any food as bad. Instead, it's meant to be a simple, shared practice that encourages mindfulness and gratitude of Christ's love for us. When joined with prayer and service, this tradition helps us grow spiritually during the Lenten season.*

Ceramic Pots Needed for Garden Club

The Garden Club is looking for a couple of ceramic pots about 20-24 inches high and around 12 inches in diameter (doesn't have to be exact). If anyone has a couple they don't want anymore, please contact the office. Thank you!

Parent Testimonials for Website

We've added a new "Testimonial" section to our school website. We would love to include more from our parent community! If you're willing, please email the school office. Thank you for your consideration and for your family being such an important part of our school family!

Events in the Moscow Catholic Community:

The Great Debate- Tickets Are Limited!

The Great Debate will take place on March 26th, held by the University of Idaho's Vandal Catholic Club. This year's theme explores "Sola Scriptura", presenting the Catholic and Protestant perspectives on the authority of Scripture. The event will take place at the ICCU Area and will feature nationally recognized speakers - Catholic apologist, Joe Heschmeyer and Protestant voice, Doug Wilson. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.



2026
Lenten
Retreat

Fr. Wekerle

Throw Fire
**THE MARVELOUS
KINGDOM OF GOD**

Tuesday
February 24

- 4:30-6pm Adoration & Confession
- 6:15pm Session #1
- 7:15pm Candlelight Mass

Wednesday
February 25

- 8am Daily Mass
- 8:30-9:45am Brunch
- 10am Session #2
- 5:30pm Mass w/ Retreat Recap
- ~Social following Mass~

St. Mary's Parish
618 E First St
Moscow, ID



Upcoming Local Events

Please see the posters below for events within the Moscow, Pullman, and broader community.

Youth Opportunities

MOSCOW FARMERS MARKET
growers | makers | performers EST. 1976

Youth Vendor Program

For: Ages 6-17; Individuals or small groups
Our Youth Vendor Program encourages young entrepreneurs explore their interests in farming, gardening, crafts, food, and agriculture. Open to individuals or groups of up to 3 people. Please review our Vendor Handbook. To participate, youth must complete the Youth Vendor Registration form, Release and Hold Harmless form, and register with the Idaho State Tax Commission. If selling food, a Food Risk Assessment form from the Idaho Public Health Department is also required.
Fee: \$7 per space per day

Busker Program

For: All ages; Individuals or small groups

Entertain the Market crowd with music, dance, juggling, face painting, balloon art, and more! Open to solo performers or groups of up to 3 people. Performers may request donations, but sales are not permitted.

To participate, complete the registration form, Release and Hold Harmless form, and register with the Idaho State Tax Commission. Spaces are first come, first served—sign up starts at 7:45 AM each Market day.

Fee: \$8 per 2.5 hour time slot

Bell Brigade

For: Youth clubs & Organizations
The Bell Brigade is a fun volunteer opportunity! Youth volunteers who ring the opening (8 AM) and closing (1 PM) bells receive a free tabling space to share information about their group. While sales are not permitted, this space is a great way to showcase your organization, recruit new members, and promote fundraisers.

Now accepting poster art submissions!

For: All ages, any art style
Selected artist will receive an honorarium of \$500. See all details on our website.
Submission deadline: 5 PM on February 20th, 2026.

Download our free **MOSCOW FARMERS MARKET** Valentine's Day cards!

Find more details, required forms, the Vendor Handbook and free downloadable valentines on our website.
www.ci.moscow.id.us/197/Community-Events-Moscow-Farmers-Market
farmersmarket@ci.moscow.id.us | 208.883.2777



STEM is our Superpower

Saturday - March 28th, 2026

10AM-3PM



Sloan Hall, 405 NE Spokane St.
Pullman, WA 99163



Early Registration by March 1st 2026
\$5/Child

<https://bit.ly/4b7eB8b>



KIDS BADMINTON CLASS

NEW SESSION!

DATES:
FEBRUARY 3RD - 26TH
EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
3:30PM-4:30PM
**AT THE HAMILTON INDOOR
RECREATION CENTER (HIRC)**

Led by: Brooke Lowry

**For more information, visit
the HIRC or call (208) 883-7084**



University of Idaho
International Programs Office

28th annual CRUISE THE WORLD

Sunday, March 29
11am-4pm

Free Admission
CASH-ONLY Food
Purchases

Scan to learn more

Food booths
Performances
Cultural activities





Igniting faith, knowledge, creativity, and service