St. Mary's Grade School

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October 2019 St. Mary's Messenger

Special People Visit St. Mary's Grade School

Grandparents Day was well attended with over 250 grandparents visiting St. Mary's Grade School. The day started off with a reception at St. Mary's Parish Hall followed by a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Vincke.

Dr. Compagnone welcomed grandparents reminding them that "Grandparents are Treasures in Faith".

Students met their grandparents after Mass for lunch and classroom visits.

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The 16th annual St. Mary's Grade School Extravaganza was held this month on October 12. The evening was a combination of entertainment along with a silent and live auction. The theme of the event "Now Boarding", includes a dueling piano team (Fun Pianos) for the entertainment. There was also an appearance from Fr. Nick Parker (at keyboard), Fr. Andy Hammeke (drums) Fr. Kevin Weber (lead singer) and Mr. Michael Beeson (guitar). It was a night of fun and entertainment! At the same time the event supports the mission of St. Mary's School.

A special thank you to Sam & Ashley Finan and Chris & Alysun Lauck for all their hard work to make this event possible!!

Announcements

WEATHER ALERT
If we need to close the school for inclement weather it will be posted on the school web-site (https://stmarysalina.org) as soon as the decision is made. We will also send a text message, email and/or voice message. Local radio stations will be notified.

PICTURE RETAKES
Picture retakes will be on Tuesday, October 29th. If you missed ordering a packet for your child and would like to, your child can get their picture taken on retake day. Contact the office for an order envelope prior to retake day.

NUEVAS TOMAS DE FOTOS
La nueva toma de fotos serán el martes 29 de octubre. Si a usted se le paso ordenar su paquete de fotos para su niño(a) y le gustaria hacerlo o quiere volver hacerlo éste es el día. Contacte a la oficina y pida un sobre para su orden, antes de ese día.

STREAM activities for Kindergarten thur 6th grade have begun. Once a month, classes will participate in a series of STREAM activities.

Scholastic Book Fair 2019

Book Fair Volunteers are Awesome!!! The following people made it possible-Molly Suing, Pete Sauber, Anna Gordon, Danny Reed, Chelsea Bechard, Sheila Douglas, Stephanie Plummer, Renee Thompson, Michelle Koksal, Jennifer McGilvray, Amanda Londono, Marisa Sadler, Patty Robben, Ashley Long, Jennifer Higgins, Sydney Barrows, Christina Flax, and Jeanette Wools.
So many teachers helped as well: Cheri Gillis, Sarah Torrey, Zoe Greenemeyer, Peggy Sager, Shirley Zink and Theresa Gotti. A big thanks to my sisters, Karen Ballou, Lisa Newell and Nadine Bretton, for helping with the set up!!!!
St. Mary's is so blessed to have such wonderful helpers!!!
If I forgot to list your name please forgive me!
Special THANKS to all the wonderful Grandparents that shopped and helped to support our library!!!

Little Caesar's Pizza

Please keep saving proof of purchases found on the side of the pizza box. Bring them into the office! This earns free pizza for our school!!

SAVE BOX TOPS
Please keep saving Box tops!! We mail these in about once a month. Don't forget to download the new Boxtops app!!
Boxtops is starting to faze out the paper Boxtops and will be going to digital only!

LOST AND FOUND
The school's lost and found articles are kept across from the bathrooms. Please, put your child's name inside of any loose clothing articles. It is also wise to put names on the outside of all lunch boxes and water bottles. Too often, articles go unclaimed because of no names. The bins which hold the items tend to fill up very quickly.

Healthy Tip: Be ahead of the game
Cut up a batch of bell peppers, carrots, or broccoli. Pre-package them to use when time is limited. You can enjoy them on a salad, with hummus, or in a veggie wrap.

ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1st is the Feast of All Saints. We will have an all school Mass to celebrate the feast on this day. It is the tradition at St. Mary's School to have students dress up as biblical characters or saints. The idea is to have students reflect on the virtues of the character he or she is portraying. Students participating should come to school that day already dressed as a saint. The saint apparel should be worn over their uniform. The "saints" will proceed up the aisle at the beginning of Mass. **This is for Grades 1-6.**

In a Catholic school, the concept of character should be conceived to be more than a moral compass of life. Our school has the freedom to speak about the meaning and purpose of life. The ultimate goal is one of eternal life. Christ told everyone to achieve eternal life by following Him in observance of the two commandments of Love of God and Love of Neighbor (Luke 10:25-27). It is in this lesson of the lives of saints that show children how to live their faith and life of exemplary love, as honest as Christ Himself.

