

TUESDAY TIMES

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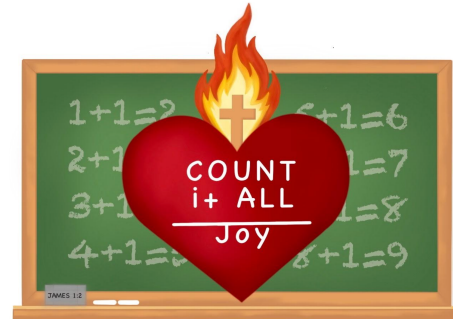
BACK TO SCHOOL TREAT AND NO UNIFORM DAY

This Friday (8/28/26) we will have a special treat to celebrate the beginning of a new school year!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

"Count it All Joy!" We have many "obligations" in life that love usually helps motivate us to accomplish with joy. Most of the time we are happy to fulfill our obligations to care for our children and families, to be reliable friends, and to be respectful to our neighbors. There is another

obligation that we can also count as a joy when we approach it with love: Sunday Mass. The Church reminds us of our joyful obligation to return thanks and praise to God every Sunday for His love for us and our families, and all of His gracious gifts to us. We often look forward to the "weekend" in hopes of finding some *recreation and rest*. Sometimes we are more exhausted from the weekend than the work week! Through the rhythm of our encounter with Our Lord week by week, we see that we are *re-created* in Christ and have a literal fore-taste of the *eternal rest* we long for through Him. It is our "loving obligation" because it orients us toward heaven and the happiness every person was created to enjoy. Jesus says, "Come unto me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest."



SAFE AFTER-SCHOOL STUDENT PICKUP

Please *do not* pick up your student when you stop at the stop sign in front of school. **Please pull up to a parking spot to park** for safe entry to your vehicle for your student and for safe traffic flow.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28th, 2:50 P.M. DISMISSAL - BUS IS NOT AVAILABLE

ST. MARY'S HAWKS WEAR - T-SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, CAPS

Be sure to put in your online order for SMS Hawks Wear by **THIS THURSDAY!**

SMS FAN CLUB SHIRTS

Your friends and family are invited to show their support with these fan club shirts! Proceeds will benefit the SMS Athletic Department activities for our students. Please fill out and turn in the flyer/form with payment by **NEXT TUESDAY, September 1st.**

PTO MUMS FUNDRAISER ENDS NEXT MONDAY (AUGUST 31ST).

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING * UPDATED *

After school tutoring for grades 3 through 8 is **NOW AVAILABLE** from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th) - NO SCHOOL

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! If you are available to volunteer or donate, contact the parish office or see the the form at the back of Church.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Starting in September, there are plans to start a series of meetings now known as OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults - formerly called RCIA). This will be a great opportunity to ask questions about the Catholic faith, to learn what it is all about, and potentially join the Catholic Church for those who are interested. For more information, contact the parish office at (618) 826-2444 or talk to Mr. Colvis.

YOUTH GROUP GRADES 7-12

. . . will be starting 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.

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!

