

How good and pleasant  
it is when God's people  
live together in UNITY.  
Psalm 133:1

## St Mary Catholic School February 2020 Newsletter



### Are you coming back in 2020-2021? We certainly hope so!



If you plan to attend SMCS in the upcoming school year, you must be current on your stewardship commitment for this year (are you giving your time, your talent, your treasure?). You must also meet with your parish priest to make a commitment for the upcoming year. We call this commitment the **Parish Family Agreement**. The times to meet with the priests will be **Saturday, February 8 at 11AM or Saturday, February 15 at 11AM** in the **SMCS gym**. You must attend one of the two dates. Plan on it taking up to 2 hours. If you do not attend February 8 or 15, you must contact your parish priest and set up an individual appointment. If you have any questions, call Mrs. Kim at 316-282-1974. Fr. Devin Burns can be reached at 316-283-3499. Fr. Nicholas Voelker can be reached at 316-282-0459.

### What does a Catholic Education Cost?

At present, the tuition rate is \$4,500 per child annually. But because we live a **Stewardship Way of Life**, our Catholic parishes are investing that \$86.54 a week on each of our students. Let's all do our part by cheerfully & sacrificially contributing our time, our talent, our treasure to our parish and our school!

**"Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."**

~2 Corinthians 9:6-8

### Want to volunteer this school year? VIRTUS training is still available!

All volunteers working with our around our students must go through the Diocesan training for us to have a Safe Kids Environment. It only takes a couple hours one time to be trained. Bring Mrs. Kim a copy of your certificate after the training and we'll put you to work volunteering at our school or include you in our field trips! To find upcoming training dates, go to:

[www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)

First-time Registrant

View a list of sessions

Select your organization (▼)

Wichita, KS Diocese (select)

Find the training that fits your schedule!



All SMCS families receiving financial support from their parishes are asked to keep a **family service hours log** at home, tracking the sharing of their time and talents. Once you've reached **30+ hours**, submit this log of family service to Mrs. Kim. A log was given to families at final registration. The log is in the school handbook. There are extra logs in the school office. Service should primarily benefit the school. Some service to church and community can also be logged. Questions?...Call Mrs. Kim

It is a specific expectation that families contribute 6+ hours of service for the annual school auction. A sign up form will be coming home with students. Return it at the Parish Family Agreement meeting. Questions?...Call Mrs. Cox

**"Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of the varied grace of God."**

~1Peter 4:10

## Letter from the Principal

*Dear St. Mary Catholic School Family and Friends,*

*This past week we celebrated with gratitude the gift of a Christ-centered, Catholic education for our children. As parents we want to give our children the very best and St. Mary Catholic School is the very best! Our mission to provide students with a Catholic learning environment in which they are challenged to maximum growth spiritually, academically, emotionally, and physically continues through the decades because we know without a shadow of a doubt, that is what is best for our children-our future!*

*As we move into the month of February and the Holy season of Lent, may we continue to live out our gratitude by attending the PFA meetings and living the stewardship way-of-life. Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian Disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor. Without this, we cannot continue to provide your children with this gift of a Catholic School. Everyone must do their part!*

In this newsletter you will find an Auction Volunteer sign up sheet. All hands on deck! We need everyone to volunteer for something. The proceeds from the auction help to keep our school moving in a forward direction. This event is our community working together in gratitude and unity for this amazing school that has been providing an excellent Catholic education since 1880. That is something to be proud of!

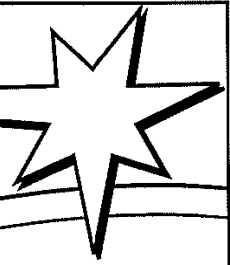
For the month of February, students will celebrate Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 13th. Classroom teachers will be informing you about the classroom parties. Teachers will be at an in-service in McPherson on Friday, February 14th, so there will be no school.

