St. Mary's Grade School

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Spring Into Anticipation

As Spring moves forward, our community garden is being prepared for planting. During the growing season, Spring through Fall, we anticipate a big harvest.

Mother Nature blew away our greenhouse, but it is being replaced with a new storage shed. The new structure will be more spacious and provide more versatility.

Technology Update

There were 335 new Chromebooks that **recently arrived to St. Mary's Grade** School. The Chromebooks will be used for the 2022-2023 school year. See School Council summary (pg 2) for more information. Students in grades 5th & 6th will be able to take the Chromebooks home to complete projects. Pictured to the left are students with the new Chromebooks and the new carrying case. Pictured are: Sebastian Boswell, Cruz Londono, Amelia Pfannenstiel, Olivia Stottmann & Emilo Torres

School Council Summary

St. Mary School Council met on March 28 in Rm A at 5:30 pm. Meeting opened with a prayer. Most of the school council's discussion focused on the 2022-2023 school year.

Accreditation

The school council heard a short report about the accreditation visit. The visit went well, and expectation is that accreditation will be granted. A detailed report will be given later next month

Hot Lunch Program

Next school year, we will return to free/reduced lunches for families instead of as it is now (free for everyone). Lunch prices will be set when more guidance is received. There still will be free lunches during the summer until June 30.

Technology Program for 2022-2023

Chrome books through EANS arrived. There were a total of 335. It is possible to receive a grant for connectivity to internet. I-Pads through EANS have not arrived yet. We will also be receiving 250 Hot Spots. Families that qualify will receive hot spot to take home. Other families can apply for one at $12 a month. The plan is to have 5th/6th graders take home the chrome books assigned to them at the beginning of the year. The serial # code will be attached to computer with a label and designated for each student. The plan is for each teacher to also get a laptop to use at home.

Options of carrying cases for the chrome books were shared with the Council. Cases were applied for through a grant.

School Calendar

Special events coming up will be Race for Education on Apr. 22 and Grandparents Day on May 2.

A calendar for the 2022-23 school year was passed out. Other than an Oct. date St. Mary's has off because of Extravaganza, the calendar matches Sacred Heart's calendar and most of USD 305.

The Council went into Executive Session from 6:08-6:15. Personnel issues were discussed and no action was taken. Next school council is April 25 at 5:30

St. Mary's Grade School will offer FREE LUNCH to children ages 1 to 18 starting on Monday, May 23rd through Thursday, June 30th (Monday-Friday). Lunch will be distributed at the West All Purpose Room doors from 11:30am-12:30pm. Lunch will be a grab n' go, curbside/drive-thru service. No reservations required. No lunch served on Monday, May 30-Memorial Day.

Healthy Tip: Mix it up

For older school-age kids, mix dried fruit, unsalted nuts, and popcorn in a snack sized bag for a quick trail mix. Blend plain fat-free or low fat yogurt with 100% fruit juice and frozen peaches for a tasty smoothie.

Grandparent's Day

Monday, May 2nd, Mass at 10am followed by lunch at the school.

Reservations were due April 11

LOVE 'N LEARN

Love 'N Learn is now pre-enrolling for the Summer program (3yr old through Kindergarten age 6). If you intend to enroll, the deadline is May 1st. Please call 827-4822. Love 'N Learn accepts SRS clients.

A r o u n d t h e S c h o o l

Knights of Columbus Council #8196 Vocation Poster Contest

Students in grades 1-6 competed in the Knights of Columbus Vocation Poster Contest. 1st Place winners' posters will represent Council #8196 at the district level. (Pictured are the winners in each age division).

