March Newsletter

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Lent 2023 – Make Jesus Fit

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22 and ends on Easter, April 9. Our school theme for this year is, "Make Jesus Fit!" In our St. Mary's School Faith Families we will be fitting pieces of a puzzle together making a poster to hang outside of our classroom doors to start the season. Weekly, we will be attending various Stations of the Cross, tracking our Lenten journey and helping our Faith Community with some service projects to reinforce our Catholic values. We will also prayerfully watch the Last Supper performed by our 6th Graders and celebrate the Easter season when we return to school. Your child's teacher may also be communicating with you any extra items or activities as they see fit in the classroom. Thank you for all of your help to make this Lenten season a meaningful journey. May God continue to bless us all as we "Make Jesus Fit!"

The Lenten Committee,

Mrs. Krogmann, Mrs. Lammers, Mrs. Ludwig, Mrs. Phillips

Upcoming Events

March 1

Early Dismissal

March 3

Student Liturgy – Grade 1 (Mrs. Krogmann)

March 8

Early Dismissal, P/T Conferences

March Calendar

Please visit https://st-marys.pvt.k12.ia.us/ for the complete list of March events.

More Important News

Lenten Events:

*** Please feel free to attend any of these all school events during Lent.**

Wednesday, March 1 - 10:00 Stations of the Cross in church led by Mrs. Ludwig's 2nd Grade class

Thursday, March 2 - 9:30 Reconciliation - students in Grades 3-6 will attend

Friday, March 10 - KC Fish Fry - enjoy the students' displays of table tents and carry out inserts.

Tuesday, March 14 - 2:00 Shadow Stations of the Cross - led by Mrs. Lammers and Mrs. Phillips and the 6th Grade

Thursday, March 30 - 2:00 Stations of the Cross in church led by Mrs. Krogmann's 1st Grade class

Thursday, April 6 - 10:00 Last Supper - in church led by Mrs. Phillips and 6th Grade

Negative Balances:

Households are responsible for keeping a positive balance in their student's breakfast/lunch account.

If you are unable to pay your negative balance in full, you can set up payment arrangements with our secretary, Bobbi. Please call our office at 927-3689.

Tuition Payments:

The success of our Catholic school hinges upon the commitment of families to make Catholic education a financial priority, be involved in their child's education, and make their tuition payment(s) on a timely basis. The school understands that unexpected situations can and do arise and the school strives to work with families. If unforeseen financial circumstances arise, families are responsible for

Extended Care

Hours:

6:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Winter Weather:

If school is delayed in the morning Extended Care will open at 8:30 a.m.

If school is dismissed early due to winter weather, Extended Care will close 1 hour after student dismissal.

contacting Ms. Harbach as soon as possible to review the financial hardship and seek a mutually agreeable alternative tuition payment plan. The goal of St. Mary's is to provide a Catholic school education to every student that desires one. By working together, we can make sure this goal is met.

Weather Make Up Plan:

This winter has turned out to be challenging in terms of weather delays and cancellations. So far this year we have missed six full days for weather, in addition to some early dismissals and late starts.

We have two make up days in the calendar on March 10 and April 6. Both of these will now be school days and students will be present.

April 7 and April 10 are holidays/vacation days and many people already have plans, so those will remain no school days.

Instead, we are going to make up the missed days due to weather by adjusting our end times slightly.

Beginning Monday, March 6, the following change will occur:

- No changes to morning bus times, breakfast or start time.
- St. Mary's dismissal time will be 3:05 and Wednesday dismissal will be 1:25.
- The last day of school is Friday, May 26. St. Mary's will dismiss after the 8:30 liturgy.

Meet Ben

Sixth Grade Student Spotlight

Favorite Food: Pork loin

Favorite Color: Green

Hobbies: Basketball & baseball

I Love St. Mary's ... because they have good food.

Meet Bradley

Sixth Grade Student Spotlight

Favorite Food: Steak

Favorite Color: Purple

Hobbies: Pool, shuffleboard, foosball, bowling & football

I Love St. Mary's ... because the food is good.

Meet Emerson

Sixth Grade Student Spotlight

Favorite Food: Brats

Favorite Color: Purple

Hobbies: Sports

I Love St. Mary's ... because the food is good and the teachers are nice.