Also, I have good news! You have not missed the family luncheon. On Tuesday, February 25th, we will celebrate Mardi Gras-the day before Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lenten Season-with the family luncheon that was cancelled due to a snow day. Mark your calendars to come enjoy chili and cinnamon rolls with your children on this day. More information will be coming!

I pray you have a blessed month!

*Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Natalie Steiner*

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

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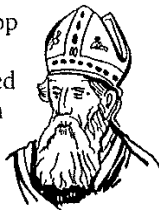
St. Mary Catholic School  
Ms. Natalie Steiner



## Thoughtful Moments

### St. Blaise

St. Blaise was a bishop in fourth-century Turkey and was arrested during the persecution of the Emperor Licinius. What we know about this saint is that he was courageous, faithful, and generous. For a while, he lived in a cave and cared for the animals until he was discovered and arrested. He is best known for healing a boy choking on a fish bone. According to legend, the boy's mother gave him two candles in gratitude.



### Lenten Obligations

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday (February 26th) and Good Friday (April 10th). These are the only two days of obligatory fasting and abstinence.

The U.S. bishops define fasting as eating one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted as necessary to maintain strength. In addition, all Catholics fourteen years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.



## Help children reach for Heaven

Parents want the world for their children. Catholic parents want even more than that - we want Heaven, too. We know that teaching youngsters to know, love and follow Jesus is the only way to make that happen.

**Know Jesus.** Would you be satisfied making a new friend only by hearing others talk about him? Close friendships happen when people connect personally and share experiences. There is no better way for children to know Jesus than for us to introduce them to him in person - in the Eucharist, in Scripture, in prayer.

**Love Jesus.** Through Scripture, we learn that Jesus is strong and can do

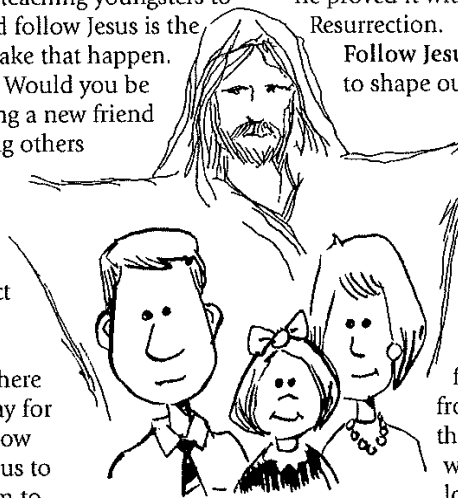
anything. He always keeps his promises. Remind children that God loves them even more than their parents and he proved it with his life, death, and Resurrection.

**Follow Jesus.** Jesus wants his love to shape our hearts which then leads into our actions.

When we love him, we want what he wants - Heaven for all his children.

**Lead them to Jesus.** Children learn to love and follow Jesus, not from the Church, not from the priest, but from their parents. The better we come to know and love the Lord, the better

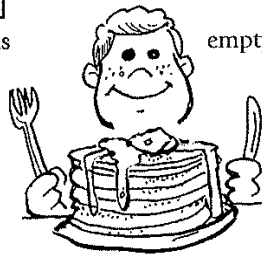
we can share him with our children. Pray and read Scripture daily, and don't miss a chance to meet Jesus at weekly Mass.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

In the early Church it was customary to give up rich foods as well as meat during the penitential season of Lent. This included milk, eggs, butter, cheese, and fat. On the Tuesday before Lent began, families would

## Why do Catholics eat pancakes on Fat Tuesday?



empty the pantry of the forbidden foods by enjoying a dinner of pancakes (or in some places, fried doughnuts!). In some countries, it is even called "Pancake Tuesday." It was meant to be one final celebration of feasting before the Lenten fast.

## The way, the truth, and the life during Lent

To children, Lent can be a time for sacrifice – something they'd rather avoid. Instead, explain that experiencing Lent helps us to find "the way and the truth and the life" that will lead us to Heaven (John 14:6).

