

St. Mary's Catholic School

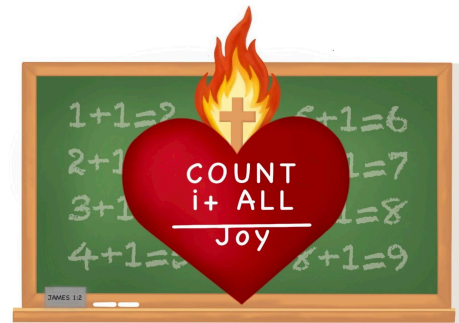
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“BOXES OF JOY” - NO UNIFORM DAY THIS FRIDAY (SEPT. 11) FOR PARTICIPANTS
SMS Junior Beta Club is sponsoring a no-uniform day for those who contribute an item from the “Boxes of Joy” list: see the flyer for ideas. ***You do not need to fill a box- only provide one item.** All donations will be collected by the Beta Club to assemble “Boxes of Joy” for families in need. Thank you for sharing in this ministry!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

Today is Mary's Birthday! This quote comes from Morning Prayer from the *Liturgy of the Hours*:

Your birth, O Virgin Mother of God, **proclaims joy** to the whole world, for from you arose the glorious Sun of Justice, Christ our God; He freed us from the age-old curse and filled us with holiness; He destroyed death and gave us eternal life.



Mary is the New Eve who said “yes” to every invitation from God. She shows us what it means to be a disciple of her Son and that joy is found in responding to God's will, even in the midst of trials. Blessed Virgin Mary, Pray for us!

PARISH ADORATION TONIGHT @ 7:00 P.M.

MENU CHANGES:

This Friday (11th): Chicken and Bacon Salad
Next Friday (18th): Breakfast Pizza

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, 2:50 P.M. DISMISSAL - BUS IS NOT AVAILABLE

YOUTH GROUP GRADES 7-12

. . . will be starting this Sunday, September 13th at St. Mary's, Ellis Grove from 5 to 7 P.M.
Please contact Jill Whelan (618) 719-9344 for more information.

BECOMING CATHOLIC - O.C.I.A.

Do you or does someone you know want to find out more about the Catholic Church? The first meeting is this Sunday morning (September, 13) 8:30 A.M. at SMS. For more information contact Mr. Colvis at the school office or at (573) 880-2703.

SCHOOL PICTURES - NEXT TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

Tuesday is a no-uniform day for school pictures. Don't forget to bring your order form!

PARISH PICNIC - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

You are invited to Mary Help of Christians Parish Picnic! The food, fellowship, and fun for the whole family will follow right after the 4:00 P.M. Mass. There will also be music, basket raffles, games, and more! Check out the flyer!

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 20th - MASS AT 10:00 A.M.****NON ATTENDANCE DAY FOR PRESCHOOL-8th, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st****

St. Mary's will follow the Chester School District and have a K-8th e-learning day with **no student attendance on campus** due to demolition of the old Chester bridge on Monday the 21st. Road closures and other traffic concerns will potentially impact access to emergency services and cause other disruptions or effect safety protocols. Your student's teachers will provide instructions for classroom assignments for that day to work on from home.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2nd - CHECK OUT THE FLYER!

Please return the reservation form by Tuesday, September 22nd.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

All those who have received 1st Communion can inquire about serving at the Saturday 4:00 P.M. and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Masses. This is a great experience and wonderful blessing to our parish family. Father Sebastian will be hosting a training for new servers soon. Please contact the school office if you are not already signed up!

