

Saint Mary School

May, 2017 Newsletter

It has been an honor to work with the students, faculty and staff of St. Mary Elementary School during my time as Interim Principal. Faith formation is evident throughout the school from 3 year old prayer time to the sixth grade mass helpers. The month of May is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. It is a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives.



May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. Families are encouraged to be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church. You are encouraged to set up an altar or a special place to pray.

If you would like to provide input for to help determine the best placement for your child for the 2017-2018 school year please complete the class placement input form and return to Mrs. Mitzel by May 4th.

1. The staff are very blessed to work at



- schedules to assist in driving and chaperoning events. Especially during May! It is your commitment to these valuable experiences that help make them possible.

Saint Mary School. We are humbled and grateful for the outreach of all the families who are contributing to and volunteering during Staff Appreciation Week. Thank you especially to Jaime Miller, Annie Gordon, Rita Eggert, Kristen Thorkelson, Jen Mentele, and Megan Sage for all their hard work in organizing this special week. Thank you to Katie Hanson, Ann Henkhaus, Susan Sabers, Lynn Bendaly, Kelly Gorra, Jill Norman, Tricia DeMore, Alison Bailey, Sarah Sorrell, Emily Glatt, Jenny

White, Mary Huber, Sara Wischard, Katy Sonstegard, Editha Liu, Annie Welsh, Abby Walton, Kristen Klinkhammer, Rory & Amber Kelly, Laura & Kyle Kneip, Amy & Jake Kusmak, Bridget Czarnecki, Becky Greble, Troy Miller, Ellen Stoll, Jen Farah, Karen Gourley, Kerry Boetel, Susan McDowell, Lauri Finnegan, Rochelle Sweetman, Jessica Kleinsasser and all our kind and generous families.

2. We are so appreciative of all the parents who arrange their

3. Thank you Kristen Klinkhammer and Ellen Stoll for organizing the toy drive and thank you to all parents who donated toys for the classrooms.
4. Thank you to Jackie Lent, Lauri Finnegan, Elizabeth Alick, Vicky Reker and Stephanie Kunkel for covering the office Fridays during April & May for staff prayer.

Faith Opportunities in May....

An important part of our school week is our weekly liturgies. The students and staff benefit from the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist together. Please consider joining us for the following:

- Wednesday, May 3rd—8:30 a.m. Mass is planned by Mrs. Grogan and Ms. Heller’s classes. This is our May Crowning, Grade 2 will wear their First Communion attire.
- Wednesday, May 10th—8:30 a.m. Mass is planned by both

Kindergarten classes. Pre-school attends.

- Wednesday, May 17th—8:30 a.m. Closing Mass and 6th grade recognition Mass. 6th grade will attend 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, May 19th.

Parents pray the Rosary each week before our school Mass (around 8:05 a.m.) Please join them as they pray for our school.

Each week, our students pray the Rosary on Mondays at 8:15 a.m. in the Church. Please forward your prayer requests to us (we will recognize your intentions with a prayer card). The staff prays the Rosary each Friday at 7:30 a.m.



2017-2018 Staffing

We welcome Ms. Michelle Shields as our new principal. Mrs. Meert will be teaching 2nd grade at Christ the King School. Ms. Cronin has been hired as 5 year old preschool

teacher. Ms. Rausch, our music teacher, will not be returning next year. Mr. Kevin Humke will fill the vocal instructor position.

We also say good-bye to Mary Kroeze and Kathy Staebell our preschool aides who are retiring. We wish all of them well.



Congratulations to all our 2nd graders who received their First Holy Communion.



Our prayers and best wishes to our 6th graders:

Kate Aday, Sydney Anel, Elliott Aramayo, Grace Barnett, Zander Benz, Max Billion, Maeve Boetel, Rose Brennan, Avalon Brenner, Macy Brewster, Ethan Casey, Sophia Donahue, Berkeley Donohue, Ashlyn Gary, Ella

Greble, Will Hurd, Maya Jamous, Gabby Jones, Michael Leiberg, Anna Lent, D’Angelo McCoy, Anika McDowell, Rory McManus, Ryan Meert, Alex Mentele, Alex Mohama, Regan Muller, Maggie Noonan, Mrnal Parameswaran, Julianna Peters, Nathan Ratzlaff, Kennedy Reents, Reagan Reimer, Madelyn Rogers, Natalie Rutten,