**The way** – Let children map out their own journey through Lent. Instead of giving up one thing for the season, choose several, short-term sacrifices. Include days of "fasting" from a favorite food or video game, days of "abstaining" from a bad habit like biting nails or fighting with siblings. Add



days of performing good works.

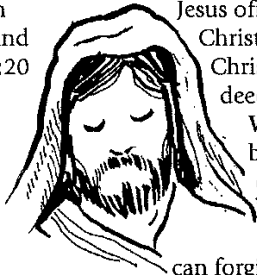
**The truth** – Learn what it means to be a follower of Christ from those who dedicated their lives to him. Read stories about the saints or heroes in the Bible. Tell youngsters that God works through ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things.

**The life** – Lent is all about hope. On Easter, Jesus opened up heaven to give us new life. Ask children to commit to continuing habits acquired during Lent that will lead to new life in Christ.

### Scripture LESSON

#### Matthew 5:38-48, Forgive always

In ancient times, the concept of justice was "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." That was devised to limit the conflict between clans from getting out of hand (Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20 and Deuteronomy 19:21). Later, the concept was misused to defend a brutal form of justice that easily escalated into blood feuds. Jesus' teaching changed all that.



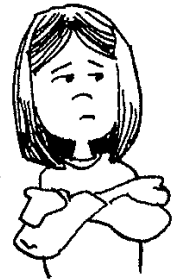
Jesus' approach to justice turns our eyes, not to justice on Earth, but in Heaven. Loving our enemies or those who hurt us repeatedly means

forgiving them over and over. That often seems an impossible task, but this extreme forgiveness is what Jesus offers us on the Cross. As Christians, we are called to be Christ to others – in words and deeds.

**What can a parent do?** The best way parents can pass on the faith in Christ is by example, especially when it is difficult. Explain that we can forgive someone without having to be best friends with them. Explain that whatever the hurt, we can pray for the person and forgive them in our hearts.

### Parent TALK

When we got in the car after Mass, I was furious. My ten-year old daughter, Tessa, had spent the hour not in prayer and quiet but in poking her sister and fighting over who got to hold the hymnal. She ignored my stern looks and her father's whispered scolding. "No screens for one week," I told her, and assigned a five-paragraph essay on appropriate behavior in church before she got the privilege back. I needed to send a solid message.



Church is the most important place we go and the best place to meet Jesus in person. Poor behavior is not only disrespectful but robs her of the chance to receive God's much-needed grace. Tessa realized that she had misused the opportunity Mass presents. To her credit, she wrote a wonderful essay. I told her God doesn't expect us to be perfect, but he does expect us to try our best.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**Feb. 9 – St. Apollonia (249).** A deaconess in Alexandria living during the Christian persecutions under Emperor Philip. She chose to suffer martyrdom at the hands of an angry mob rather than denounce God.

**Feb. 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes (1858).** The Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous in a small French village. Soon afterwards, a miraculous spring with healing waters emerged from a nearby cave. It is still a significant pilgrimage site today.

**Feb. 22 – St. Peter's Chair**

(1st century). We celebrate the establishment of the Holy See and pray for the preservation of God's Church. The "Chair of Peter" is a relic of St. Peter's actual chair and symbolizes the spiritual authority of the Church.

**Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday.**

The first day of Lent. The ashes of old palms are placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. Today is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting as penance and in recognition of Jesus' time in the desert.



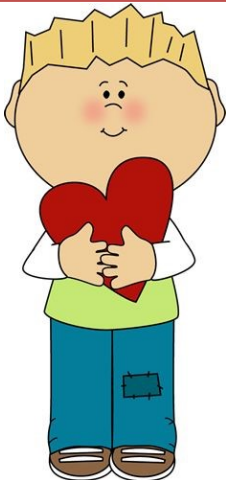
#### Our Mission

To help parents raise faithful Catholic children  
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# Schedule for Altar Servers, Cantors, Mass Assignments

