

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

Tuesday Times
April 9, 2019



SMS: Where Lights
Shine Bright

*"Whoever wishes to be my follower
must deny his very self,
take up his cross each day,
and follow in my steps." Luke 9:23*

WHAT'S NEW?

Lots of congratulations are in order this week! We are very pleased to share the following information with our school and parish families:

St. Mary's students in Preschool through Grade 6 participated in the Patriotism Contest sponsored by the V.F. W. Students in Preschool and Kindergarten participated in a Coloring Contest. Students in First through Third Grade participated in a Poster Contest, and students in Fourth through Fifth Grade participated in an Essay Contest. We are so very proud of our students! We congratulate the following winners from St. Mary's –

Will Petrowske – Preschool 3 Year Old – Coloring Contest Winner
Gage Lynn – Third Grade – Poster Contest Winner
Ethan Colvis – Fifth Grade – Essay Contest Winner

These students will continue on to the District level competition. We wish them continued success, and once again extend our sincere congratulations!

St. Mary's School also participated in the Poetry Contest sponsored by Southwestern Illinois College. This contest is open to all students in Monroe and Randolph counties. The following students won in their respective grade categories:

Kolton Jany placed 2nd in the Sixth Grade Category
Jack Heffernan placed 1st in the Sixth Grade Category
Ethan Colvis placed 3rd in the Fifth Grade Category
Kanon Jany placed 1st in the Fourth Grade Category

These students are invited to the Winners' Ceremony which will be held in the Performing Arts Room of the Red Bud Campus. We are so very proud of these students! Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate Joe Bicket who participated in the Appelley Publishing 2019 Student Poetry Contest. Joe submitted his poem titled "The Red Bird". Joe's poem earned him the cash prize of \$25.00! We are very excited for Joe and commend him on this wonderful achievement. Congratulations, Joe!

SMS Raffle Drawing for Two St. Louis Cardinals Tickets: St. Mary's is holding a raffle drawing for two Cardinals Infield Field Box Baseball Tickets for Saturday, May 25th, 2019 @ 6:15 p.m. when the St. Louis Cardinals will vs. the Atlanta Braves. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. We are asking that each family sell three packets of tickets. The drawing will be held at St. Mary's School on April 26th at 12:00 p.m. Need not be present to win. All tickets must be returned to the school by Thursday, April 25. More tickets are available in the school office. Go Cardinals!!!

St. Mary's Daycare is currently enrolling for our Summer Program. If you desire structured, dependable care for your children this summer, please stop by the office and ask for a registration packet. Summer Care runs from Tuesday, May 27 through Friday, August 2. Hours of operation are from 6:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please call Eleanor Clendenin at 826-2134 for more information.

Pre-registration for the 2019-2020 school year for students in grades Kindergarten through Grade 8 will take place on Wednesday, May 8th. Registration will be held from Noon until 5:30 p.m. Payment of Registration and Book Fees is requested at this time.

Yearbook order forms are being sent home today. Please place your order by May 10, 2019. Thank you!

Lifetouch Spring Pictures have been sent home. If you wish to purchase pictures, please keep the pictures you want and return payment along with the remainder of the pictures back to school. If you do not wish to purchase any of the pictures, please return the entire packet back to school. Thank you!

Mid-quarter for the Fourth Quarter Grading Period was Friday, April 5. Progress reports will be sent home next week on Tuesday, April 16th.

As we enter this unpredictable weather season of April, temperatures can fluctuate daily. Therefore, students may begin to wear shorts. Please remember that the students do go outside for recess, so please dress for the weather! Also, the shorts, skorts, or skirts may not be too short! If you think they might be too short, they probably are! We ask that you keep in mind that students do attend Mass on Tuesdays and Fridays. Remember to dress appropriately for Holy Mass. Thank you for taking these points into consideration and following the dress code.

Please don't forget that the Diocese of Belleville's Catholic School System's Night at the Park is Friday, August 9th. Tickets to the Cardinal Game may be purchased through the school office. We will place an order for tickets next week, Wednesday, April 17th. Send your request in as the tickets are first come, first serve. Thank you!

REMINDERS:

Upcoming Events:

- **ROE Arts Festival – April 9th – Immaculate Conception School, Columbia 5:00 p.m.**
- **The Scholastic Book Fair will be here the week of April 8 through April 12! This is a wonderful time to make selections for summer reading. If you purchase one book, you can select another book of equal or lesser value free. This is our way of saying thank you!**

Knights of Columbus Fish Frys have begun!!! Serving from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Regular & Cajun fish, shrimp, baked potato, fries, baked beans, stewed tomatoes, slaw – Buffet style if dining in – To go orders available – call ahead at 826-3316. Adults \$10.00, Children (6-10) \$5.00, Five and under are free. **This week's Fish Fry will benefit Cardinal Glennon.**

St. Mary's last day of student attendance will be Wednesday, May 22, 2019. This will be a 1:30 p.m. dismissal, and Bus Service will not be available.

The City of Chester's 2019 Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 13 at Cole Memorial Park at 11:00 a.m. They are in need of volunteers to assist with the event. Volunteers would need to arrive at Cole Park (old ball field area) at 10:00 a.m. They should be finished around noon. Students in the upper grades may volunteer to assist at this event.

