



ST. MARY SCHOOL FAMILY NOTES

February 27, 2018

Educational Review by the Diocese of Springfield and State Recognition visits were today. Our school received many compliments from the visitors who were here to observe. They were especially complimentary of our teachers! We know they're great, but it's so nice to hear it!

1st Communion Parent Meeting

Thurs. March 8,
at 7:00
in the Library

At least one parent must attend if your child will be making their First Communion this year on May 6 at 2:00.

St. Mary's Kindergarten Open House for 2017/18

Let us know if you're attending!

We will hold an informational meeting for parents on the evening of Thursday, March 22. On Friday, March 23, next year's kindergarten students will be invited to join the current class during the school day for some fun activities from 9:30 to 10:30. While the children enjoy activities in the kindergarten room, adults will take a tour of our school.

If you know families who might be interested in sending a kindergartener to St. Mary's next year, pass along this information and ask them to contact us.

Children's Mass
Thursday, March 1
Grade 1 will lead.
Please join us!

Wall of Wine

The staff & I will host a Wall of Wine at the Spring Fling. You can receive bottle of wine from our selection AND a chance to win an exceptional bottle of wine!

We take donations to set up the Wall of Wine. If you'd like to buy a bottle or have one that you're willing to part with, bring it in. Thanks!

SPRING FLING

Spring Fling dinner & auction is Sat., April 21, at the American Legion in Stonington. Doors open at 5:30. Tickets are \$100 and will cover dinner for two, drinks, and a chance to win up to \$5000. Each family must purchase or sell a ticket. Most of you purchased your ticket when you paid tuition. Those tickets will be sent home on March 12. More are available through the school office.



The more guests we have the better the event!

FISH FRIES

St. Mary's Booster Club Lenten fish fries from 5-7 pm in the cafeteria. Each fish fry is covered by parents from different grades. Those families are asked to send desserts & help serve & clean-up on their assigned evening. You'll receive a message from the work coordinator asking for your help. (If this date doesn't work for you, let your coordinator know when you can help!)

Parent Helper Schedule:

- *March 2 - Grade 4
- *March 9 - Grades 1 & 2
- *March 16—K & 6
- *March 23 - Grade 5
- *March 30—no fish fry.

Kids whose parents are working a Fish Fry may attend After Care for FREE, but they must sign in & STAY with the supervisors until picked up. After Care ends at 5:30 & has dibs on the gym until then. Kids not signed in for After Care will be asked to leave the gym.

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Kindergarten Families: Parent/Teacher conferences will be scheduled for Friday, March 9. Please make sure to sign up for a time.

Coming Events

- ***Iowa Assessments**—Gr. 3 & 5—March 5-9
- ***St. Mary's Night at Florinda's**—March 7
- ***1st Communion Parent Meeting**—Mar. 8, 7:00
- ***Kindergarten Conferences**—March 9
- ***End of 3rd Quarter**—March 9
- ***No p.m. bus service**—Tues., Mar. 13—public schools dismiss at 1:00
- ***Living Stations of the Cross**—Wed., March 14, 2:00 in church
- ***Report Cards go home for Gr. 1-6** - Thurs., March 15
- ***Good Friday**—No School—March 30
- ***Easter Break**—March 30—April 8
- ***Spring Fling**—April 21
- ***Music Festival**—Gr. 4-6—April 27

Activities for our youngest students during Lent!

Special Lenten Activities for our youngest students...Mrs. Harrison and several upper grade PSR students will welcome children ages preschool through Gr. 1 to a special hour of activities based on scripture each

Sunday of Lent during 11:00 Mass. Children can be dropped off at the side doors of the school building at 10:45. While parents and older children attend Mass, the little ones will hear Bible stories, learn songs, and participate in activities designed especially for them!



Lenten Service Project

Each year during Lent our students collect change in baby bottles for Loving Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center here in Taylorville. Mrs. Harrison makes a contest out of this project with classrooms competing to see who can bring in the most contributions. Baby bottles were distributed during Ash Wednesday Mass. They will also be available at the church.



Preschool Registration

For 2017-2018 will go out to current St. Mary's families in backpack mail on March 13. Students in this year's 3-year-old class will receive registration materials via backpack mail and may return the forms via backpack mail. After our school and preschool families have had the opportunity to register, we will have open enrollment to families in the parish with a new preschooler and then the



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