



Friday Folder Notes, March 2, 2018

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LENT—IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

As we work our way through Lent, just as in life, we may stumble or forget our promises. The good news is that we can always jump back in! Please remind your children that, even if Lent has not gone as they had hoped, they can still start again. St. Mary's just had a Penance service this week, so students in grades 2-5 got to experience that wonderful Sacramental gift of *forgiveness* and new beginning—what a great time to reattempt a Lenten challenge! Our new virtue is forgiveness, and sometimes it is important to forgive ourselves. *Hopefully your families find a prayerful path through the rest of this Lenten season, utilizing the gift of forgiveness at home and with ourselves.*

God Bless!
— Mrs. Zook



FACTS Got a couple minutes?

Please register for 2018-19 at the FACTS link on Aquinas-catholic.com, parents—any FACTS link. Remember, once you set up your plan, your 3rd child scholarship from St. Mary's Council will be applied if you have 3+ children. Click the tab for Tuition Assistance for more scholarship opportunities.

****Returning FACTS families: Do NOT need to log in unless you need to add a child.** You are automatically rolled over into the new school year. Contact Sharon (367-3175) if you would like a different payment plan.

****The 3rd child 10% scholarship will be applied 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.

Upcoming Events:

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. 13:
St. Mary's School Soup Supper, 5-7 PM,
school fundraiser.

Mar. 16: Stations at 2:45, Student Gold Rush jean day (Students bring \$1 to help with class Gold Rush projects and get to wear jeans.)

Mar. 22: Preschool, Pre-K, K Round Up. For children who will be 3-5. **No Kindergarten class today.**

Mar. 23: Kindergarteners Lead Stations at 2:30.

Mar. 24: Father/Daughter Dance rescheduled!, 6 PM. *RSVP Joanie with changes (if you now can come or now can't—she will keep the previous list) at 367-833*

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

Grandparents Day and the Spring Program will be April 12 since Bishop Finn will be here April 5 for Confirmation

Virtue for March

Forgiveness: pardoning those who offend you. *Fun with St. Patrick and Blessed Margaret of Castello this month!*

Prayers ...

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

Thank You ...

...to the Soup Supper Committees for planning this big event for our school!

Soup Supper Letter comes home today!! Each family is asked to donate food, money, or to work the event. Thank you so much for supporting this fundraiser for St. Mary's.

Curriculum Corner

Testing This is the time of year for assessments. Your child will be taking the Iowa Tests this week and other reading and skills tests after Easter. They are given periodically to help the teachers see the growth your child is making. They provide a snapshot of student performance and are used along with your child's work in class and on other assessments to make sure we are helping them learn and grow adequately. These tests don't take excessive time which allows us to devote the bulk of our time to instruction. *You can help your child perform their best by making sure they get appropriate rest and have a healthy breakfast during these times. It is also helpful to schedule appointments at other times if possible as it can be difficult to get the tests made up in our testing window.*

Safety and Tech Notes:

Reminder: Covenant Eyes Group discount still available:
bit.ly/2AgEk9F

GOOD NEWS!! You can now view your children's **lunch accounts** online at **MySchoolBucks.com**. The link is available on our website – **www.aquinas-catholic.com**. Once you've created a login for yourself and connect to their accounts, you can view their balance, see what purchases they have made, AND best of all, you can make payments directly to their lunch account via your credit card or from your checking account. (Payments can still be made to the school as well.) We hope this will help to simplify keeping track of your children's lunch accounts and avoid the hassle of waiting for a statement to be sent. Feel free to contact Aquinas or St. Mary's if you have any questions.

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

How To Pray
the Chaplet of
Divine Mercy
Optional Opening
Prayers:

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

The students seem
to be enjoying
them!

You expired, Jesus,
but the source of life gushed forth for souls,
and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.
O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon
us.

(Repeat 3 times) O Blood and Water, which gushed
forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for
us, I trust in You!

Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed

For each of the five decades *(On each "Our Father"
bead of the rosary, pray)*

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and
Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus
Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole
world.

(On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray)
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on
us and on the whole world.

Concluding prayer *(Repeat 3 times)*
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your
mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit
ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

There also are many versions of this prayer in song available. Here is a link to one of my favorites. <https://youtu.be/RVmIUzWlBvM>

Mightier than the waves is His love.

St. Mary's Spirit Club

**Father & Daughter
Dance**

Saturday, March 24th
6:00-7:30 pm

St. Mary's Gym
snacks, photo booth & activiyy booth

\$10 per family
Please RSVP to Joanie Brecka
text: 402-367-8331

Some Pictures from this week

In Kindergarten: Title I teacher, Sara Ockander brought her hen, Goldie. She is a special hen because she lays green eggs. We celebrated Dr. Seuss this week so her green eggs fit in perfectly with the week. Sara also taught us a little about chickens and how she takes care of them. :)



2nd and 5th Enjoyed their root beer float prizes for winning (and a close 2nd) in the Jan. Boxtops!! “Sweet” prizes for Feb. will be coming home soon! Save them till Sunday if you gave up candy this Lent ☺.



Dancing with the Artist! The students really enjoyed our week with Artist in Residence, Valerie Williams. She had them moving to the music all week long. Special Thank You to the **Butler County Arts Council** and the **Nebraska Arts Council/Cultural Endowment** for sponsoring the program!