Grades 1-2

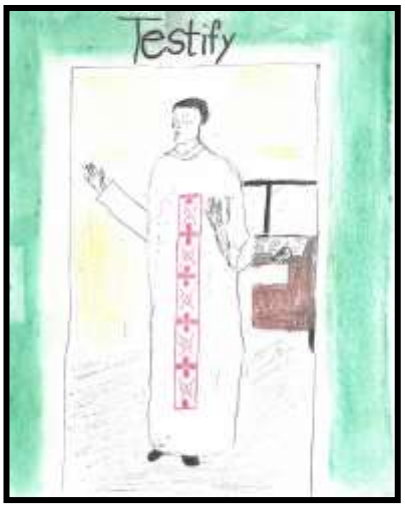
Callan Novotny

Grade 3-4

Jamachimma Chimezie

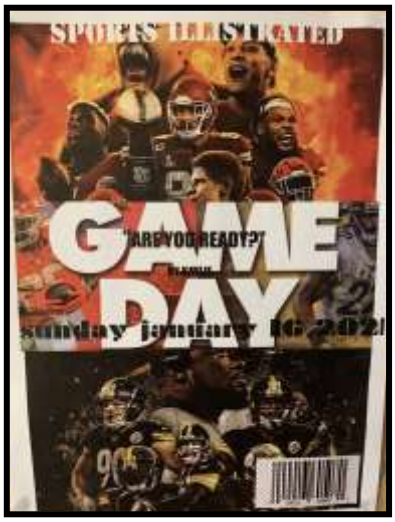
Grade 5-6

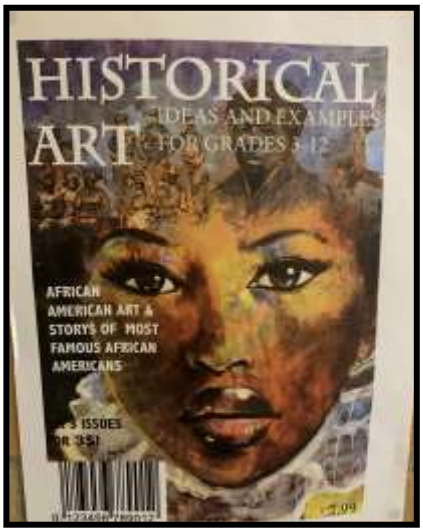
Elli Reed



4th Grade Wax Museum

Pictured below are: Angie Garcia, Cooper O'Donnell, Isla Jones and Sully Suing





5th Grade created magazine covers. The ones shown above were created by Emmy Lee(5B), Kaylie Webb(5A) and Ivana Montoya(5B).

Greater Salina Community Foundation Match Madness was held on Thursday, March 24th at the Salina Fieldhouse. Thank you for the generous support **St. Mary's Grade School received!! St. Mary's School was the fifth highest** organization (89 nonprofits participated) to receive funding for the Match Madness and raised over $22,000 in donations!! THANK YOU!!

Brooke Patterson, a sixth grader at St. Mary's represented the school in the annual Bill Grevas Memorial Free Throw Contest. Brook made 7 out of 10 free throws in one minute to earn the school an extra $70!! Thank you Brooke for **representing St. Mary's Grade School!!**

Picture below is Brooke with her Dad, Doug and younger brother Jarred.

Also pictured is Fr. Brian McCaffrey who represented St. Mary's Church and made 2 free throws.

6th Grade created board games

In groups of two or three, 6th grade students created and played board games!

Preschool students enjoy a snack each morning. This is part of the healthy food program. Each day, preschool students enjoy a healthy snack. Some of the snacks served have been apples, peanut butter and celery, fruit, crackers and cheerios.

Commitment Forms

Commitment Forms were mailed out April 1st. Please return these forms with the commitment fee by Friday, April 22nd to guarantee your spot.

Congratulations to Mrs. Camille Straub!! She has accepted the Principal position at St. Patrick's in Wichita for the 2022-2023 school year. She will be greatly missed at St. Mary's but we wish her all the best as she begins this new journey!!

