ST. MARY SCHOOL

The Saints Go Marching On!

UPCOMING EVENTS.

- **MAR 1**
  Registrations for 2019-20 due

- **MAR 6**
  Mass 1:45 PM

- **MAR 11-15**
  Spring Break

- **MAR 20**
  Mass 1:45 P.M.

- **MAR 25**
  Spirit Day

- **MAR 27**
  Mass 1:45 P.M.

- **MAR 29**
  End of 3rd Quarter

- **APR 3**
  Mass 1:45 P.M.

- **APR 5**
  Report Cards

- **APR 5**
  Adoration 1:30 PM

- **APR 10**
  Mass 1:45 P.M.

Dear Parents & Students,

First and foremost as the St. Mary Principal my number one concern is always keeping the students safe. This responsibility is very important to me and I feel that I must also be a resource to parents. I would like to make you aware of a disturbing social media challenge that is surfacing targeting children called the "Momo Challenge". The "Momo Challenge" is a game found on various online sites including YouTube, KidsYouTube, and social media apps. This challenge features an avatar who asks its viewers to perform various tasks and provide photos as proof. In a "Momo Challenge," children are encouraged to participate in dangerous behavior, threaten or harm other children, and has even suggested suicide. In this age of social media challenges I urge you to monitor your child's social media and internet usage. Attached to this newsletter is an informational guide titled: *MOMO Online Safety Guide for Parents,* and I have also posted a news report on the school's Facebook page. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

FAN-tastic Mardi Gras: What a fun night! Thank you to all of the volunteers who worked hard to make the event one to remember. Thank you to all the guest who attended and showed their support to our school. I can't wait to see what next year's event will bring!

Last Chance: Wednesday, March 6th will be the last day to bring in school supplies for the elementary school in the Dominican Republic. The school is in need of all school supplies but especially crayons, pens, pencils, and markers. I will be visiting the school personally on Tuesday, March 12th.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: St. Mary School will be joining Catholic Formation this year in the parade. The parade is Sunday, March 17th and we will meet at the school parking lot beginning at 1:00 P.M. We will walk together down to the start of the parade around 1:20 P.M. The Parade begins at 2:00 P.M. Wear your green and bring your St. Mary School Spirit! All students should be accompanied by an adult.
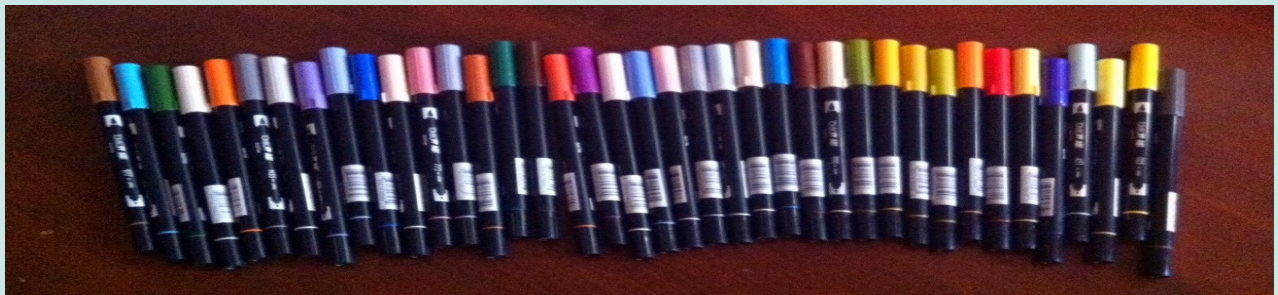
Family Faith Pledge Cards: In your family folders is a resource to help your family pledge to engage in faith-filled activities. I felt this would be a great way for families to come together during the Lenten Season.

Monday, March 18th: Due to the additional snow day and late start in February, Monday, March 18th teacher in-service day has been cancelled and will be a full student day. Hopefully there will be no more weather issues and changes to the calendar!

Blessings,

Mrs. J.

Spring Picture Day is Coming Up on Thursday, March 21st. This is a non-uniform day, wear your Sunday Best!

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

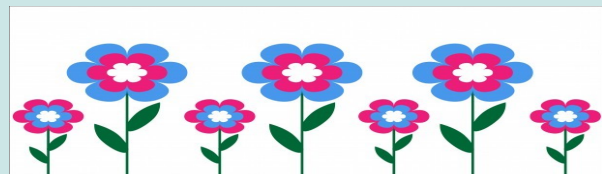1st Grade—Black long sleeve top and bottoms

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!

These cost you nothing extra and St. Mary School funding is supported by your participation:

***Shop on AmazonSmile**, *smile.amazon.com* choose *Immaculate Conception Parish*

***Recycle aluminum cans** at our center near Snap Fitness on N. Knowles Ave.

***Collect Box Tops** for Education labels. Drop off at school.

***Recycle printer cartridges**. Drop off at school.

***Save Family Fresh rece**ipts. Drop off at school.