SERVERS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, April 9

Reconciliation for the School Children

Friday, April 12

Garret Hopkins, Jack Heffernan, Ethan Colvis

Tuesday, April 16

Chrism Mass at Cathedral

Friday, April 19 – No School

Good Friday – Servers Needed

Tuesday, April 23

Shane Bicket, Nate Maes

Friday, April 26

Carson Dunn, Gage Hopkins, Kolton Jany

Servers, thank you for arriving to school by 7:45 a.m. Please check in with the teacher supervisor in the cafeteria, and then go over to church to prepare for Mass. Thank you.

WEEKEND SERVER SCHEDULE:

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK – SERVERS STILL NEEDED:

We need servers where there are still blank lines. Please sign up. We need you!

April 13 – April 14 PALM SUNDAY

Servers are to arrive 30 minutes before Mass begins.

5:00 p.m. – Gage Hopkins, Garret Hopkins, _____

9:00 a.m. – Jared Landeros, Paige Vasquez, Grace Welborn

April 18 – HOLY THURSDAY – 7:00 p.m.

Practice is 10:00 a.m.

Ethan Colvis, Elseah Congiardo, Jared Landeros, Jocelyn Landeros

April 19 – GOOD FRIDAY – 7:00 p.m.

Practice is 10:00 a.m.

Parish Youth Group

April 20 – EASTER VIGIL – 8:00 p.m.

Practice is 10:00 a.m.

Jack Heffernan, Ethan Colvis, Elseah Congiardo, Maggie Caby, Grace Welborn

April 21 – EASTER SUNDAY – 9:00 a.m.

Servers are to arrive 30 minutes before Mass begins.

Gene Bicket, Shane Bicket, Nolin Crain

Please be generous with your time. Thank you.

If you are unable to serve at your scheduled time, please remember to find a replacement. It is your responsibility. Please do not leave Father Gene without servers. Thank you for your ministry as an altar server. You are greatly appreciated!

CAN YOU HELP US?

Please continue to save and send in the following items: Box Tops for Education, Best Choice, Tyson Project A+ labels, and empty computer ink cartridges to the school office. For the Best Choice programs, please send in ONLY the UPC codes. We do not need the entire label. Your efforts with these fundraisers truly help our school. This does add up quickly and every little bit helps. We truly appreciate your efforts with these programs. Please know that your efforts do make a difference. Thank you so much.

Remember our Scrip Program for your shopping needs! There are several Scrip cards in the school office readily available for your convenience.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

...We pray for a meaningful, prayerful, and reflective Lenten season.

...We continue to pray for our all our students from the school and parish who are preparing for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. We ask that God be with them and their families during this very important time.

...We pray for peace in our troubled world.

...We pray for those in our parish and school community who need the touch of God's healing hand. We ask that God be with those needing physical or spiritual healing.

THANK YOU TO...

...Thank you so much to everyone who assisted at the KC Fish Fry on Friday night! We are so grateful to Stephanie Jany and Harper Jany, Jamie Petrowske, Cherri Holley, Robyn Korando and Alivia Korando, Doyle Witt, Mike Robinson, Danny Smith, and Bernie Kerkhover. We appreciate your time, effort, and energy! We thank the Knights of Columbus for graciously hosting the Fish Frys this past year that benefited St. Mary's School. Thank you so much!

...Thank you to the drivers and chaperones who assisted with the SMS Beta Club Field Trip last Tuesday, April 2nd to Sky Zone in Fairview Heights: Joan Heffernan, Trisha Jany, Angie Vasquez, and Jamie Welborn. We greatly appreciate your time & dedication to St. Mary's School!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 9	Day 2	Reconciliation for School Children 8:15 a.m. ROE Arts Festival at ICS Columbia 5:00 p.m.
April 10	Day 3	Senior OVC Track Meet at Chester High School
April 11	Day 4	Beta Club Spirit Day – Fake an Injury Day -- \$1.00 Donation Track Practice 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at CHS Track
April 12	Day 6	All School Mass 8:15 a.m. (Grades K-2 Liturgy) Dismissal at 2:50 p.m. – No Bus Service
April 13	Saturday	Red Bud Catholic Invitational Track Meet
April 14	Sunday	Palm Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass
April 15	Day 5	Track Practice 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at CHS Track
April 16	Day 1	Chrism Mass at Cathedral Track Practice 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at CHS Track
April 17	Day 2	Junior OVC Meet at Chester High School
April 18	Thursday	No School – Holy Thursday No Preschool/No Daycare Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00 p.m.
April 19	Friday	No School – Good Friday No Preschool/No Daycare Good Friday of the Passion of Our Lord 7:00 p.m.
April 20	Saturday	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.
April 21	Sunday	Easter Sunday Resurrection of Our Lord 9:00 a.m.
April 22	Monday	No School – Easter Break No Preschool/No Daycare
April 23	Day 3	School Resumes Mass 8:15 a.m. (Grades 1-4) Art Club 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Track Practice 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
April 24	Day 4	Chester Grade School Spring Concert
April 25	Day 5	Randolph County Track Meet at Chester
April 26	Day 6	All School Mass 8:15 a.m. (Grades 7/8 Liturgy) Dismissal 2:50 p.m. – No Bus Service
April 27	Saturday	Regional Track Meet at Chester
April 28	Sunday	First Holy Communion at the 9:00 a.m. Mass