

The mission of St. Mary/ St. Michael Catholic School is to develop lifelong learners who value all of God's creation and contribute to their community by living out their Catholic values.

St. Mary/St. Michael Parent Bulletin

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Lent - Pray, Fast, Give

As we continue into the third week of Lent we continue to work on our relationship with God and others through our prayer, fasting and giving. Our scripture during mass yesterday focused on forgiveness. Father reflected on how much God loves us and forgives us as well as how we need to forgive others. Forgiving others provides us with grace and mercy from God and lifts our spirit. This week, pray for those who may have 'ticked you off' and forgive them. We never know what is happening deep in a person's life.

Deacon Randy asked us to pray for a family with two students at Divine Savior School in Kiel who lost their mother to Covid about 15 months ago and their Dad died in a tragic snowmobile accident a couple weeks ago. Please pray for the children and their family of caregivers that they will find comfort in memories and knowledge that the souls of their parents are in the hands of God.

Reminder: The end of the Third Quarter will be on Thursday, March 23. There is **NO** school on Friday, March 24. Report cards will be sent home the following week.

- **Lent Service Project:** Empowering Women through Agriculture. We have a collection basket for students/families to donate money to help women begin small farms in Guatemala and to provide milk for children. **Thank you** to all the families that have donated products for the Hygiene for Homeless Drive in Manitowoc County!
- **Registration materials for 2023-2024 School Year** - Materials are now located in PowerSchool. Select "Navigation" (left side column) and click on "Forms" to be completed online. All your information is there under Tabs A-D it just needs to be updated. (Tab E is removed because that is for child care purposes) Tab F is for the state to gather data because our school is a part of the Wisconsin School Choice Program. **Updated!** We added Tab K that has the tuition rates for next school year. When you select if you are a member of St. Mary or St. Michael Parish the tuition rates for grades 4K-8 will be displayed. We are currently working on setting up an option for online payments for tuition and lunch. We will keep you updated on the progress. In August, a Groupvine will be sent out to alert everyone on having the rest of the "Back to School " paperwork completed - online.

Do you know families with four and five year olds? You are our best advertisement for our school. Our goal is to add students in the early grades to keep the St. Mary St. Michael school legacy going. If you know of anyone who will be new to St. Mary/St. Michael, please pass the following link along to them and we will get their process started. There is also a link on our website at [school.stmarystmichael.com](https://gbdioc.powerschool.com/public/formbuilder/form.html?formid=9563783)

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- **Valders Area Sports Association** is having a sign up tonight from 3:30-6:30 p.m. in the Elementary School cafeteria for summer softball and baseball teams. Deadline for sign up is Friday, March 31, 2023. If you have any questions please email valdersareasports@gmail.com

- The ***Private School Choice of Wisconsin*** application window for '23-24 opened February 1. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has a number of resources for parents located on their website <https://dpi.wi.gov/choice>. ***Just a reminder***, if you are currently participating in the Private School Choice program, you need to reapply each year and bring in your ***residency documentation and income if you have a new child applying in the program***.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact your child/ren's teacher or Principal Schueller at jschueller@stmarystmichael.com God bless your family! - *Staff of SM/SM*