Wed	Feb 5	5th Grade leads Mass; Hiatt Miller, Rocio Herrera, & Austin Marsden altar serve
Thu	Feb 6	Gabriel Navarro, Baleigh Killman, & Jacob McKinney altar serve
Fri	Feb 7	Bishop Kemme will be our Mass Celebrant; Teachers lead Mass; Natalia Payan, Itzel Torres, & Danaily Mercer altar serve; Leah Littlejohn & Andrea Cox cantor
Wed	Feb 12	4th Grade leads Mass; Vanessa Reyes, Kiahne Lujano, & Tavin Monares altar serve
Thu	Feb 13	Ximena Sarinana, Lily Maxwell, & Nesbeth Ramirez altar serve
Fri	Feb 14	NO SCHOOL, SO NO SCHOOL MASS
Wed	Feb 19	3rd Grade leads Mass; Calista Woerner, Skylin Sartain, & Jade Ruiz altar serve
Thu	Feb 20	Freddy Acevedo, Andrea Cox, & Nora Rusche altar serve
Fri	Feb 21	2nd Grade leads Mass; Lily Baier, Daniel DeLeon, & Aliana Segura altar serve; Kiahne Lujano & Xitlali Lujano cantor
Wed	Feb 26	ASH WEDNESDAY
Thu	Feb 27	Elena Bowling, Gerardo Hernandez, & Bailey Steinmetz altar serve
Fri	Feb 28	8th Grade leads Mass; Wyatt Ford, Leah Littlejohn, & Gavin Stucky altar serve; Itzel Torres & Xaydi Valdivia cantor

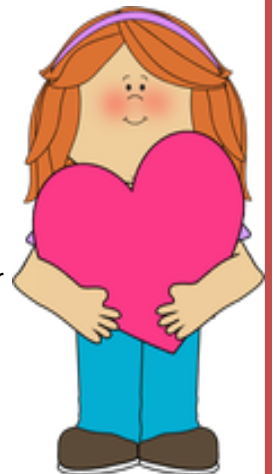
## Show the Love on Valentine's Day!



Classrooms will have **parties** on **Thursday, February 13th**. Teachers will determine the time. Because of changes in enrollment since we printed the directory, a school list is attached so you don't miss any students and you know how names are spelled!

Students have the opportunity to exchange valentine's cards, candy, &/or trinkets. Due to allergies, make sure ANY edible items are individually wrapped (this includes ALL candy). Thanks!

Teacher, Classroom Liaison & Special Events Coordinator need to communicate in advance of the party to make sure everything is covered!



# Schedule for Events/Activities, Staff/Student Birthdays

## Staff/Student February Birthdays

- 2/5 Catherine Englestad, 2nd
- 2/5 Ximena Sarinana, 5th
- 2/8 Ashley Acosta, 4th
- 2/10 Asia Oswald, 4th
- 2/11 Sarah Payan, 4th
- 2/15 Steve Holub, Maintenance
- 2/15 Xaydi Valdivia, 6th
- 2/16 Andrew Guyer, 7th
- 2/16 Veronica Segura, 2nd
- 2/19 Melissa Navarro, 1st
- 2/19 Benjamin Solis, 3rd
- 2/23 Alexandria Walker, 2nd
- 2/27 Andres Montes, Kdgn
- 2/28 Noah Baker, 1st



Catholic Schools Week ended on January 31st, but **Walk in Sisters Shoes** collection continues through **March 6**. Students are encouraged to bring their coins to their classrooms any day. Which class is going to raise the most money for the **Katherine Drexel Fund** this year?...



