

FROM THE (PRINCIPAL'S) DESK AND March Will Come in as a....



the FAMILY that PRAYS together, STAYS together...

P = PRAISE and thank God for His faithfulness and glory.

R = REPENT of the times each of you failed to love God or each other.

A = ASK the Lord to supply your needs.

I = INTERCEDE for those who need your prayers. Ask for the intercession of your brothers and sisters who have gone before you (i.e., the saints and the holy souls)

S = SEEK God's will for your lives (especially about big questions that can't be resolved immediately).

E = EXPRESS your desire to serve God until you meet again in prayer. (Wrap up.)

(from Parenting with Grace: The Catholic Parents' Guide to Raising (almost) Perfect Kids by Greg & Lisa Popcak, 276)

St. Mary's School is reconnecting ourselves with prayer during this **Lenten Season**. We will join each other in prayer during Stations of the Cross along with numerous other activities and help each other mindfully walk these 40 days during Lent as we "Gather round the Cross" here at school. You have received a letter and activities from our Lenten committee for items that you can do as a family at home as well.

Check out Bishop Robert Barron's Lenten's Daily Prayer Inspirations on our website,
<https://www.st-marys.pvt.k12.ia.us/>

A Blessed Lenten Season to All of YOU!

Just a reminder - Teachers and staff have been briefed on protocols for my maternity leave. I would like to share a few things with families as well: Students displaying extreme behaviors listed below will be sent home on the day of the incident. This ensures the school can regroup, plan, and contact the Archdiocese if any assistance is needed. Extreme behaviors include:

- Threats ("shoot up the school", "I'm going to kill myself", "I'm going to kill you", etc. NOTE: this is in actions or statements)
- Physical Aggression or Fighting (hitting, kicking, biting, etc.) towards other students or staff. Use best professional judgment.
 - First Offense: 2 Day Suspension
 - Second Offense: 3 Day Suspension
 - Third Offense: School Board decision
- Major Non-Compliance (continual eloping, refusal to follow directions to the point it is CONSISTENTLY interfering with whole classroom instruction on that day, etc.
- Weapon-Related (pocket knives, etc.)

Our staff is top-notch! Building communication, Delays/Cancellations, and many administrative duties are going to be handled effectively in my absence. If you have any questions, call the school @ 563-927-3689. Together they will find an answer for you! Thank you all for a GREAT semester!

A CONTACT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS regarding ESA THAT MAY ARISE WHILE MRS. SODERBLOM IS ABSENT FROM OUR BUILDING....

*ESA - board@st-marys.pvt.k12.ia.us,
president Brett Logan
ESA applications are due Feb 1st



SAVE the DATES -
St. Mary's School will be IN
SESSION on
March 8th and March 28th

PowerSchool

NOW is a great time to login and open up your PowerSchool Parent account,

<https://archd.powerschool.com/public/>

and review and update every tab under your child's/rens' account. Many times there are new email contacts, cell phone #s or just simple mistakes that were made when you first registered your child/ren. Once updated they will come to the Admin side of PS for approval. THANKS for taking care of this review!

EXTENDED CARE



- Schedules are due the Friday before at Noon!
- When billing is emailed out on Monday it is due by Friday!
- March 29th, Good Friday - CLOSED

<https://st-marys.pvt.k12.ia.us/extended-care-1>



Please email
hhogan@st-marys.pvt.k12.ia.us
with any questions



Every year at this time we see our pick up and drop off vehicle lines get slower and longer. This is inevitable as students have more weather gear, more students are not riding the busses, and the snow and ice slow the students down. As always, SAFETY for our students comes first! Please be patient, take extra time, and TOGETHER will do our best to continue to be diligent of time and safety for our students! Thank you also for your patience when it was too cold for students to wait outside after school!

As we are in the Winter season, please be sure you are on our REMIND text Alerts. Weather Announcements AND Flexible Learning Plan will be sent out via Remind. Please tune in to KMCH radio station as well for weather related announcements.

