

St. Mary's Catholic School

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CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP-ELECT GODFREY MULLEN, OSB!

With great joy and gratitude to God, we welcome the announcement of our new bishop-elect, Very Rev. Godfrey Mullen, OSB who will be ordained on May 1st as the 10th bishop for the Diocese of Belleville. (The O.S.B. after his name stands for *Ordo Sancti Benedicti* or Order of St. Benedict. He is a Benedictine Monk). Fr. Godfrey has been our diocesan administrator for the last 10 months. From his official statement: "As a son of this diocese since I was nine months old, I have always been fascinated by the way Christ is present in His wonderful people in Southern Illinois. . . The past ten months have taken me to towns in Southern Illinois where I'd never been before and in every place, there have been warm welcomes and exquisitely visible, living faith. You all are my people. All my life, I have loved you." You can check out his extensive biography and experience as a monk, pastor, professor, and administrator on the diocesan website: diobelle.org! Please keep him in your prayers!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!! ST. PATRICK, PRAY FOR US!

"Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. I bind unto myself today, The strong name of the Trinity: By invocation of the same, The Three in One and One in Three, Of Whom all nature hath creation, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word: Praise to the Lord of my salvation -- Salvation is of Christ the Lord!"

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Meet St. Patrick

- My Feast Day: March 17
- I am the patron saint of Ireland.
- I was born in Britain, but Irish raiders kidnapped me when I was 14 and sold me into slavery as a herdsman in Ireland.
- I was a slave for 6 years until God sent me a dream of my escape back to Britain.
- After I returned to Britain, I had a dream that I was to return to Ireland.
- I decided to study for the priesthood and was ordained by St. Germanus. After I became a bishop I was sent back to Ireland to convert the pagans.
- I preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years.
- Legend says that I drove all the snakes out of Ireland.
- I wrote a powerful prayer for spiritual warfare (known as St. Patrick's Breastplate or Lorica) before converting the Irish King Leoghaire and his subjects from paganism to Christianity in 433.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT SMS ON FRIDAY AT 8:15 A.M.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20th - BUS IS NOT AVAILABLE

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

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

The Confirmation Retreat is this Sunday March 22nd at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Evansville. Students/sponsors should arrive by 8:45 A.M. The closing Mass starts at 2:00 P.M.

The Chrism Mass at Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville is on Tuesday, March 31st for the 7th and 8th grade students. See the permission forms and info sheet for more details.

UNIFORM SHORTS

Uniform shorts are allowed to be worn starting Monday, March 30th.

EASTER BREAK

Easter Break will be from Thursday, April 2nd through Monday, April 6th.

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE - SATURDAY, MARCH 28th

See the flyer for more information about the SMS PTO dance: "Denim & Diamonds."

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.

DURING LENT:

Stations of the Cross before the Saturday Vigil Masses (3:15 P. M.)

UPDATE FOR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - THURSDAY, MAY 14th 11:30 A.M. DISMISSAL