## School & Illness: Should Your Child Stay Home?

The following guidelines will help you decide whether your child is too ill to go to school:

- Seems very tired & needs bed rest
- Has vomiting or diarrhea
- Becomes short of breath or is wheezing
- Has a cough that disrupts normal activity
- Has distracting pain from earache, headache, sore throat or recent injury
- Has yellow or green drainage from eye(s)
- Breaks out in a rash (but check with your doctor on this)
- Has temperature above 100.5
- Has a contagious disease (ask doctor when he may return)

### But Remember:

School is a child's work. It is important for normal development. If your child is absent often, it may be harder to keep up with the class. It is important your child does not miss more than a few days of school a year due to illness. *Ask your doctor if you are not sure about keeping your child home.*

### Mrs. Kim's Request:

Call (or TEXT) your child in sick prior to the start of the day (child's name, grade, symptoms). A text works great because Mrs. Kim can then easily share the information with teachers. Mrs. Kim's cell receives notifications starting at 4:50AM. (#316-765-1135)

**Please get homework daily at 3:30!**

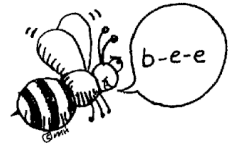
## What's Happening in February?

- 2/4 Diocesan Spelling Bee
- 2/7 Valley Nine Spelling Bee
- 2/8 Mandatory PFA Meeting with priests at 11AM
- 2/13 Possible Valentine's Parties
- 2/14 NO SCHOOL for students; faculty/staff at a training
- 2/15 Mandatory PFA Meeting with priests at 11AM
- 2/17 NO SCHOOL for students or staff (Presidents' Day)
- 2/25 Rescheduled CSW Family Luncheon at 11AM
- 2/26 ASH WEDNESDAY (40 Days of Lent Begins)





## Can you spell N-O-R-A R-U-S-C-H-E?

Congratulations to our SMCS **spelling bee champion!** Nora (8th) will represent us at the Diocesan competition on February 4. All SMCS participants will now compete in the Valley Nine Spelling Bee on February 7. Do your BEST, June & Kyn-dra (1st), Mila & Luke (2nd), Sofia & Penny (3rd), Ava & Nevon (4th), Matthew & Calista (5th), Itzel & Elias (6th), Rocio & Wyatt (7th), and Nora & Jacob (8th).





# February 2020

## Breakfast Menu

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Have you checked your child's PowerSchool account lately?</b>  <b>Do you need to put money on your child's meal account?</b>  <b>We ask you to maintain a positive balance. Thanks!</b></p>						I
2	3 French toast sticks Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	4 Cinnamon roll Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	5 Sausage & cheese biscuit Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	6 Pancake on a stick Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	7 Pancakes Omelet Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	8
9	10 French toast sticks Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	11 Cinnamon roll Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	12 Sausage & cheese biscuit Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	13 Pancake on a stick Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	14 No School so No Breakfast 	15
16	17 No School so No Breakfast 	18 Cinnamon roll Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	19 Sausage & cheese biscuit Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	20 Pancake on a stick Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	21 Pancakes Omelet Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	22
23	24 French toast sticks Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	25 Cinnamon roll Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	26 Sausage & cheese biscuit Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	27 Pancake on a stick Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	28 Pancakes Omelet Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	29