REMIND Directions --> [HERE](#)

-(Mrs. Jen Soderblom)

Lent - 2024

St. Mary's School Lenten Activities

Thursday, February 29th - All School Stations of the Cross - 2:15

Friday, March 15th - Reconciliation - Grades 2nd-6th

Friday, March 15th - All School Stations of the Cross - 1:00

Thursday, March 28th - All School Last Supper Prayer Service

Lenten Leisure Links

March 24 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

<https://www.simplycatholic.com/hosanna-what-is-the-meaning-of-palm-sunday/>

March 26 - Chrism Mass

<https://aleteia.org/2019/04/18/what-is-the-chrism-mass-and-why-is-it-important/>

March 28-30 - The Triduum

<https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/walking-through-the-triduum/>

March 28 - Holy Thursday

<https://safeshare.tv/x/IBF-XffNFE>

March 29 - Good Friday

<https://safeshare.tv/x/JMVec-dUers>

March 30 - Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

<https://aleteia.org/2018/03/31/heres-a-step-by-step-guide-to-the-easter-vigil/>

March 31 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/easter/>

Saintly Dates

March 17th - St. Patrick -

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=89

March 19th - St. Joseph -

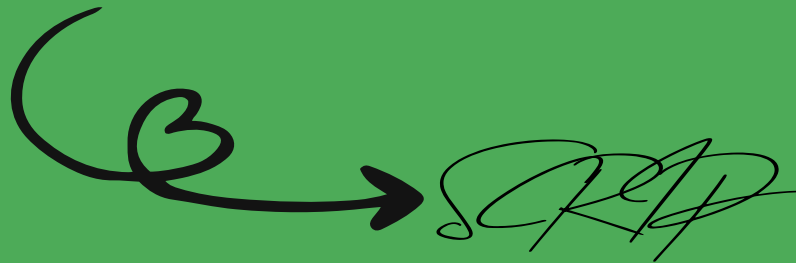
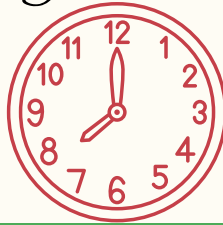
https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=4



Late Arrivals/Early Pick Ups

ALL Students arriving late or leaving early need to be signed in/out at the main office by a parent/guardian.

Student safety is the #1 priority!



Kwik Star is a great friend to SCRIP and to our communities. This month, Kwik Star gas cards earn an additional 10% for our program and 20% for their grocery card!! We've stocked up...so should YOU!

We bet you ask the same question every Friday during Lent...where can I go out for the best fish? We know that there are fabulous Fish Frys all over the country and yes, we all want you to support them. But also know that you can come to your neighborhood, Blessed Trinity Cluster, SCRIP boxes! Yes, YOUR SCRIP boxes will guide you to fish on Fridays! Dairy Queen, Subway, Sunset, Bushel and a Peck, Burger King, Hardees, Fiesta Cancun, The Bread Basket, Riverbend, Aunt Emmy's, Chuong Garden, Captain and Tenille's (Lightning Lanes) Off the Hoof and Delhi Landing...and those are just the LOCAL vendors that offer SCRIP! You could eat every Friday meatless meal with SCRIP!

Thank you to the St. Mary's Gala committee for supporting our SCRIP program at their annual Gala, "Island Time" on March 2nd. We appreciate all of our Blessed Trinity Cluster parishes for their consideration of SCRIP when hosting festivities. As of March 1st, SCRIP has already donated \$15,000 to St. Mary School, the first half of our regular \$30,000 donation. Religious Education classes and St. Paul School of Religion also benefit from SCRIP donations throughout the year. Because so many in our parishes, our families and friends, believe in supporting SCRIP, we are able to keep the donations coming!

- SCRIP forms are available in the back of church, the school office, and the parish office!
- SCRIP is sold at the school on Tuesday and Wednesday
- SCRIP is sold at 8:30 Mass on Fridays, orders can be sent home with students
- SCRIP is sold before and after weekend masses at St. Mary's

Upcoming Events

March 6 - Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences - 2:00-7:00PM

March 7 - Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences - 2:00-6:00PM

March 7th - St. Mary's School Be Kind to Your Mind Shirt Day

March 8 - ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION (WEATHER MAKE UP DAY)

MARCH 28TH - ST. MARY'S SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION (WEATHER MAKE UP DAY)



St. Mary's School Garage Sale -

Friday April 5th, 4-7pm

Saturday April 6th, 9am-12pm

St. Mary's Parish Center.



