



# Friday Folder Notes, February 23, 2018

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**STEWARDSHIP AND FAMILY** -- On Wednesday night, the St. Mary's School Council unanimously agreed to provide a **one-time 10% scholarship to all families with 3 children or more.** Fourth children and beyond received a tuition cut for next year, but this helps to soften the increase for the third children in families.

It was a real show of **stewardship.** We are all asked to make good decisions with the gifts that God has given us and it was very kind of the Council to share some of the earnings from school fundraisers back with our school families.

It also shows great **support for families.**

Families of all sizes are a beautiful gift from God; **we want to do what we can to support your efforts to form your children well.** Even if a family does not directly benefit from this scholarship this year, it is reassuring to know that the Aquinas-St. Mary's Catholic Schools are committed to the Lincoln Diocese's school mission of **providing Catholic education to ALL Catholic students who desire it. We continue to look for ways to keep our outstanding quality education affordable.**

\*\*This 10% scholarship will be applied to all family's accounts (with 3 or more children) as soon as a family sets up their payment plan in **FACTS.** No application necessary.

\*\*Guardian Angel scholarships are available, too. They are easy to apply for in FACTS--Tuition Assistance tab. Find FACTS on the Aquinas-catholic.com website, Parents (at the top) then click the FACTS logo.

**10% off 3<sup>rd</sup> Child Tuition in 18-19**



## Upcoming Events:

**Feb. 16-Mar. 23: Fri.'s in Lent,** St. Mary's Parish-Stations of the Cross, 5:30, pasta dinner in gym after.

**Feb. 24: (POSTPONED)**

**Father/Daughter Dance and Traveling Choir in Marietta—both to be rescheduled**

**Feb. 25, 9 AM: Traveling Choir in Assumption/Appleton, 8:30 AM, All are welcome! Hope roads clear by then!**

**Feb. 26-Mar. 2: Artist in Residence, Valerie Williams, teaching dance to students during K-5 PE classes.**

**Feb. 27 (5-8 PM): BBQ, Burgers, and More Night, fundraiser for St. Mary's**

**Feb. 28: Penance Service**

**Mar. 2: Stations of the Cross**

**Mar. 5-8: Iowa Testing, Grades 3-5 (Please no Dr. appt's if possible)**

**Mar. 6: Late Start (change from printed calendar)**

**Mar. 9: No School – Spring Break**

**Let us know if you know anyone we should invite to Open House or Round up. Call/Email Jeri (phone/email below)**

**Mar. 11: Open House, 3-4 PM – New, Interested Families.**

**Mar. 22: Preschool, Pre-K, K Round Up. For children who will be 3-5.**

**\*\*Please change your printed calendar:**

- 1. Late Start on Mar. 7 will be on Mar. 6 – Administrators need to be at Diocesan meetings on Mar. 7**
- 2. Grandparents Day and the Spring Program will be April 12 since Bishop Finn will be here April 5 for Confirmation**

*God Bless! – Mrs. Zook*

## Virtue for February

**Responsibility:** being reliable in your duties and accountable for your actions. *Home Projects Due Mar. 2*

*Prayers ...*

*...for a prayerful Lent for all St. Mary's families.*

*Thank You ...*

*...to the St. Mary's Council for providing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Child scholarship and for their planning efforts.*

## Curriculum Corner

**Writing** Our students have a consistent buildup of writing skills from preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It begins with letter formation in preschool, by Kindergarten they are writing lists, letters, early research papers, and more. The length, style, grammar, and language increase in complexity through 4<sup>th</sup>. They write in all modes from informative to narrative, opinions, and research. By 5<sup>th</sup> grade, they are writing multi-paragraph, multi-page documents in all modes, including poetry and tall tales. They learn to write, revise, and compose a final draft. Students add cursive to their handwriting skills in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and typing during 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. **Although writing is a challenge, it is an important way for a student to express their thoughts, ideas, and new understandings.** If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher for more details about their grade level.

## Safety and Tech Notes:

Reminder: Covenant Eyes Group discount still available:

[bit.ly/2AgEk9F](http://bit.ly/2AgEk9F)

**From the Spiritual Director, St. Mary's Spirit Club**

**Litany of Trust**

From the belief that I have to earn Your love Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the fear that I am unlovable Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the false security that I have what it takes Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the fear that trusting You will leave me more destitute Deliver me, Jesus.  
From all suspicion of Your words and promises Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the rebellion against childlike dependency on You Deliver me, Jesus.  
From refusals and reluctances in accepting Your will Deliver me, Jesus.  
From anxiety about the future Deliver me, Jesus.  
From resentment or excessive preoccupation with the past Deliver me, Jesus.  
From restless self-seeking in the present moment Deliver me, Jesus.  
From disbelief in Your love and presence Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the fear of being asked to give more than I have Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the fear of what love demands Deliver me, Jesus.  
From discouragement Deliver me, Jesus.  
That You are continually holding me sustaining me, loving me Jesus, I trust in you.  
That Your love goes deeper than my sins and failings, and transforms me Jesus, I trust in you.  
That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You Jesus, I trust in you.  
That you are with me in my suffering Jesus, I trust in you.  
That my suffering, united to Your own, will bear fruit in this life and the next Jesus, I trust in you.  
That You will not leave me orphan, that You are present in Your Church Jesus, I trust in you.  
That Your plan is better than anything else Jesus, I trust in you.  
That You always hear me and in Your goodness always respond to me Jesus, I trust in you.  
That You give me the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others Jesus, I trust in you.  
That You give me all the strength I need for what is asked Jesus, I trust in you.  
That my life is a gift Jesus, I trust in you.  
That You will teach me to trust You Jesus, I trust in you.  
That You are my Lord and my God Jesus, I trust in you.  
That I am Your beloved one Jesus, I trust in you.

Hope your Purple Grab Bags of Lenten Ideas are going well!

The students seem to be enjoying them!

**St. Mary's School  
BBQ NIGHT**

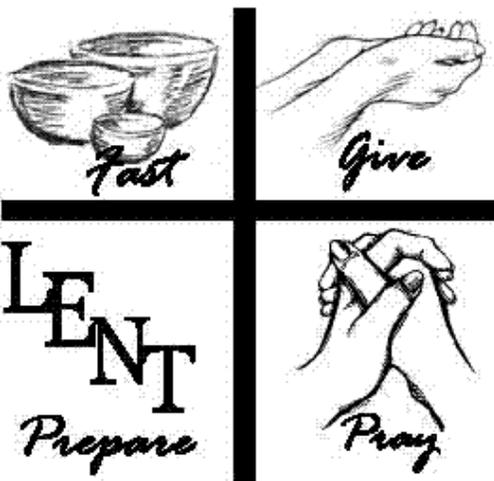
**BBQ, Burgers & More**

**536 N 5th St. David City**

**Tues. Feb. 27  
5-8pm**

**donate 10% to St. Mary's School**

**\*\*Fish available during Lent\*\***



**Some Pictures from this week**



**Extended Care students and their beautiful Lenten mural. Thank you, Mrs. Sisco!**



**Another beautiful Baptism Mass! We promise to follow God.**

**We raised about \$4000 to donate to the American Heart Association through Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart. Thank you, Mr. Pipal!**



**Students earned jump roping time in the gym or basketball game time for raising money for the AHA.**





**Some more fun pics from Morning Warm-ups (others in the Torch this month).**



**Prayer at the end of "Warm-up" time.**