# February 2020

## Lunch Menu

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>Alex Rohr is the Lunch Room Hero for February! He picked the 24th as his special menu &amp; special day!</b></p>		<p>This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menu subject to change at Food Service Director's discretion.</p>				1
2	<p><b>3</b> Corn Dog Tri Tator Baked Beans Mandarin oranges Milk</p>	<p><b>4</b> Crispito/chili Corn Mexican rice Red bell peppers Applesauce Milk</p>	<p><b>5</b> Spaghetti w/meat sauce Garden spinach salad Grapes Breadstick Milk</p>	<p><b>6</b> Chicken nuggets Mashed potatoes w/gravy Peas Pineapple chunks Milk</p>	<p><b>7</b> Pepperoni pizza Romaine salad Baby carrots Peaches Oreo Milk</p>	8
9	<p><b>10</b> Chicken sandwich Pickle/let/tomato Tator tots Mixed vegetables Pears Milk</p>	<p><b>11</b> BBQ meatballs Mac &amp; cheese Peas Baby carrots Fruit cocktail Milk</p>	<p><b>12</b> Italian dunker Caesar salad Corn Peaches Brownie Milk</p>	<p><b>13</b> Chicken tenders Mashed potatoes w/gravy Green beans Pineapple chunks Milk</p>	<p><b>14</b> No School so No Lunch </p>	15
16	<p><b>17</b> No School so No Lunch </p>	<p><b>18</b> Beef steak Scalloped potato Green beans Fruit cocktail Dinner roll Milk</p>	<p><b>19</b> Hot dog Tri tator Broccoli/cheese Applesauce Milk</p>	<p><b>20</b> Soft taco Refried beans Chips/salsa Pears Milk</p>	<p><b>21</b> Cheese pizza Romaine Salad Cucumbers Orange Cookie Milk</p>	22
23	<p><b>24</b> Alex's Day Crispito/cheese sauce Refried beans Mexican rice Red bell peppers Pears Sherbet Milk (maybe strawberry)</p>	<p><b>25</b> Cheeseburger Mixed vegetables Oven fries Pickle Applesauce Milk</p>	<p><b>26</b> Taco salad Chips Peas Milk</p>	<p><b>27</b> Chicken noodles Mashed potatoes Green beans Mandarin oranges Dinner roll Milk</p>	<p><b>28</b> Ham/cheese sandwich Broccoli, baby carrots Chips, Peaches Yogurt cup Milk</p>	29

## WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?)

**The following students are being recognized for living out virtue daily and going above and beyond:**



David Bargdill (3<sup>rd</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of temperance when he presented salt rocks to his class.

Aliana Segura (8<sup>th</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of gentleness when working with her kindergarten buddy.

Tyson Weber (8<sup>th</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of unity by bringing the class together on tasks.

Bret Littlejohn (2<sup>nd</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of kindness by using recess time to make a card for someone who is sick.

Alex Walker (2<sup>nd</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of kindness by using her recess time to make a card for someone who is sick.

Madison Cooper (2<sup>nd</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of perseverance by working hard on her reading for Mass.

Gianna Ozbun (2<sup>nd</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of perseverance by working hard on her reading for Mass.

Penny Weber (3<sup>rd</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of compassion by consoling another student who was upset about missing a word in the class spelling bee.

Maddyx Erwin (3<sup>rd</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of prudence by seeing the opportunity to be an alternative in the spelling bee.

Jose Perez (1<sup>st</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of unity by cooperating and working well with others.

Gabriel Espana (1<sup>st</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of compassion by helping another student.

Amelia Vanover (1<sup>st</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of thankfulness by always having a smile and is thankful of things around her.

Joshua Jackson (1<sup>st</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of forbearance by working hard in the classroom.

Andrea Cox (8<sup>th</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of unity by being willing to work for the good of the group.

Daniel DeLeon (8<sup>th</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of peace by always leading by example.

Jacob McKinney (8<sup>th</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of temperance by finding the right time to bring humor to appropriate situations.

Tavin Monares (8<sup>th</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of unity by helping the class lead the Rosary at the last minute.

Nesbeth Ramirez (8<sup>th</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of gentleness by always helping others when needed.

Jade Ruiz (8<sup>th</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of prudence by always thinking the higher road even when it is difficult.

Hayly Ramirez (8<sup>th</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of unity by working to fit in with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.

Grainn Cheek (K) demonstrated the virtue of forbearance by always working hard even when it is difficult!

Angel Rojas (K) demonstrated the virtue of forgiveness by forgiving his friends when they hurt him.

Isabelle Baker (K) demonstrated the virtue of peace by being calm and quiet-even when others are noisy and excited.

Athena Anderson (K) demonstrated the virtue of thankfulness by always saying her prayers out loud and is also very complementary to friends and teacher.

Paul Walker (K) demonstrated the virtue of patience by waiting to move on to the next activity.

Rocio Herrera (7<sup>th</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of kindness by being a kind and gentle example to her peers.

Itzel Licea (7<sup>th</sup>) demonstrated the virtue of forbearance and gentleness by being a wonderful Christian example.