Dates for dropping off Garage Sale donations:

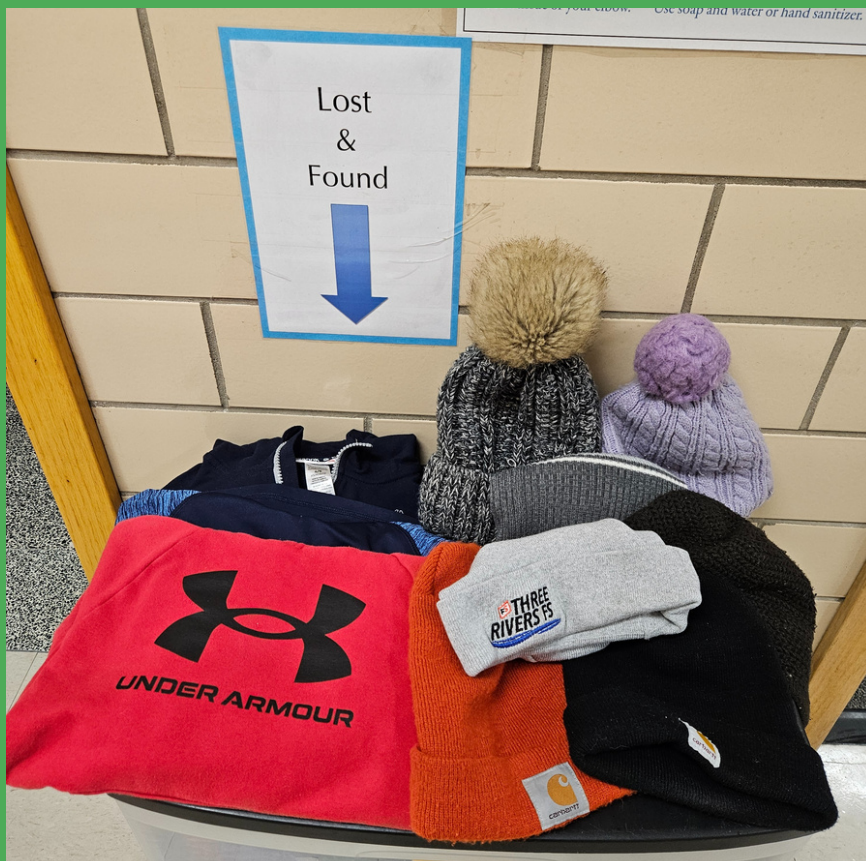
Thursday April 4th 3-8pm and Friday April 5th 8AM-12pm

All items are welcome and please drop them off in the Parish Center

All questions can be sent to Emily Burkle at
emilyhulse13@gmail.com

Lost & Found

See anything that is your child's/rens' belongings? Please call the office and claim. THANKS!



BE SURE TO INVITE GRANDPARENTS, FAMILY & FRIENDS!

TURN IN YOUR RSVP CARD TODAY OR ORDER ONLINE AT: STMARYSGALA.COM

PUT ON YOUR FLIP-FLOPS
& WATCH OUT FOR POP-TOPS

at the 17TH ANNUAL
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL GALA

On Island Time

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024
ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTER

5:00pm (somewhere!)
SOCIAL HOUR & APPETIZERS

6:30pm DINNER
LIVE AUCTION TO FOLLOW

11:00pm ALOHA

Menu

CATERED BY ANNETTE HARBAUGH
DEL. CO. PORK PRODUCERS
& CAKES BY KIM

First Course

MIXED GREENS TOPPED WITH FRUIT
& CARAMELIZED SWEET ROLL

Main Course

GRILLED CARIBBEAN JERK PORK CHOP
TOPPED WITH PINEAPPLE CHUTNEY & SHRIMP SKEWER,
PARMESAN ROASTED POTATOES & BROCCOLI SALAD

Dessert

TART SIZED KEY LIME, COCONUT CREAM *or* CHOCOLATE PIE
ASSORTED COOKIES

Relax & Enjoy...

