

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

2 Timothy 3: 14-15

But you, remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Faith

Hospitality

Service

Excellence

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Name of Virtue:
STEWARDSHIP

This month's Virtue focus is: Find more on pg. 6!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Letter from the principal fits entirely on this page. Short, sweet and to the point. Faith and vision focused. Includes special appeals (3-4 per year); photo optional.



Photograph highlighting joy

NOVEMBER 2022						
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1	All Saints Day (No School)
2	All Souls Day (Noon Dismissal)
3	Future Crusaders Day - Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School
9	PTO Meeting
9	Valley 9 Quiz Bowl Tournament ½ day of school (11:00 Dismissal)
11	Curriculum Fair - Bishop Carroll Catholic High School
21-22	Diocesan Teacher Inservice
23-25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 1	Vision & Hearing Screenings (PreK3-8)
Dec 7	Vision & Hearing Screenings (PreK4 & anyone missed on 1st)
Dec 8	Immaculate Conception of Mary (No School)
Dec 9	Teacher Inservice (No School)

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

8th Graders to attend Future Crusaders Day at Kapaun Mt. Carmel Nov 3

8th Grade Students will be attending Future Crusaders Day at Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School on November 3 from 8:00am to 2:15pm. They will be touring the high school to give the students a chance to look around. Permission Slips are on PowerSchool. If you have not had a chance to go on to give permission or deny permission please do so before Nov 2.



8th Graders to attend Bishop Carroll Curriculum Fair Nov 11

8th Grade Students will be attending the Curriculum Fair at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School on November 11 from am to pm. They will be touring the high school to give the students a chance to look around. Permission Slips are on PowerSchool. If you have not had a chance to go on to give permission or deny permission please do so before Nov 10.

Valley 9 Quiz Bowl - At St. Mary's

St. Mary Catholic School will be hosting Valley 9 Quiz Bowl on November 9. Therefore, we will be dismissing early November 9. Dismissal will be at 11:00am. Volunteers are needed to help with Quiz Bowl. If you can help out that day please contact the school office to let us know.

Vision & Hearing Screenings - Dec 1 & Dec 7

Vision and Hearing Screenings will take place on December 1 for Pre 3 through 8th grade. All students will participate in these screenings. If a student is absent on Dec 1 or was not screened for any reason on Dec 1 they will be back on December 7 to screen Pre K 4 and they will catch anyone who has not been screened.

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Sister Rosemary Feature on KSN Nov 15

Sister Rosemary will featured in a story about her 70 years in religion and time teaching here at St. Mary's on KSN on November 15 at 10pm. The story will also be available on ksn.com after it airs.



Yearbook Order Forms

It is time to order yearbooks!! Yearbook order forms were sent out on Tuesday October 4th with your youngest student at the school. Please fill out and return no later than April 20th, 2023. There are options to order online as well and they will be sent home with the order form. If you cannot find the order form or need more order forms you can get them from the School Office.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

03 Victor Jackson Pre 3
04 Penny Weber 6th
05 Isaiah Romero 3rd
12 Mireya Chavez 7th
14 Calista Woerner 8th
15 Liliana Heredia 3rd
18 Evan Antle 7th
19 DJ Jackson 3rd
20 Cora Charlsen Pre 4
22 Cash Barnes 1st
24 Parker Steinmetz 4th
28 Brooklyn Baier Pre 4
28 Olivia Gronau K
29 Bently Baker 5th

**VIRTUS INFO/ UPDATES:**

Do you need to get VIRTUS-trained in order to volunteer around children at our churches or schools?

Upcoming Virtus training

December 3 Newton, STM 10:00am

January 7 Newton, OLG 10:00am

You DO have to let the school know you were trained in order for us to use you at SMCS (and we NEED you!)

We LOVE our VOLUNTEERS!

Note from Father Bergkamp

Something That Always Stuck With Me

I pray that your children are having a good semester. No doubt they will have enjoyed their day off from school on Nov. 1st and still coming off their sugar high from trick or treating. As we begin the month of November, I wish to point out that this month is devoted to the deceased, the “Month of the Dead.” Whether it’s the Saints or All Souls who have departed this world, we’re reminded that our true end (goal) is Heaven.

During this month of the dead, there is a heightened awareness of the need to pray for the souls of the deceased, especially our loved ones and those who have no one to pray for them. A great custom, and one my family partook in when I was growing up, is to visit a cemetery and pray for the dead. At some point during the month of November, we would visit two different cemeteries where our relatives are buried and pray a Rosary at both places. My siblings and I would take turns leading the decades of the Rosary.

I was not an overly pious child, so I didn’t particularly look forward to this; but witnessing the example of my parents’ dedication to this custom demonstrated to me its importance. And though it felt a little somber, I did enjoy the opportunity to connect in a way with my deceased grandparents as we stood next to their graves and prayed for their eternal salvation. I still partake in this custom, visiting the nearest cemetery and praying for my relatives, deceased parishioners, and brother priests who have died.

