

From the Principal



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Mission Statement:

Under the protection of Jesus and the Blessed Mother, and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. Mary Catholic School is a faith centered academic community that encourages service to God and others and strives to form the hearts, minds and souls of our students in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Faith.

This Sunday we will celebrate Palm Sunday. This leads us into the holiest week of the church year. Attend church services if you can. If not, I encourage you to spend some time as a family reflecting on this sacred time of the year. Our teachers will focus on this sacred week as well.

Tuition for 2021-2022 School Year

I have great news to share with you regarding the tuition for the 2021-2022 school year! The finance council met recently and decided to NOT increase tuition or fees! This is due to the concern for our families financial hardships during this difficult pandemic. This is a generous gift from the council as St. Mary's costs continue to rise. This is why your support of our fundraisers is vital! The proceeds from the Read-A-Thon, Jog-A-Thon and Butter Braid sales will go toward the general fund.

2021-2022 Registration

We are gearing up for the 2021-2022 registration process! We are working to implement a new school information system (SIS) that will replace FastDirect. This SIS is part of the FACTS system that you have been using for your tuition payments. The two systems will work together and eventually you will have one login to enter both systems. This is also the system that you will use to register your child for the 2021-2022 school year. The office staff is in the process of training. Once the training is complete, we will open registration to all currently enrolled families for one week. I am hopeful to open this on Monday, March 29th. After the one week period, we will open up registration to the general public most likely beginning on Tuesday, April 6th. Registration will be handled completely online. Thank you for your patience.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We will hold our spring parent/teacher conferences on Thursday, March 25th from 5pm-8pm and Friday, March 26th from 11am-4pm. School is NOT in session on Friday, March 26th, but it is considered a contact day as the students are expected to attend the conferences with you. If you have not scheduled a time with your child's teacher yet, please contact the teacher either through FastDirect or voicemail. We want to see 100% participation. We are partners in your child's education and working together will help your child to have success.

Book Fair

Please join us for the spring book fair! It will be a virtual event beginning Monday, March 22nd-Friday, April 9th. We are moving away from Scholastic and working with a Catholic book company called Good News! We've noticed that some of the book options with Scholastic do not coincide with our Catholic faith. Please consider supporting this event. 25% of the proceeds will go to our school library!

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Upcoming Events:

- March 22-April 9- Virtual Spring Book Fair [Virtual Fair - Good News Book Fair - Catholic books, Christian books and clean re Site titles for kids and adults](#)
- March 25- Grades Open on FD
- March 25, 26- P/T Conferences
- March 28- Palm Sunday
- March 29-April 2- Holy Week
- April 1- **Holy Thursday-NOON RELEASE (No Lunch Served)**
- April 2- **Good Friday-NO SCHOOL**
- April 4- Easter Sunday
- April 5- **Easter Monday- NO SCHOOL**
- April 7- Kindergarten Roundup

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Mark 15:34

Read-A-Thon

Our annual Read-A-Thon began on Monday, March 8th and will end tomorrow, March 25th.

Our goal is for every student to bring in at least \$78 each. If each student does that, we will bring in \$12,500! If we reach this goal, we will have an all school dress down day! The class that

reads the most minutes will earn a pizza party! Please help us to reach our goal! All money needs to be submitted **electronically** by Monday, March 29th. Thank you to Shanelle Guzman for chairing this event and to all participating families for your support!

Lenten Rice Bowls

We are asking that all Rice Bowls be returned on Holy Thursday, April 1st. **Please remember to send a check made out to St. Mary instead of loose cash and change.**

Butter Braids

The Butter Braid online store is now closed. Thank you to our PTO for organizing and supporting this fundraiser once again. As of today, our profit is \$2,079.20! That's amazing! Thank you St. Mary!

The PTO will be distributing the orders on Wednesday March 31st at school pickup.

Kindergarten Roundup

Kindergarten Round Up for incoming kinder-garten students will take place on Wednesday, April 7 from 9:00AM-12:30PM. Students must turn 5 years old by October 1, 2021. Please contact the school office to schedule a time for your child. 970-353-8100.