

ST. MARY SCHOOL



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UPCOMING EVENTS.

- APR 16
Maps Testing
- APR 17
Mass 1:45 P.M.
- APR 19
Good Friday
No School
- APR 22
School Make Up
Day
- APR 24
Mass 1:45 P.M.
- APR 29
Spirit Day
- MAY 1
Mass 1:45 P.M.
- MAY 2
National Day of
Prayer
- MAY 3
Adoration 1:30
P.M.
- MAY 8
Mass 1:45 P.M.
- MAY 10
Spring Play

Dear Parents & Students,

WOW! What a Spring we are off to. Just when we thought winter was over Mother Nature decided to remind us she is in control. Due to the cancellation of school yesterday, **Monday, April 22nd** will be a full student day of instruction. This day had been originally planned as a Teacher Professional Learning Day. Please make the change on your calendar.

The New Richmond Safety Night Committee (which I am a member of) is hosting a parent/student presentation. On May 8th at 6:00 P.M. the committee will be hosting a presentation by Terrence Talley on resilience and coping with the pressures of being a teen today. Parents of all ages are welcome and students in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend. There will be 9 door prizes given out with a combined value of over \$1,500 and all attendees will receive free Holy Donuts after the presentation. Any St. Mary Middle School student that attends and takes a selfie with me that evening will receive a free homework pass the next day at School. I hope to see you all there!

As we are drawing to the end of the Lenten season and preparing for the joy of Easter, I wanted to take a few moments to say how proud I have been of the students who led & attended the Stations of the Cross each Thursday. It was moving to hear a different version each week and see how each class has put their own personal touch on the Stations. Thursday, April 18th at 10:30 A.M. will be the last day of student led Stations.

Did you know? Holy Week begins on Sunday, April 14th this year. Each day of the week marks an important step towards Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins Sunday as we remember the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem to began his final week and initiate his Passion. As you receive your palms how will you journey with Jesus this week?

Monday of Holy Week: Jesus returns to Jerusalem today and seeing shameful practices in the Temple area, he cleanses the Temple.

Tuesday of Holy Week: Jesus again returns to Jerusalem where he is confronted by the Temple leadership for what he did the day before. They question his authority. He also teaches extensively, using parables and other forms.

Wednesday of Holy Week: Traditionally this day was called "Spy Wednesday" because it was on this Wednesday before the crucifixion that Judas conspired to hand Jesus over.

Holy Thursday: This marks the beginning of the sacred Triduum, or "three days." Earlier this day Jesus had given instructions to the disciples on how to prepare for this most holy meal, which will be His last supper. During our celebration of this first Mass we will come together as a faith family in the washing of the feet. It is also on this day near Midnight that Jesus was betrayed by Judas, was arrested, and taken to the house of the High Priest.

Good Friday: All through the night Jesus was locked in the dungeon of the High Priest's house. Early this morning He was brought before Pilate who transferred his case to Herod. Herod sent him back to Pilate who, sometime in the mid-morning, bowed to the pressure of the Temple leadership and the crowds, and condemned Jesus to a horrible death by crucifixion.



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In the late morning Jesus was taken by the soldiers through the city and up the hillside of Golgotha. By noon He is nailed to the cross where He hangs in agony for some three hours. He dies around three in the afternoon. He is taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb hastily before sundown.

Holy Saturday: The body of Jesus is in the tomb but His soul is among the dead to announce the kingdom. We gather for the Great Easter Vigil where we will experience Jesus rising from the dead. We gather in darkness and light the Easter fire which reminds us that Jesus is light in the darkness. He is the light of the world. We enter into the church and attentively listen to Bible stories describing God's saving work of the past. Suddenly, the church lights are lit and the Gloria is sung as we celebrate the moment of Christ's resurrection. He lives!

I hope all of you grow personally and spiritually as you journey with Christ during this upcoming Holy Week.

Blessings,

Mrs. J

Spring Play Ticket Night

April 16th 6-7 P.M.

(please note date change!)

Families will be able to come in and get their FREE tickets to St. Mary School's Spring Play. Starting at 6 PM, you can come into the school and reserve up to 4 tickets for either the 1 PM or 6PM show which will be held May 10th at the GEM Theater. You will be able to reserve additional tickets starting Thursday, April 18th depending on availability. Please contact the school office at 715-246-2469 with questions. There will be a free will offering at the shows to help cover costs of the production.

Mrs. Olson, along with her Kindergartners, is coordinating a program at our school in conjunction with Crayola. The program is called Crayola ColorCycle—an amazing program devised to repurpose used markers rather than sending them to landfills! All around St. Mary School, students and teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house—even non-Crayola brands! Highlighters and dry erase markers can also be included. A drop-off box will be located in the Kindergarten room for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating—Remember, don't throw out that used marker—ColorCycle it!!

COSTUMES FOR THE SPRING PLAY:



A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO GET YOUR CHILD'S COSTUME FOR THE SPRING PLAY IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY. THE COSTUMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

KDG—Jadyn, Nikolas, Issac & Jordan—Red long sleeve top and bottoms

Gracie, Collin, Leo & Scarlett—Blue long sleeve top and bottoms

Stella, Zander & Rebecca—Green long sleeve top and bottoms

Ada, Ella & Elsie—Yellow long sleeve top and bottoms

1st Grade—Black long sleeve top and bottoms

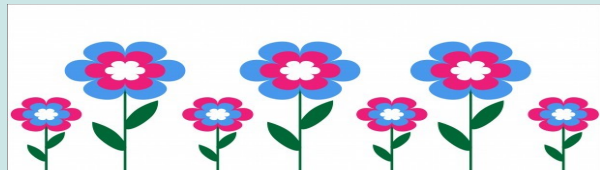
2nd Grade—Black long sleeve top and bottoms

3rd Grade—Orphan costumes

4th Grade—Black long sleeve top and bottoms

5th Grade—Historical Characters (TBD)

Please contact Mrs. Halonen or Mrs. Jarchow with any questions. Thank you!



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