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Thoughtful Moments

Lay a foundation

Don't hesitate to talk to children about topics that may seem beyond youngsters' understanding right now. The Holy Trinity or the Real Presence might go over their heads at this moment, but will become clearer in time. Others will remain mysteries as they do for us. Look at it as sowing seeds for later harvest.

Prayer works

The Israelites were so sinful that God was ready to destroy the entire nation. But Moses prayed for them, and God relented. Prayer can make a difference.

A parenting win

Say, "I love you," until they're sick of hearing it … and then say it again. Praise them in public like God did, *"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"* (Matthew 3:17).

"… When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing … And your Father who sees in secret will repay you" (Matthew 6:3-4).

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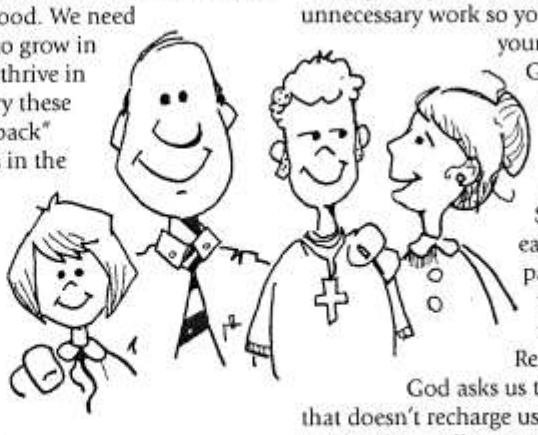
Take back Sunday

In the Third Commandment, God instructed us to keep holy the Lord's Day – Sunday. This is a challenge in today's busy world but God commands this for our good. We need a day of rest to grow in holiness and thrive in God's care. Try these tips to "take back" your Sundays in the midst of a busy family life:



Highlight the Mass. It's vital for our souls that we reconnect with God and receive His grace. That's why attending Sunday Mass is at the heart of what we do as Catholics. Communion with Jesus is critical for our holiness. Instill a Mass habit in children early.

Have a slow, easy day, especially if your weeks are busy. Slow down the pace of your Sunday and focus on your family.

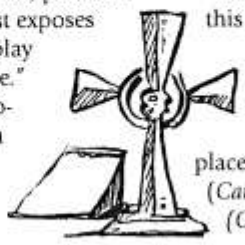
Enjoy a day of rest. Avoid unnecessary work so you can center your day around God and family. Finish homework before Sunday. Cook on Saturday or eat leftovers on paperware so that cooking is unnecessary. Remember that God asks us to avoid work that doesn't recharge us.

Share love. Allow Mass to remind all to be patient, use kind words, forgive annoyances, show love. Consider adopting a Sunday habit of putting money in the poor box at church, visiting a lonely neighbor, or preparing a box for a food or clothing drive.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics practice Adoration?

Adoration is a time-honored, powerful devotion in which the priest exposes a consecrated host in a display holder called a "monstrance." The adorer is literally eye-to-eye with Christ, in the form of the Blessed Sacrament, who gazes on us with love (Mark 10:21).



Since one is adoring God, this action fulfills the First Commandment. It's pleasing to Him and beneficial for our souls. For these reasons, Adoration has a unique place among Catholic devotions (*Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)*, #1378).

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April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 PreK Parent Meeting 7pm	6	7 Kindergarten Screening - No Kindergarten	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Holy Thursday Service @ 2:15	15 No School Good Friday	16
17 **Easter**	18 Easter Monday No School	19	20	21 4,5,6 Spring Program @ 7pm BOB Competition	22 	23
24	25 School Council Meeting 5:30	26	27	28	29 Teacher Appreciation Mass	30
May 1st 1st Communion @ 2pm						

Important Dates

May 2nd - **Grandparent's Day**
May 6th - **Mother's Day Mass**
May 9th - Kindergarten Graduation 7pm in the SMGS gym
May 13th - Play Day (more info to come)
May 16th - 6th Grade Graduation 7pm in the SMGS gym
May 18th - Last day of school - Dismiss at noon

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