School Council Summary

St. Mary's School Council met on Sept. 23rd at 5:30.
Dr. Compagnone reported that the financial budget is in good standing as the school year begins. Textbook invoices have been paid. Outstanding bills include air conditioning repairs as service on the buses. After school activities and extended care have shown good enrollment. Also reported was the hot lunch audit which showed good results.
A handout on the various Title Services that the school receives was given out. These services include 1A for a Reading/Math Employee hired by USD 305, 2A for staff professional development, and 4A which will be able to be used towards STREAM activities.
Mrs. Compagnone reported that the ASQ kindergarten screening was complete by Sept. 20. The State of Kansas requires two surveys from kindergarten parents in the fall of the year.
The school received a grant from Salina Charities to purchase a 3D printer. The next meeting will be Oct. 28.

St. Mary's 2nd Annual

Color Run

Fifth graders performed "text feature surgery" in Language Arts class. They learned about the importance of different text features in non-fiction writing

Our Fairy Tale Fixers has been a huge success. 1st & 2nd grade students are learning lots and having fun!!

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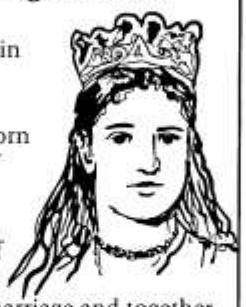
Thoughtful Moments

St. Hedwig of Silesia



A model of steadfast faith in prosperity and hardship, St. Hedwig was born to the Duke of Croatia and married the Duke Henry of Silesia. They had a happy marriage and together founded a convent, monasteries and hospitals. Two of their children, Henry and Conrad, caused their parents considerable hardship with their fighting until Hedwig negotiated a truce. After her husband's death, Hedwig became a Cistercian nun and lived simply, only keeping her wealth for charity.

Too busy?

At the end of our lives, we aren't going to think, "I wish I had worked more." We are going to long for more time with our loved ones. A child needs the undivided attention of his or her parent for a little while each day. Don't be so busy that you miss even one special moment with yours.

"... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

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Help your child live a good Catholic life

The best way to ensure our children will live good Catholic lives as adults is to build a strong Catholic foundation while they are young. That foundation will make it likely that they will continue to live their faith. Consider these suggestions:

Lay the foundation. Make sure your child is getting the Catholic education she deserves so she has all the necessary resources on which to draw in adulthood. Support her religious education, whether she attends Catholic school or the parish school of religion, by supervising homework and helping her master the prayers and doctrine required.

Present positive influences. Present to youngsters grown-ups whose lives you would like your children's to mirror when they are adults. Invite interesting, religious adults to your home to talk about how they live their faith. Bonus: Offering appropriate role models gives children substitutes for the less-desirable celebrities of today.

"Do as I do." Don't kid yourself into thinking that you can live by the world's rules yourself but expect your children to follow God's rules. Abraham's nephew, Lot, made that mistake and lost most of his family during an emergency. They didn't respect him because his words and deeds didn't match (Genesis 19). To raise faithful Catholics, we have to be faithful Catholics ourselves – and that begins with going to Mass every week.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics have litanies?

A litany is a prayer formed by a list of invocations and petitions. It is part of the rich prayer tradition of the Church. Litanies are addressed to God, Jesus, Mary, and the saints. The saints, who are closer to God, can intercede with God for us here on earth. Today, litanies sometimes are used in the Church's worship. Only a few are approved, including the Litany of: the Saints, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Sacred Heart, and St. Joseph.

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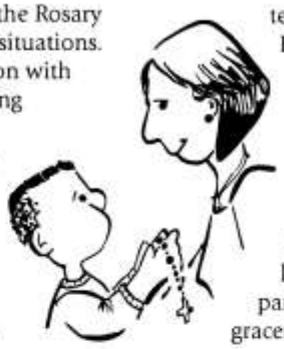
Celebrate the Rosary with children

Catholics over the centuries have turned to the Rosary for miraculous help in seemingly impossible situations. Sharing love for this timeless Catholic devotion with children will arm them with a powerful lifelong prayer tradition.