I encourage all of you to make a family visit to a cemetery, and together pray for your loved ones. It’s a great way to honor your family members and to assist them with your prayers. It will also be very formative for your children, showing them the importance of prayer while demonstrating the reality of the Communion of Saints, that we’re united to our loved ones even in death.

In Christ,

Fr. Bergkamp

Virtue of the Month

This month's virtue focus is STEWARDSHIP!!! We kicked off this next month's school focus virtue during our school assembly on 10/26. Stewardship is a grate

From the Front Office:

Catholic Schools Week T-Shirts are on Sale. See the picture below for the shirts that are available. Short Sleeve T-Shirts are \$8.95 and long sleeve shirts are \$11.95. Order Forms are available in the School Office. Orders are due No later than November 7th. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Jackie in the School Office.



Trashbag Sales

Congratulations to Trashbag Sales Winners:

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|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1st Place Family: | Clara Olsen |
| 2nd Place Family: | Caleb Patton |
| 3rd Place Family: | Mabry Family |
| 10 Roll Drawing Winner: | Dayvin Evancho |

Thanks to everyone who participated! See PTO's page for more information regarding Trashbags.

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Art Class Room Help

Dear parents:

We are asking if any of you could help supply any of the items below for Art class.

Paper towels

Paper plates

Pencils

Kleenex

Baby wipes

Aluminum foil

Zip lock bags (gallon sized)

When donating any of these items you can send them with your student on Monday or Tuesday and they can give them directly to Mrs. Conner or they can be dropped off in the School Office.

Thank you so much!

Karla Conner, Art Teacher

Elementary Music Educator 2022-2023

St. Mary Catholic Schools Music Teacher (K-8), Mrs. Shelby Unruh has been recognized by the Kansas Music Educators Association as the South Central District Outstanding Elementary Music Educator for 2022-2023. The Teachers and Staff here at St. Mary's congratulate her on this honor! If you see Mrs. Unruh congratulate her on fantastic job. She teaches our students everyday and they love her!!

School Safety

Current efforts to ensure safety. Topics include needs of the community, physical upgrades, processes and procedures, plans to move forward, help with school procedures (signing in and out), parking lot safety, etc.

Review annual progress on drills, review safe defend, etc.

Community Corner:

Newton High School Music Department is having a Mattress Fundraiser on Saturday November 12 from 10am to 4pm. It is being held in the Wyllis Gym at the High School. Below is a copy of the flyer!

5TH ANNUAL
NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL
MUSIC DEPARTMENT
MATTRESS
FUNDRAISER

EVERY PURCHASE BENEFITS THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

BIG SAVINGS
 FINANCING AVAILABLE

Twin From \$249 | Full From \$399 | Queen From \$449 | King From \$599 AND UP

Beautyrest. Adjustable Base Luxury Pillows Mattress Protector

- ✓ All sizes available
- ✓ 25+ styles on display
- ✓ Brand new with full factory warranties
- ✓ Delivery available
- ✓ All forms of payment accepted
- ✓ **Financing Available**

SAT. NOV 12
10AM-4PM
 @WILLISGYM-NEWTONHIGH SCHOOL
 BENEFITS THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT
 terri.costin@cfsbeds.com

For more info:

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FREE SHEETS WITH PURCHASE OF ANY MATTRESS!

YOU HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY REFERRED BY: _____ BENEFITS NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Building for a vibrant future!

Information about School finance topics;

Free & reduced lunch applications; Support for Catholic Schools blurb

Auction volunteer involvement, PTO support - Volunteer needs

Annual update on the Endowment; Drexel fund information; Information from "Stewardship: A grateful response to God's Abundant Gifts" Fr. Leis

The school extends from a healthy devotion to a sacramental life, Parish life. Specific ways on how to do this.

Dress for Success!

Uniform Voucher information, Uniform guidelines, Monthly focus on uniform inspections, information on the uniform closet, etc.

Staff Highlight

Staff member of the MONTH!!!!

: Once electives are going, this page for student use:

Student interview

Student highlight: Favorite color, food, prayer, activity, etc.

Blast from the Past!

I have many memories of Saint Mary's School as a child. The thoughts that come to my immediate mind would be the large kindergarten graduation that we did on the stage and many Halloween fun nights complete with a very scary haunted house put on by the eighth graders on the stage and the old school building. I remember many rounds of kickball and foursquare on the playground and the impression of many educators who still teach at the school or have taught my own children in recent years. These educators left imprints on me for a lifetime. Most importantly would be the faith and character formation that happened within the school walls. My experience was so that we now with our own children to the same school and I'm privileged to watch them experience many of the same things and have their own formative years shaped by this wonderful community.