- LIVE MUSIC BY BERNIE & DENNY
- CASH BAR FEATURING MARGARITA FLIGHTS
- CASH PRIZE DRAWINGS DURING SOCIAL HOUR
- ONLINE SILENT AUCTION DISPLAY
(BEGINS MONDAY, FEB. 26 - SUNDAY, MARCH 3)
WWW.FASTERGIVING.COM
- OPTIONAL 50-50 CASH RAFFLE
(NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)
- PHOTO BOOTH • LIVE AUCTION

~ Island attire encouraged ~



Have any plastic bags (ex. Fareway or Walmart) you're not using? Shirley Klaus uses them to put items in for the homeless. You can give them to Shirley Klaus or have your child bring them to the Lunchroom to Karol or Linda.

MARCH 2024 ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

CEREAL—TOAST

4

PANCAKE WRAPS
TRI TATERS
YOGURT
PEARS
*DONUT HOLES

FUNNEL CAKES

5

SPAGHETTI
MEAT SAUCE
GARLIC BREAD
RAW CARROTS—RANCH
PEACHES

CINNAMON ROLLS

6

HAMBURGERS-CHEESEBURGERS
FRENCH FRIES
GREEN BEANS
MANDARIN ORANGES

BREAKFAST CROISSANTS

7

CHICKEN TENDERS
MASHED POTATOES—GRAVY
CORN
APPLESLICES

GLAZED DONUTS

8

CHEESE PIZZA
BREAD STICK
SALAD—RANCH
FRUIT COCKTAIL

CEREAL—TOAST

11

GOULASH
COOKED CARROTS
BREAD & BUTTER
PINEAPPLES

S'MUFGINS

12

GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH
TATER TOTS
GREEN BEANS
PEARS

DONUT HOLES

13

HAM & CHEESE ROUNDS
CHILI
PEAS
MANDARIN ORANGES

EGGOS

14

WALKING TACOS
LETTUCE-TOMATOES-CHEESE
RAW BROCCOLI—RANCH
GRAPES
*PUDDING

FRENCH TOAST STICKS

15

MACARONI & CHEESE
GARLIC BREAD
CORN
PEACHES
*RICE KRISPIE TREAT

CEREAL—TOAST

18

SLOPPY JOES
CHIPS
RAW CARROTS—RANCH
PEARS

FUNNEL CAKES

19

CHICKEN & NOODLES
PAR BAKE ROLLS
BROCCOLI—CHEESE
STRAWBERRIES
*COOKIE

MINI DONUTS

20

SALISBURY STEAK
MASHED POTATOES—GRAVY
CORN
PEACHES

MUFFINS

21

POPCORN CHICKEN
POTATO WEDGES
CELERY—PEANUT BUTTER
APPLESAUCE

CAKE DONUTS

22

GRILLED CHEESE
TOMATO SOUP
GREEN BEANS
FRUIT SLUSHIE

CEREAL—TOAST

25

BREADED CHICKEN SANDWICH
SPIRAL POTATOES
PEAS & CARROTS
PEACHES

LONG JOHN'S

26

LOADED NACHOS
LETTUCE-TOMATOES-CHEESE
BEANS & WEENIES
BERRY YOGURT

SAUSAGE & PANCAKES

27

PEPPERONI PIZZA
POTATO ROUNDS
SALAD—RANCH
PINEAPPLES

CINNAMON ROLLS

28

EASTER FEAST!
HAM PATTIES
MASHED POTATOES—GRAVY
CORN
MANDARIN ORANGES
ICE CREAM CUPS

GOD FRIDAY
NO SCHOOL

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MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UPON
 AVAILABILITY OF PRODUCTS ORDERED.
 HAPPY ST. PAT'S
 HAPPY EASTER!

Mayor, Connie Behnken has declared "A Year of Kindness"

March's Theme: "Be kind to Senior Citizens and those who support them."

Go to the City of Manchester's Website or Facebook page for more information!
Website: <https://www.manchester-ia.org/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ManchesterIA52057>

"When I was young, I admired clever people. Now that I am old, I admire kind people." -Abraham Joshua Heschel



Students at St. Mary's will be discussing each monthly theme and finding ways to do their part in keeping our community KIND!

save the date 

A KNIGHT

FOR A

Princess

FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST

WEST DELAWARE MIDDLE SCHOOL

6:30-8 PM \$25 PER COUPLE

ALL AGES WELCOME

Knights grab your Princess and join us for an evening of dancing and fun!
Snacks, Photos and Craft included with admission

all proceeds go to West Delaware Together We Are Brain Health Campaign