The prayer that leads to prayer. The gentle repetition in the Rosary is meant to still our minds and direct our hearts to communion with God. The meditative nature of the prayer helps calm children and direct their thoughts to God.

Gospel stories. The mysteries of the Rosary tell the stories of Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. By praying the Rosary with youngsters, we revisit these events and help them to grow in knowledge of Christ.

Role models. Praying the Rosary and meditating on the lives of Jesus and Mary gives us strong models of virtuous lives, from Mary's obedience during the Annunciation and her fortitude during the Crucifixion, to Jesus' entire life of virtue – justice, temperance, and courage, in particular. Regular Rosary meditation opens us to the graces needed to acquire those very virtues.

Scripture LESSON — Luke 18:9-14, Humble Prayer

Jesus often told stories to illustrate truths of God's kingdom. In this story, he used a Pharisee and a tax collector to talk about prayer. Like most of his stories, this one had an unexpected ending.

The Pharisee marched up to a position of honor in the temple to pray, presumably to be seen and admired. He focused his prayer on himself and offered thanks that he was superior in holiness to all around him. He listed his many good (but largely meaningless) deeds and looked with disgust upon the tax collector.

By contrast, the tax collector stood in the back and humbled himself before God, offering a simple prayer relying on God's mercy. He was sorrowfully aware of his sinfulness, yet was also aware of God's powerful mercy. For his humble, contrite prayer, he was reconciled with God.

What can a parent do? Remind children that God wants our love more than anything else. No matter what we do, he'll always love us and want us back in his friendship. He will always forgive us if we're truly sorry.

Parent TALK

It always bugs me that All Saints Day gets overshadowed by Halloween. Last year, I thought of a way to combine them. I challenged my son to bypass the superheroes and instead portray his favorite saint.

After scouring through books, Joshua decided on St. Michael. When we read how he led the angels in the great battle against Satan, Joshua was proud to dress as someone still protecting us today.

We found a cool warrior costume and put a cross on the chest. We made wings and a spear from cardboard we painted silver. It was perfect.

As we went door-to-door, neighbors asked him what character he was dressed as and Joshua beamed as he replied, "St. Michael the Archangel."

Not only did Joshua enjoy gathering candy that night, he made quite an impression on the neighbors. After all, it's not every day you're in the company of an angel.

Feasts & Celebrations

October 2 – Feast of the Guardian Angels. On this feast day, remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they have done in helping us.

October 6 – Blessed Marie Rose Durocher (1849). Marie-Rose was born in Canada. Unable to join the convent, she worked as a hostess, housekeeper, and parish worker. She became known for her perseverance and tactfulness. At the bishop's request, she founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, a teaching order.

October 14 – Pope St. Callistus I (222). A Roman slave, Callistus was jailed for losing his master's money. After his release, he became superintendent of Church lands and was ordained a deacon. Known for his merciful treatment of sinners, he was elected pope but was opposed for 18 years by an antipope, dividing the Church.

October 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist (1st Century). St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

Our Mission

To help parents raise faithful Catholic children

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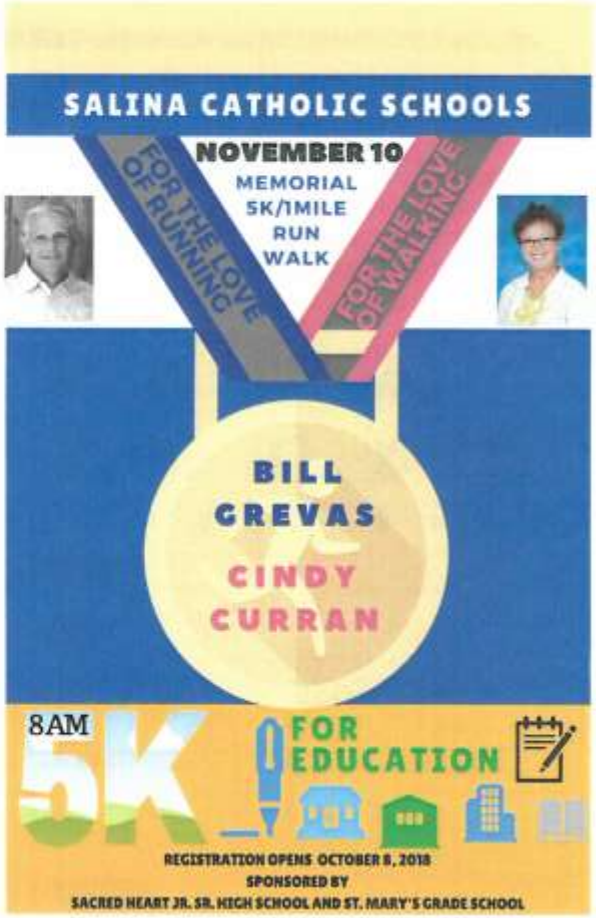

