

TUESDAY TIMES
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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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SAINTS BOYS BASEBALL REGIONAL CHAMPIONS!!!

Congratulations to our baseball team for their victory against Red Bud Lutheran last night to become Regional Champs. The next game is Saturday in Coulterville at 9:30 A.M. as they begin State Tournament Quarter-Finals competition.

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS!

All three members of our Cross Country team placed in the Top 10 at the Diocesan Meet!

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PET BLESSING

October 4 is the memorial of St. Francis of Assisi who in addition to proclaiming the Gospel and ministering to those in need, is associated with God's care for Creation and animals. On Wednesday, October 4 at 8:15 A.M. we will have a Liturgy of the Word and pet blessing taking place between the Church and School (weather permitting) with Deacon David Miskell. Families are invited to come and bring their pets for the blessing. If it is not possible to bring your pet, you can bring a picture or stuffed animal that represents them. We ask that all pets be on a leash or in a pet carrier for the blessing.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

"I've never had a male teacher before!" That is what one student said about me teaching 7-8 Grade Religion that had their whole school experience at St. Mary's with all female teachers. In one sense, this is really not that remarkable. Female teachers are more than capable to teach on all subjects. I know for certain that our teachers would do a better job than I could for most of them, so its not a question of competence. However, the presence of male adults in our student's lives is irreplaceable. Though our culture sometimes misses or minimizes this, the *complimentarity* of men and women is a great gift of God in Creation. It shows us that not only do we need each other to thrive, there are unique gifts that men and women exclusively possess that are meant for the good of the other, to bring out the best in the other.

I especially want to challenge men. We need to be inspired by men who sacrificially demonstrate strength through loving service- laying down their lives for their families, for the Church, for their communities and for all that is Good. When our young students see the heroic example of men demonstrating sacrificial love, they see what the best movies and books describe before their eyes! They also see a reflection of the love of Christ Who laid down His life for love of His Bride, the Church. In this sense, we all benefit from the witness of "male teachers."

RAFFLE TICKETS

Thank you to those who have sold the Friends of Mary Help of Christians raffle tickets! If you haven't yet, please don't forget to buy/sell at least one ticket if you have made this commitment. As we get closer to the drawing, the school office will provide reminders for those who have not yet purchased/sold their ticket. There are only 300 tickets that will be sold at \$100.00 each with the chance at the following prizes!:

1st Prize: \$10,000.00

2nd Prize: \$3,000.00

3rd Prize: \$1,000.00

4th Prize: \$500.00

5th & 6th Prizes: \$250.00

Winners will be drawn on Sunday, October 15th at the St. Mary's Car Show! Contact the school office for additional tickets. The more you are able to sell (or buy), the greater benefit for school families! Thank you!

IOWA TESTS THIS WEEK

During testing this week, healthy snacks including granola bars, yogurt, fruit, juice boxes and other great “brain food” are being provided free of charge by St. Mary’s PTO!

MUMS PICK-UP

Mums will be ready to pick up tomorrow, Wednesday, September 27th between 3 and 5 P.M. in the KC’s parking lot.

DON’T FORGET YOUR SPIRIT WEAR ON FRIDAY TO CHEER ON THE SAINTS BASEBALL TEAM**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th DISMISSAL**

This Friday (September 29th), K-8 will dismiss at 2:50 P.M. **Bus service is NOT available.** Aftercare is available for those who have signed up.

ROSARY AND ROSARY RALLY

Starting this Saturday, September 30th, and throughout the Saturdays of October, the Rosary will be prayed at 3:30 P.M. in Church before the 4:00 P.M. Vigil Mass. Also on Saturday, October 14 there will be a “Rosary Rally” at 3:30 P.M. in the front yard of the Rectory. We especially want to encourage attendance at this event and will need student help.

BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF ST JOHN - THROUGH OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Mr. Colvis will be hosting two adult Bible study groups on the Gospel of John through October and November. One group will meet Sunday mornings from 8:45-9:45 before the 10 A.M. Mass in the School Cafeteria starting October 1st. The other group will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6-7 P.M. either in the Cafeteria or in Mr. Colvis’ classroom, depending on the number of participants. The Tuesday group starts October 3rd. For more information, see the enclosed flyer or If you have any questions, contact Mr. Colvis.

ST MARY’S ANNUAL CAR SHOW

This event will be held Sunday, October 15th at Fort Kaskaskia State Park. Please see the flyer and/or contact Jennifer Knott at 615-8898.

PARENT/ TEACHER CONFERENCES - OCTOBER 19

Please see enclosed schedule sign-up sheet in your folder.

POPEYE 5K RACE

The Fall Fest race will be held October 21st at 9:00 A.M. This race supports our St. Mary’s Athletic Department. Please see the flyer and/or contact Jackie Seymour for more information at 615-3362.

PICTURE DAY- MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Mary's School will have Picture Day on the morning of Monday, October 23rd. Watch for more information to come soon.

NEW GYM PROJECT

We are continuing to raise funds for the gym. For more information, scan the QR code. You can also use Venmo: @Friends_Of_St_Marys