Mrs. Molly Claassen (Bunting)

My favorite memory were the lunches served. Mostly because my grandma was one of the people cooking the amazing food we were served. I got to see her daily and I loved my Grandma Younger very much!

Mrs. Barbara Hanke

Athletic & Academic League News

We are headed into Basketball season!! Girls Basketball started practicing October 17th. Below is a list of girls participating in Basketball this year. Please be sure to let them know how great they are doing!! And cheer them on if you see them!!

6th Grade

Maddyx Erwin	#11
Sofia Rojas	#2

7th Grade

Ashley Acosta	#30
Ella Baier	#5
Annelyse Baker	#4
Mireya Chavez	#21
Xitlali Lujano	#8
Natalie Muth	#3
Annie Smith	

8th Grade

Favour Tembei	#24
Calista Woerner	#15

Coaches: Erick Erwin; Martha Muth

PTO INFORMATION:

ALL parents and guardians of SMCS are members of PTO. We want your input and your new ideas! Come to a meeting! Next meeting is November 9 @ 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. Childcare will be provided by middleschool students.

Trashbag Sales

	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
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Sales	\$17,698.00	\$17,201.00
All Expenses	<u>\$12,635.80</u>	<u>\$12,292.82</u>
Net	\$ 5,062.20	\$ 4,908.15

Thank you Everyone for making Fun Day so Awesome!!

Thank you for supporting St. Mary Altar Society with Baskets for their Fall Festival. Each class along with their buddy class had a theme for a basket. Below are the classes and what their themes were:

Preschool/6 grade buddies - Movie
 Kindergarten/8th grade buddies- Waffle and Coffee
 1st/4th grade buddies - Dad's night to cook
 2nd/5th grade buddies - Books and Cooks
 And finally 3rd/7th grade buddies with Home and Garden.

SAVE THE DATE for our ADULT Only Spring Event **February 18**. This is the Saturday before Ash Wednesday

Box Tops Update

November Update:

\$117.20 in contributions for this school year so far!

Amazing work by our parents and guardians! THANK YOU!

Contact Tara Kitzke if you need any help with Box Tops.

620.450.7399

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Jul 2022-Jun 2023

\$117.20

out of \$1,000



Earn for your school! **Every Box Top counts.**

SMCS Mass Schedule w/Altar Servers & Readers

Mass is held every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Mornings. All grades will attend Mass each day. Father Bergkamp will say Mass on Wednesday and Friday and Father Jorge will say Mass on Thursdays. Below is a schedule of Masses for November with Altar Servers and Readers.

11/2 Servers: Annelise Baker & Bently Baker

Reader: Luke Littlejohn

11/3 Servers: Ella Baier & Antonio Heredia

Reader: Maddyx Erwin

11/4 Servers: Sofia Rojas & Marah Bargdill

Reader: David Bargdill

11/9 Servers: Matthew Heppler & Luke Heppler

Reader: Annelise Baker

11/10 Servers: Annie Smith & Adrian Romero

Reader: Penny Weber

11/11 Servers: Blake Alexander & Gus Kitzke

Reader: Johnny Acevedo

11/16 Servers: Adler Mabry & Maddyx Erwin

Reader: Cameron Marsden

11/17 Servers: Jaxon Monares & Annabelle Smith

Reader: Favour Tembei

11/18 Servers: Luke Littlejohn & Bret Littlejohn

Reader: David Bargdill

11/21- 11/25 NO SCHOOL

11/30 Servers: Penny Weber & Sofia Rojas

Reader: Koelton Erwin

Confession time for November

Students Grade 3-8 will be given time from November 30 through December 2nd for reconciliation/confession after each mass. A schedule will be made as to which classes will attend which day and time. This is a time for each student to reflect and be able to confess those sins that they feel they have committed and prevent them from receiving communion during daily mass or on Sunday.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



Are you aware of an upcoming Harvey County parish event that you would like to share about in the school newsletter? Tell us! Please submit details no later than the 3rd Friday of the month before event happens.



Weekly Mass & Confession Schedules

PARISHES OF HARVEY COUNTY



St. Mary

(316)282-0459
106 E. 8th St.
Newton, KS 67114



Our Lady of Guadalupe

(316)283-3499
421 S. Ash St.
Newton, KS 67114



Sacred Heart

(316)830-2818
419 Poplar St.
Halstead, KS 67056

Confession:

Saturday 4:30pm to 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am to 8:30am
(Also 20 minutes before
daily Masses)

Tuesday through Friday 7:30 am
Saturday 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Saturday 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Daily Mass

Tuesday 5:30pm
Wed 8:00am
Thursday 8:00am
Friday 8:00am

Monday through Friday 8:00am

Tuesday 5:30pm
Wednesday 8:00am
Thursday 8:00am
Friday 8:00am

Sunday Mass

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:30am
10:30am

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am
11:00am
12:30pm Español
(Spanish)

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:30am
11:00am

November 2022 Breakfast

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