

St. Mary's Catholic School

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LENT BEGINS TOMORROW WITH ASH WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 18th)

There will be an all school / parish Mass at 9:00 A.M. with the imposition of ashes.

FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT

Lent is the Holy Season to prepare us for Easter and ultimately for heaven. This is an ideal time to draw closer to Our Lord through prayer and the Sacraments, to strive to be more selfless to others through loving service, and to reorient ourselves to the proper use and appreciation of God's gifts in Creation by giving up some good things to be more disposed to receive that which is better - especially God Himself.

The following are instructions that Catholics are called upon to observe during Lent in communal offering to the Lord:

Everyone 14 or older should abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays in Lent.

Everyone between 18 and 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: only one full meatless meal; "other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but altogether they should not equal another full meal."

Prudence is always to be observed with allowances for those who have circumstances that would jeopardize their health by fasting.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Meet St. Bernadette Soubirous

- My Feast Day: February 18
- I am the patron saint of the sick, the poor, shepherds, those ridiculed for the faith, and Lourdes.
- I came from a very poor family in Lourdes, France.
- When I was 14, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to me in a cave while I was gathering firewood.
- The Virgin was wearing a white robe with a blue sash, with yellow roses on her feet and a large rosary on her arm and called herself the Immaculate Conception.
- I saw 18 apparitions of Mary between February 11 and July 16, 1858.
- Mary instructed me to dig in the ground and miraculous spring appeared, which still provides God's healing to millions today.
- Mary also instructed that a chapel be built, which remains a popular pilgrimage site today.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th - 2:50 P. M. DISMISSAL - BUS IS NOT AVAILABLE

KC'S AND PTO FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 5 - 7:30 P. M.

TRACK AND FIELD THIS SPRING: 4th THROUGH 8th GRADE

There is a parent meeting and first practice on Monday, February 23rd from 5 - 6 P. M. For any who can't make this meeting but would like to be a part, or for more information, contact Dainelle at (618) 559-0555.

OPEN GYM AT SMS

If you have a student 3rd - 8th grade (boys and girls) and would like to receive information about open gyms, text Aaron P (573)768-6484 to be put on the Gamechanger chat for the schedule.

FREE TREE WITH NEIGHBORHOOD FOREST - CHECK OUT THE FLYER

GALA DINNER AUCTION - MARCH 7th!

*Tickets for the dinner are on sale now. Contact Paula P. at 615-5545.

*If you have sold your two packets of tickets and are able to sell more, please contact the office. Thanks!

*Volunteers are needed for food prep the week before the Gala and also volunteers for kitchen help on Gala night. If you can help, contact Jenny S. @ 615-1452.

PENANCE SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S CHESTER: SUNDAY, MARCH 15th @ 2:30 P. M.

SAVE THE DATE: DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE - SATURDAY, MARCH 28th

CONFIRMATION DATE: APRIL 16th

MONTHLY QUILT RAFFLE - \$20

The St. Mary's CCW is selling raffle tickets for a quilt drawing/or \$100 that benefits SMS. Please contact the school office to get your ticket.

ST. MARY'S WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday, 4:00 P. M.

Sunday, 10:00 A. M.