

# St. Mary's Catholic School

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## PRAYERS FOR OUR NEXT POPE AND BISHOP

We pray for God's provision of a new Pope and a new Bishop for our Diocese. We are thankful to God for the leadership and service of Pope Francis and the time that we have had with Bishop McGovern. May the Lord continue to provide good shepherds to lead His Church and bring us ever closer to Him through those He calls to preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

Next week we will have our annual Honors Night. This is when we recognize many different types of accomplishments, especially in the areas of academics and sports. We are proud of our students for achieving many successes, but also for their involvement in endeavors that don't necessarily break any tremendous records or make the news.

We have all had experiences when we have put forth significant time and effort of ourselves into something and things didn't go according to plan. The temptation is to think that the investment of our lives into important projects was a waste of time and we might let our lack of success (according to *our* definition and expectation) keep us from moving ahead. This can be particularly painful when we have given all that we could, not even for our own personal achievement, but out of a genuine sacrificial love. In this season of Easter, we can look at Our Lord Who truly gave everything out of love for us. What was the result? The most profound suffering ever experienced in history which concluded in His death! **But that was not the end.** Three days later He rose from the dead! What looked like the greatest failure was actually the greatest victory! We need to always remember that it is never a waste of time to give of ourselves for love of others and to ask God for grace to persevere in all trials.

**PTO MEETING TONIGHT (TUESDAY, APRIL 29th) @ 4:30 P.M.**

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION IS THIS WEEK AT 8:30 A.M. IN CHURCH

Father Sebastian will be leading our last school Adoration and Benediction for the year on Friday for 5th - 8th Grade. All are welcome to join!

**FRIDAY, MAY 2nd - 1:30 P.M. DISMISSAL - BUS IS AVAILABLE**

## 1st HOLY COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY (MAY 4th) AT THE 10:00 A.M. MASS

The 2nd Grade students at SMS will join with our parish PSR students for their first reception of this Most Blessed Sacrament.

## FIELD DAY AND STREET PARTY - FRIDAY, MAY 9th

During the school day next Friday, students will have special end-of-the-year events and activities to enjoy! This will be a non-uniform day. The fun picks back up from 4 to 7 P.M. as the SMS PTO and KC's host our school families for food and fellowship. See the flyer for more details!

**GRADUATIONS COMING SOON AT ST. MARY'S!**

Kindergarten Graduation will be on Saturday, May 10th at the 4:00 P. M. Mass.

8th Grade Graduation will be on Saturday, May 17th at the 4:00 P. M. Mass.

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - FRIDAY, MAY 23rd, DISMISSAL AT 11:30 A. M.**

This will be for Preschool through 7th Grade (the last day for 8th Grade is Wednesday, May 21st). Please note, there will be no bus available and no aftercare on the 23rd.

**QUILT OF THE MONTH SMS FUNDRAISER CONTINUES!**

Tickets are available and hand-quilted quilt donations are accepted!

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KC'S) OFFERS MONDAY LUNCHES!**