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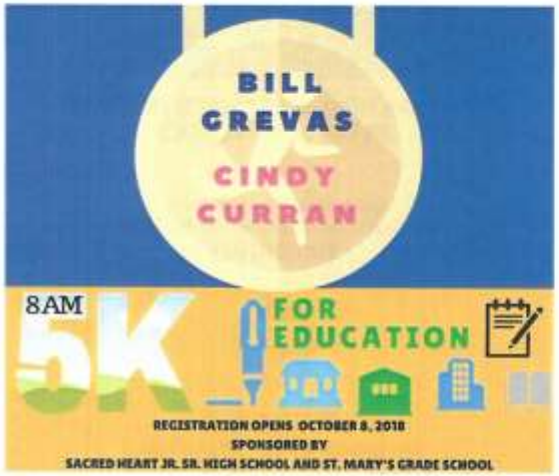

The proceeds from this event will benefit students of Sacred Heart Jr. Sr. High School and/or St. Mary's Grade School.

We anticipate this event will be supported by many of our students, families, grandparents, friends and parishioners who knew and wish to celebrate the lives of Bill and Cindy.
See you on November 10, 2018.

***UNABLE** TO ATTEND, BUT WANT TO SUPPORT THE EVENT;*
DONATIONS CAN BE GIVEN ONLINE AT
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Contact Melissa Anderson at 785-825-4011 or Kim Cochran at 785-827-4200, to assist the morning of the race.

SATURDAY, November 10
8AM

WHERE
SACRED HEART JR SR HIGH/
ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY
234 E CLOUD, SALINA

RACE TIME
8:00AM
6:30AM REGISTRATION

AWARDS
<5 FREE, 6-12, 13-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60>

ENTRY FEE
$30—ADULT
$15—13 to 18
$10—6 to12
FREE—5UNDER (no shirt)

PACKET PICK UP
November 7-9 9am-4pm
November 10 6:30am

○ 1 MILE WALK ○ 5 K RUN

My entry will benefit **Bill Grevas Activity Fund** at Sacred Heart Jr/Sr High

My entry will benefit **Cindy Curran Endowed Fund** at St. Mary's Grade School

My entry will equally benefit both **Cindy Curran & Bill Grevas Memorials**

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*RELEASE/WAIVER I GREE TO HOLD Sacred Heart Jr Sr High and St. Mary's Grade School harmless as to any claim for damages for any accident or injury of any kinds resulting from my participation in this race. *Sign below.*

Signature or guardian, if under age 18 DATE

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Fall Fundraiser Ends	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 4th-6th Band Performance 7 pm APR	11 No School	12 Extravaganza
13	14	15	16	17 Dismiss at 1:20 P/T conferences No Preschool Classes	18 No School P/T conferences	19
20	21 Red Wheel Distribution 2:30-5:30	22	23	24 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting	25	26
27	28 IHOP Dine out night 4-8pm	29 Picture retakes	30	31		

HALLOWEEN PARTIES

Halloween Parties for students will be held as per the schedule below. Home and School provides the snacks for these parties.

Costumes will NOT be worn at any parties.

TT AM 3 yr old - October 31st 10:15
MWF AM 3 yr old—October 30th at 10:15
MWF 4 yr old AM– October 30th at 10:15
M-F 4yr old AM—October 31st at 10:15
M-F 4yr old PM– October 31st at 2:30
Kind AM— October 31st @ 10:15
Grades K Full Day thru 6th - October 31st at 2:30

Mission Statement

The mission of St. Mary's Grade School is to form lifelong learners of Faith through spiritual guidance and academics, who serve and lead in Church and community

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