# 2019-2020 2nd Quarter HONOR ROLL

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## PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

(All A's)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Blake Alexander  
Maddyx Erwin  
David Mick  
Caleb Oden  
Amaya Ozbun  
Landen Rohr  
Sofia Rojas  
Ben Solis  
Evan Steinmetz  
Penny Weber

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Ashley Acosta  
Ava Claassen  
James Guyer  
Xitlali Lujano  
Natalie Oden

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Koelton Erwin  
Matthew Heppler  
Calista Woerner

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Ryan Antle  
Elizabeth Olsen  
Itzel Torres  
Charli Weber

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Andrew Guyer  
Skylin Sartain

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Emma Mick

## HONOR ROLL

(All A's + no more than 2 B's)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Jacelynn Lettau  
Adler Mabry

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Evan Antle  
Viviana Aparicio  
Annelyse Baker  
Joshua Englestad  
Renee Jah  
Addison Shell

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

None

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Marisa Musser

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Lily Baier  
Kiahne Lujano  
Ethan Stucky

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Leah Littlejohn

## HONORABLE MENTION

(All A's & B's)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

David Bargdill  
Marya Bustillos  
Hayley Mitts  
Jaxon Monares  
Jordyn Tauilili

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Ella Baier  
Natalie Muth  
Isaac Rusche

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Luke Littlejohn  
Vanessa Reyes  
Ximena Sarinana

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

J.D. Eustace  
Cruz Galvan  
Erica Romero  
Anthony Salas

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Freddy Acevedo  
Elena Bowling  
Ben Heppler  
Anthony Holguin  
Baleigh Killman  
Ian Muth  
Desiray Segura

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Jade Ruiz  
Nora Rusche  
Gavin Stucky  
Tyson Weber



St. Mary Catholic School Auction

April 25, 2020

In conjunction with the parish family agreement, each family is required to donate **6 hours** of time to the school auction. This can be before, during or after the auction.

How would your family be able to help? The following is a list of areas where we will need your help. You will be asked to sign up at one of the mandatory parent meetings held Feb. 8 & Feb. 15 at 11:00am at St. Mary. Please choose the areas your family would be willing to help with and mark them 1-3 with your 1st choice being #1. Because some areas only need a few people, you may not get your first choice. Look for Flocknotes about what you sign up for. **All volunteers must be at least 16 years old.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Wait Staff** or \_\_\_\_\_ **Kitchen/Buffett** Check one. (**Night of Auction** - requires 3+ hours but will count as 6)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Silent auction table** (**Night of Auction** - requires 3+ hours but will count as 6)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Decorations** (Assisting the committee chairpersons in the weeks leading up to the auction with decorations. Work will mostly be done on Monday & Wednesday evenings starting the 1st week of March thru April 15)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Solicitation** (Visiting local business owners to solicit auction items)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pick Up/Delivery** (Picking up items locally before the auction or delivery after the auction)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Set up** (Week of the auction - wallpapering, set up tables, chairs, auction items, setting tables)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Clean Up** Check one. \_\_\_\_\_ **Day after** (approx. 10:00am Apr. 26) **OR** \_\_\_\_\_ **Night of at 9:15** (must be 21 yrs old)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Thank you letters** (Working after the auction to hand write thank you's to donors, etc. **Only 3-4 people needed**)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Raffle Tickets** (Assist in counting raffle tickets & money each week. Will be done Wednesday or Thursday mornings. Time & day to be determined. **Only 5-6 people needed**)

Remember to keep track of your hours on the family stewardship form. **Fill out this form and bring it to the Parish Family Agreement meeting with you.**