Bella Savage, Lincoln Schulz, Vincent Sejnoha, Dilynn Severson, Will Sorrell, Will Stanton, Taylor Tobin, Emily Walker, Wes Zimprich, and Jada Zwagerman



May Calendar Events

May 1st-May 5th	Staff Appreciation Week
Monday, May 1st	Happy May Day!
Wednesday, May 3rd	8:30 a.m. Mass—May Crowning Mass - 2nd graders Rehearsals for Musical Grades 4, 5, 6 -Saint Mary Spring Musical -7:00 p.m. OGHS PAC Grace Notes perform also.
Thursday, May 4th	4th Graders to DeSmet 5th Graders to Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton
Friday, May 5th	Safety Belt Program - Grades 1, 2, 3 at 1:30 pm ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE
Monday, May 8th	3rd Graders to Pioneer Village in Worthington, MN
Tuesday, May 9th	5th & 6th grade Band Festival - 7:00 p.m. OGHS auditorium
Wednesday, May 10th	8:30 a.m. Mass - Kindergartners Msgr. Mangan—speaks to grades 1-6 Grade 4-12 Orchestra Concert - 7:00 p.m. OGHS auditorium
Thursday, May 11th	Jazz Band/Grace Notes Tour-9:45-2:45 LAST UNIFORM DAY!
Friday, May 12th	FIELD DAY - 9:30-11:00 grades 1, 2, 3 and 1:00 –2:30 grades 4, 5, 6 11:00-12:00 grades 1, 2, 3 and 12:15-1:00 grades 4, 5, 6 Lunches
Sunday, May 14th	Happy Mother's Day
Monday, May 15th	6th grade patrol bowling party—Great Life - 1:00-3:00 p.m. Kindergarten walks to Dairy Queen - 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16th	6th grade to Broom Tree Retreat Center - 8:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m. Kindergarten Bike Rodeo - 1:45-2:45 p.m.
Wednesday, May 17th	8:30 a.m. Mass - 6th grade recognition Grades 1-2 - Skating party 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. 6th grade Quiz Bowl - 12:30-1:30 p.m. Kindergarten and 5th grade walk to McKennan Park - 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 18th	Grades 3-4 - Skating party 9:30-11:30 a.m. Grades 5-6 - Skating party 12:15-2:45 p.m.
Friday, May 19th	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—DISMISS AT 10:00 a.m. 6th graders to daily Mass at 8:00 a.m.

More Good News!!

Thank you to the Huber and Ernst families who generously provided two Buddy Benches to Saint Mary School.



A special thank you to the Cub Scout troupe who painted our St. Mary Statues

Lent Project



Students collected \$2176 in coins during this Lent Project. The money has been donated to Kids Against Hunger. What a beautiful example of almsgiving.

Camp Invention

**Please help Sioux Falls Catholic School Camp Invention get off to a good start in its first year. If you have any of the items below that you would be willing to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. Please rinse all items and drop off at St. Michael School at 1610 S. Marion Road between May 1-May 18th .
Thanks for your support!**

Some Acceptable Items:

Beads Bubblewrap Building blocks Buttons Cardboard boxes and tubes
Cereal boxes Containers Cups Fabric Film canisters foam trays golf balls magazines-(child friendly) Milk/OJ Cartons/Jugs
Newspapers Oatmeal containers Origami paper Pinwheels Plastic bottle caps
Pulleys Rubber bands Rubber bouncy balls Shoe boxes Springs
String table tennis balls washers wrapping paper

Unacceptable Items:

Batteries glitter packing peanuts cords soda pop cans
liquids paint glass medicine containers prescription bottles wire hangers

Take Apart Items Needed:

Analog clocks CD players Desktop phones Digital clocks DVD players
Stereos and Radios Tape deck and recorders VCR's Wind-up clocks
Alarm clocks
Other acceptable items: cash registers label makers soundboards
blu-ray players Keyboards calculators candy dispensers bread machines
coffee machines Fans record players typewriters sewing machines
Stereo speakers radios

Unacceptable Items:

Cameras laptop computers printers toasters
Cell phones microwaves rotary phones vacuums irons
Monitors televisions video game consoles.