

Imagine your child...

Increasing in respectfulness, resourcefulness and responsibility
 Focusing on God's loving presence
 Being guided by devoted and professional teachers
 Being equipped to excel and growing in confidence
 Becoming dream makers and world changers....
Imagine your child changing the world...



St. Mary's Parish School Newsletter
Week of March 7, 2022



Welcome to the **Wuerth Family!** They recently moved down from Coeur d'Alene, Holy Family School. Their daughter, Mina, is starting Fifth Grade this week. We are blessed to have her/them with us as our newest family.



Red highlights school events; **black indicates events happening elsewhere** which are open to all.

Monday, March 7

Boys Scouts meet at St. Mary's Parish Center at 7:0 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8

School Board meets at 6:00 p.m. at the school

Movie, *The Chosen*, will be shown starting at 7:00 p.m. Parish Center—all are welcome.

Thursday, March 10:

Year of the Eucharist: Adoration at St. Mary's Church 6 to 7---all are welcome to come and be with Jesus for however long you can.

Friday, March 11:

9:00 a.m. Mass Grade 1 are the prayer leaders---Uniforms required.
 5:30 p.m. Soup (meatless) and bread dinner in St. Mary's Parish Center---all are welcome; 6:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross---all are welcome.

Saturday, March 12:

Regional Spelling Bee in Lewiston. Our local school winner, **Aubrey Vogel**, Grade 6 will be representing St. Mary's in this regional. Congratulations Aubrey and blessings!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following St. Mary's students who earned the right to advance to **state competition in MATHCOUNTS** and will be competing with other winning teams in Boise on March 12th. We wish the following students the very best:

***Hannah Johnson-Leung Matthew Ristine Bella Visger Seeley Johnson
 Carter Hawking (alternate)***

We wish to thank Mrs. Jennifer Johnson-Leung for stepping in to coach and organize our team this year in place of Mrs. Ashleigh Bright while she is with her son, Samson, Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane.

NOTE: updated recipe menu for March 7 through April 1 is attached to this Newsletter.



Monday, March 7:	Hawaiian Haystacks (new recipe) chicken + rice+ pineapple+ cheese
Tuesday, March 8:	Corn Dogs + green beans
Wed., March 9:	Taco Noodle Casserole (new recipe) –ground beef, over tortilla chips + cheese
Thursday, March 10:	Cheesy breakfast casserole (new recipe) biscuits + hash browns + ham= + eggs + cheese
Friday, March 11	Meatless pasta with white sauce

Some Questions That Have Been Asked:

Q. Will there be childcare during Spring Break this year?

A. No. Due to staff shortages we are not able to hold childcare services during Spring Break.

Q. How did we do on the Bake Sale for the Bright Family?

A. The school brought in **\$336.25** on its bake sale. Items not sold was brought to the Catholic Women's League bake sale at St. Mary's Church. A total of **\$4700** was brought in during that event. A huge thank you to all of you who participated in these events for the sake of Jerry and Ashleigh Bright and their son, Samson! And a huge thank you to Aubrey Vogel who organized the students' bake sale with Mrs. Quesnell.

Q. How is Samson Bright doing?

A. Samson is out of ICU and is in a regular hospital room at Sacred Heart Hospital. His liver is looking better, but he still has bio-ducts that are leaking. Please pray that all stop leaking and heal quickly. Parents are hoping and praying that he won't have to be sent to Seattle.

Q. Regarding class projects for the Auction, are there any grades still needing a quilt made?

A. Yes, there are: Grades 2nd and 4th. Please see *attached letter* for more information.

Q. How much homework should my child be expected to do?

A. According to the School Handbook (page 32) it states *Suggested* daily time allotments for homework:

Early Childhood	10 to 20 minutes
First through Second Grade:	20 to 30 minutes
Third through Fifth Grade	35 to 45 minutes
Middle Grades	45 to 60 minutes

If you experiencing your child spending more than the allotted time, consistently, please talk with your child's teacher. Thank you.

***Some Dates to Note in the Days/Weeks Ahead
(note dates may be subject to change)***

Thursday, March 24: School Board leads a Town Hall for all parents at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 25: All School Photo will be done.

Friday, April 1st: Talent Show at 1:00 (led by Student Council)—all are welcome to come and enjoy!

School parents/children are responsible for Soup (meatless)/bread supper starting at 5:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross. Please let Sister Margaret know you will be attending this event.

Saturday, April 2nd: Retreat Day for all Women! The retreat day will be led by Sister Barbara Jean, a Benedictine Sister. This is a wonderful opportunity to take time to be nourished and refreshed, which is so needful at this time. There is no cost!

April 7 and April 8: Parent- Teacher Conferences

April 21: Ice Cream social for all families: more details will be coming

TBD will be a get together for all of our fifth-grade families and the Middle Grades staff/parents/students to learn about the Fall Program for Grades 6-8. More details will be coming soon.

For your reflection this first week of Lent:

The following reflection is based on the temptations Jesus experienced after he had spent time in the desert before beginning his ministry. Jesus, though sinless, was tempted like us because Jesus was fully human too. Remember, the key phrase before each temptation was "If you are...." How are we, like Jesus, tempted today?

"It's a familiar scene and story. Power and Temptation. Imagined and real. Power *offered and accepted*, or refused. The devil sitting on our shoulder offering to fulfill our every wish and dream, to help us accomplish whatever is on our 'Bucket List.' All the things we never even thought about, because we thought ourselves too small to accomplish them: not enough power or strength or imagination.

Are we servants or are we self-serving? We think 'I wouldn't buy into what the devil offers!' And yet we wonder 'Is really the devil who is doing the offering?'

- When someone has control over other people, we lose ourselves by wanting to have that kind of control.
- When someone has popularity, we lose ourselves by wanting to be the hero.
- When someone has the ability to perform marvelous deeds, we lose ourselves by wanting things beyond our reach.

This is temptation at its worst. It is a power over us, not given to us. But where does the power to change, come from during *this* Lent? Look carefully at what is being offered, and who is making

the offer. The power from Christ, is better because that's the type of power that allows us to refuse all the devil has to offer.

To those who are tempted to turn stones into bread, we **FAST**, because Jesus gives us the power to be a Provider -- *"For It is written, One does not live on bread alone."*

For those who are tempted to have all the kingdoms of the world, we **GIVE ALMS**, because Jesus gives us the power to be a Possessor of service -- *"for it is written You shall worship the Lord your God and him alone shall you serve."*

For those who are tempted to stand on the Parapet of the Temple, simply to test God, **WE PRAY**, because Jesus gives us the power to Perform, serious about our prayer. *"for it is written you shall not put the Lord your God to the test."*

This is a time for us to see the power in him and use it for good, for when we do, we realize His same power is found in us."

(Reflection is from Fr. Joe McDonald's homily for the first week of Lent.)

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