

# St. Mary's Catholic School

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**1ST COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY @ 10:00 A.M. MASS!**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

It is always a great joy to witness the first communion of our children! As they come forward to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, though they are so young, they become the model for us to come to Our Lord with a **child-like faith and trust** in His love for them. With the eyes of faith, we too are able to believe that God wants us to be happy and that Our Lord has loved us so intensely that He gave all for us. He continues to give His entire life and love to us in the Holy Eucharist each Sunday. May our young First Communicants never lose their joy and trust in God as they come week by week throughout their whole lives to encounter Him in this Blessed Sacrament!



## BISHOP-ELECT GODFREY

This Friday, Bishop-Elect Godfrey will be ordained our new Bishop and Shepherd of the Diocese of Belleville. We pray that all goes well for the ordination and that God will bless him with superabundant graces as he shares the message of the Gospel in Southern Illinois!

## SAINT OF THE WEEK



### Meet St. Gianna Beretta Molla

- My Feast Day: April 28
- I am the patron saint of mothers, physicians, and unborn children.
- I was born in Milan, Italy in 1922, to Christian parents.
- I studied medicine in 1942 and served in the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Catholic Action movements.
- I received degrees in medicine and surgery in 1949 and 1950, and specialized in pediatrics in 1952.
- I married Pietro Molla in 1955 and had three children.
- I was a working mother and wife until I developed a tumor during my fourth pregnancy, which threatened my life and that of my child.
- My doctors wanted me to abort my baby to save my life, but I chose to save my baby by having the tumor removed during pregnancy.
- My child survived, but I died a week after her birth from complications.
- I was canonized on May 16, 2004. My husband and children attended my canonization ceremony, making this the first time a husband witnessed his wife's canonization.

**FRIDAY, MAY 1st- 1:30 P.M. DISMISSAL - BUS IS AVAILABLE**

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK - NEXT WEEK**

**UPCOMING SMS END OF THE YEAR EVENTS:**

Sunday, May 3rd - 1st Communion

Wednesday, May 6th - Honor's Night

Saturday, May 9th - Kindergarten Graduation

Thursday, May 14th - Last Day of School - 11:30 A.M. Dismissal

Saturday, May 16th - 8th Grade Graduation

**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.

