

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC
SCHOOL**

**Tuesday Times
March 14, 2023**

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May the road rise up to meet you. May the
wind be always at your back. May the sun
shine warm upon your face; the rains fall
soft upon your fields and until we meet
again, may God hold you in the palm of
His hand.



WHAT'S NEW?

Happy Pi Day! March 14 marks Pi Day, the annual holiday in honor of the mathematical constant (π), the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. The irrational number is typically rounded down to 3.14 which is why the celebration takes place on March 14, which has a numerical date of 3/14. So, enjoy this day with a slice of pie or perhaps a pizza pie!!!

OH YEAH!!! Congratulations to our HMH Volleyball team!!! The girls won First Place in the OVC Volleyball Tournament! We are so proud of them. What an awesome season! Now, on to Regionals! Yay, HMH!!!

Congratulations to Reed Petrowske who won the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest in Breese, Illinois on Sunday, March 12! Reed will continue on to State on April 16th! Way to go, Reed! Good luck at State!

Top o' the mornin' to ya! Students are invited to wear their Irish green this coming Friday as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We know we will see a sea of green!

In honor of St. Patrick, the Knights of Columbus will be serving a traditional Irish meal of Corned Beef and Cabbage. Bishop McGovern has granted Catholics in the Diocese of Belleville a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from eating meat on a Friday of Lent, March 17, 2023, - St. Patrick's Day.

Helpers are needed Friday for the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. This dinner is in lieu of a typical Friday Fish Fry! Thank you to the PTO and the volunteers who have worked the Fish Frys so far this year. We are grateful for your time and dedication.

This Friday, March 17, dismissal for K-8 is at 1:30 p.m. Bus Service is available.

Report cards for Third Quarter are being sent home today for students in K-8.

Our Kindergarten students have been busy hosting our four-year-old preschool students for kindergarten classroom visits! Both groups had such a great time. It's amazing how much progress was made and how far our students have developed this past year. Ask your child about his or her visit. We know that they will have lots to share! If you have any questions about our kindergarten program, please contact the school office at 618-826-3120.

Don't forget about those delicious Bundt Cakes! They will make a wonderful springtime dessert and a perfect addition to your Easter dinner! Orders are due on Tuesday, March 28. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's School. Cakes will be delivered on April 5, just in time for Easter! Thank you!

Registration for our Pre-school Program will be held on Wednesday, March 15th, in the school library. Parents are invited to come by and pick up a packet. Please contact Eleanor Clendenin if you have any questions. Thank you!

Help is needed for the Friday, March 31, Fish Fry. Please contact Jackie Seymour if you haven't yet volunteered to work a Fish Fry. We could really use your help! Thank you for your consideration!

REMINDERS...

LENTEN SERVICES & MASSES

Stations of the Cross will be held every Wednesday at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Chester.

Penance Services:

Wednesday, March 22 @ 6:45 p.m. at St. John's Red Bud for PSR Students
Sunday, March 26 @ 2:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Chester
Monday, March 27 @ 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Red Bud
Tuesday, March 28 @ 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Sparta

Holy Week

April 6, Holy Thursday @ 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Chester
April 7, Good Friday
 St. Mary's, Chester 5:00 p.m.
 St. Joseph, Prairie du Rocher 7:00 p.m.
April 8, Holy Saturday
 St. Mary's, Chester 7:00 p.m.
 St. Joseph, Prairie du Rocher 7:00 p.m.
April 9, Easter Sunday
 St. Mary of Divine Maternity, Ellis Grove 8:00 a.m.
 St. Joseph, Prairie du Rocher 8:00 a.m.
 St. Mary's, Chester 10:00 a.m.

Don't forget about our KC FISH FRYS – Come Support the Knights and St. Mary's School at the weekly Fish Frys! You don't want to miss these!

Fridays 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

All You Can Eat Fish Buffet \$15.00

Shrimp Plate w/2 sides -- \$12.00

Fish Sandwich w/2 sides -- \$10.00

Kids Ages 4-10 -- \$10.00

Kids 3 & under FREE

Buffet includes: Regular fish, Cajun fish, Chicken strips, French fries, Mac & Cheese, Baked beans, Slaw, Stewed tomatoes, and Baked potato

If you have not yet signed up to work a Fish Fry, please contact Jackie Seymour at 618-615-3362. Thank you so much for assisting with the Fish Frys.

We are still working on the Servers' Schedule for the upcoming weeks. Please return your forms by tomorrow, Wednesday, March 15.

For Holy Week – Father Sebastian would like to have 4 servers at the Masses and on Good Friday. We still need one server for Good Friday and also servers for Holy Saturday. Please be generous with your time. Thank you!

Servers' Schedule:

Saturday, March 18, 2023	4:00 p.m.	Logan McDonald, Cole McDonald
Sunday, March 19, 2023	10:00 a.m.	Parker Knott, Penelope Seymour, Keegan Quandt
Saturday, March 25, 2023	4:00 p.m.	Nathan Jany, Ty Tindall
Sunday, March 26, 2023	10:00 a.m.	Will Grau, Jonathan Grau, Karim Landeros

Saturday, April 1, 2023	4:00 p.m.	Kanon Jany, Natalie Shipley
Sunday, April 2, 2023	10:00 a.m.	Parker Knott, Jackson Powell, Eli Congiardo

If you are unable to serve at your scheduled time, please remember to find a replacement. Please do not leave Father Sebastian without servers. Thank you for your ministry as an altar server. You are very much appreciated by the entire school and parish community!!!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

...We pray for the people of Ukraine. We ask God to grant them strength and courage, to deliver them from the dangers they face, and to find comfort in His loving care.

...We pray for a renewed sense of faith during this Lenten season.

...We continue to pray for all those who are ill, those who are suffering, those who have lost loved ones, and those who are financially burdened. We ask God to quickly heal the sick, bring comfort to those who have experienced the death of a loved one, and hope to those facing financial hardships.

THANK YOU...

...We would like to thank those individuals who worked at the KC Fish Fry this past Friday evening. Your time and energy are greatly appreciated. Thank you for all that you do for St. Mary's School. Please know that we are grateful.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 14	Day 4	Volleyball Regionals (March 14-21)
March 15	Day 6	All School Mass 8:15 a.m. – Grades 7/8 Liturgy Pre-school Registration Track Practice 4:30 p.m.
March 16	Day 5	ROE Art Festival 5:00 p.m. Volleyball Diocesan Tournament at St. James
March 17	Day 1	Happy St. Patrick's Day Free Jeans Day – Wear Your St. Patrick's Green Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m. – Bus Service Available KC – Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
March 20	Day 2	Reconciliation for Grades 2-8 – 8:15 a.m. – No Mass
March 21	Day 3	Track Practice 4:30 p.m.
March 22	Day 6	All School Mass 8:15 a.m. – Grades 5/6 Liturgy Track Practice 4:30 p.m.
March 23	Day 4	
March 24	Day 5	Dismissal 2:50 p.m. – No Bus Service KC Fish Fry
March 25	Saturday	Volleyball – State
March 27	Day 1	Mass 8:15 a.m. (Grades 1-4) Track 4:30 p.m. CHS Freshmen Preview Night 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
March 28	Day 2	Track 4:30 p.m.
March 29	Day 6	All School Mass 8:15 a.m. – Grades 3/4 Liturgy Beta Club Induction – Following Mass Track 4:30 p.m.

March 30 Day 3 Child Protection Training for School Children
Track 4:30 p.m.

March 31 Day 4 Dismissal 2:50 p.m. – No Bus Service