

# St. Mary's Catholic School

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## LENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK WITH ASH WEDNESDAY ON FEBRUARY 18th

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

## THIRD QUARTER MID-QUARTER GRADES ARE IN YOUR STUDENT PACKET

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

Lent is a good time to refocus on our spiritual lives and to respond to the **maximum** goodness and love of God as we move toward Easter. The Precepts of the Church, the **minimum** level of our response to God, serve as a compass in our spiritual lives as we seek the happiness of eternal life. God has blessed us, given us all we have, offered us forgiveness for our sins and everlasting joy in His maximum gift of Himself. Will we at least respond with the minimum?

### THE FIVE PRECEPTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1. Attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation.
2. Confess your sins at least once a year.
3. Receive the Holy Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
4. Observe the days of fasting and abstinence.
5. Help to provide the needs of the Church.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK



#### Meet St. Josephine Bakhita

- My Feast Day: February 8
- I am the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and Sudan.
- I was born Olgossa in Sudan, but kidnapped at age 7 and sold into slavery and sent to Italy.
- While accompanying a child in my charge to religious education, I felt drawn to the Catholic Church.
- I was baptized and confirmed in 1890 and took the Christian name Josephine.
- When my owners tried to return to Sudan, I did not want to go. Since slavery was illegal in Italy, I was freed from my bondage and became a religious sister with the Canossian Sisters in 1893.
- I served my community very simply by cooking, sewing, and greeting people at the door.
- I was canonized by St. Pope John Paul II in 2000.

**KC'S AND PTO DINNER THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 5-7:30 P. M.**

**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.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13th - 2:50 P. M. DISMISSAL - BUS IS NOT AVAILABLE**

**KC'S FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th - SEE THE FLYER!**

**\*NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16th FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY**

**FREE TREE WITH NEIGHBORHOOD FOREST - CHECK OUT THE FLYER**

**GALA DINNER AUCTION - SIGN UP SHEET IN THE PACKET**

\*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.

**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.