If you have questions call: Lisa Cox (316) 282-0026

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**Parent**

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**Phone Number**



You may text message me \_\_\_\_\_

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**Student Name(s)**

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**Email Address**

# Family Lent Calendar 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying" (Catechism of the Catholic Church).</p>						
<b>1 March</b> Adopt a Lenten saint to be your family's patron. Learn about him or her and see how you can imitate him or her.	<b>2</b> Place a crucifix or picture of Jesus in a central place to keep the focus on him.	<b>3</b> Greet everyone you meet today with a smile, no matter how you're feeling.	<b>4</b> Tonight, have everyone name two things for which they're thankful and one intention for which they want prayers.	<b>5</b> Peace starts at home. Resolve to only say positive, kind things today.	<b>6</b> Set out an empty jar. Put in a jellybean whenever a child does a good deed or makes a sacrifice. Enjoy at Easter.	<b>7</b> Make up a box for a needy family or homeless shelter. Put canned goods, clothing, toiletries, and gently used toys in it.
<b>8</b> After Mass today, explain the Gospel and the homily in terms children can understand.	<b>9 Spiritual Bouquet</b> Have each person choose a prayer to offer daily for your parish priest(s). Send him a card with everyone's promises.	<b>10</b> Do something kind for someone else today, with a humble and gracious heart. Remember it is Christ you're helping.	<b>11</b> Talk about what you would say to Jesus if he came to your house to visit.	<b>12</b> Ask the parish office to see how your family can help.	<b>13</b> Enjoy pretzels, a traditional Lenten food. Originally, their shape evoked arms folded in prayer.	<b>14</b> Encourage everyone to perform an extra chore around the house.
<b>15</b> Light a candle in church today for someone who passed away or who needs special help.	<b>16</b> Practice patience with each other. When it gets difficult, recall how patient God is with us.	<b>17 St. Patrick's Day</b> In St. Patrick's honor, light a candle and pray for missionaries in foreign lands.	<b>18</b> Take stock of how your Lenten sacrifices are going, and refresh your commitment to them.	<b>19 St. Joseph's Day</b> St. Joseph protected the Holy Family from danger. Pray for the safety of families around the world.	<b>20</b> Encourage everyone to do an examination of conscience.	<b>21</b> Attend Confession as a family. Experience God's love and forgiveness. Have a treat to celebrate clean souls.
<b>22 Laetare Sunday</b> Have a special meal at home or a restaurant to celebrate the halfway point through Lent.	<b>23</b> This week, try limiting screen time: no texting at the dinner table, during prayer time, and after 10:00pm.	<b>24</b> Read today's Gospel (John 5:1-16). Have everyone detail one idea they found interesting.	<b>25</b> Give up a toy or treat just for today, just for Jesus.	<b>26</b> This evening, invite everyone to take a few minutes and silently turn their hearts and minds to God.	<b>27 Family Fun Night</b> Instead of watching a movie, pull out a boardgame or make up your own game.	<b>28</b> Make cookies and bring them to a nearby nursing home.
<b>29</b> After Mass, light a candle, and recite the Apostles' Creed as an affirmation of your faith.	<b>30</b> Apologize to someone you hurt, even if it was an accident. Forgive someone who hurt you—even if it wasn't.	<b>31</b> Pray for victims of violence and war in the world.	<b>1 April</b> As a family, consider doing a screen fast today and read together instead.	<b>2</b> Contact Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS, www.crs.org) and help with any of their ongoing projects.	<b>3</b> Place any final donations in the box you set up on March 7. Make a family trip to deliver it to its destination.	<b>4</b> Calculate the money your family saved not eating meat on Friday and put that in the poor box at church.
<b>5 Palm Sunday</b> Have a Palm Sunday procession around the house and take turns playing Jesus.	<b>6</b> Tonight and every night this week, pray for those who are preparing to enter the Church at Easter.	<b>7</b> Take a walk outside and look for signs of new life.	<b>8</b> Ask each family member to write a letter to Jesus thanking him for his sacrifice on the Cross.	<b>9 Holy Thursday</b> Wash and dry each other's feet in commemoration of Jesus washing the feet of his Apostles.	<b>10 Good Friday</b> Pray the Stations of the Cross. Meditate on each one. Find them here: www.usccb.org.	<b>11 Holy Saturday</b> Dress a doll in a white garment and talk about the Baptismal vows we renew each year.