



Welcome Back!

Under this year's theme of "**Unlocking the Gifts**," we are very excited to help your children see the great things God has in store for them this year at St. Mary's. In addition to our Religion curriculum, visits from religious, daily Mass, and more, we will be continuing our virtues program to help them consider how their thoughts and actions help them to grow in virtue and move closer to God. This is our list of virtues for this year. Our main theological virtue will be Hope (last year was Charity/Love). Each child is a gift and a blessing and we hope to help them to unlock their gifts in academics, faith, and social development.

It was a great, short, first week back here! I hope your children came home excited about the year ahead. On Thursday, at Mass, Fr. Timmerman reminded them that they can never stop God from loving them and at the end of the day they received "welcome back" popsicles from the Sheriff, and had a chance to learn more about Fr. Homes' classic Barracuda.

Virtues in Practice 2018-19

Sept. **Hope**
Oct. **Studiosness**
Nov. **Humility**
Dec. **Patience**
Jan. **Diligence**
Feb. **Cheerfulness**
Mar. **Fidelity**
Apr. **Obedience**
May **Temperance**

Welcome to our new St. Mary's families! **Students: Adalyn Alarcon (K), Audrey Kunasek (K), Harper Meysenburg (K), Johnathon Brown (K), Camden Brown (2nd), Keyshia True-Nielson (2nd), Nayeli Villa (3rd), Allisson Alcantara (3rd), Jonathan Kunasek (3rd), Taylor Aune (5th), Grace Masek (5th), Michael Kunasek (5th).**

May God bless your family and keep you all close to Him this year as we learn what Gifts we can Unlock to better serve as His hands and feet here on Earth.

With you in Christ, Mrs. Zook

Upcoming Events:

Thu., Aug. 23: Open House from **6:30-8:00 PM**. We will try a new format to allow parents to visit each class at once and meet each other as well. There will also be booths set up to showcase the events that will be happening at St. Mary's this year through support of our St. Mary's parent Spirit Club. Teachers will set out their curriculum, and you may visit the classrooms to chat. You can top off the evening with a tasty ice cream sundae. We are hoping to get *all* of our parents out to see the school on this fun evening.

Fri., Aug. 24: Please return your bright yellow **Acceptable Use Form**—one per family and the bright orange **Field Trip Form**—one per student.

Fri., Aug. 24: 8 AM Baptism Mass and Adoration. *(As this is NOT a Spirit Day, please wear standard uniform.)* We will celebrate students whose baptisms are remembered during the month of August. **Parents are welcome** to attend Mass and we will have Adoration available in the main church all day. Students will have benediction at 2:45. At lunch, students celebrating their baptism receive a cupcake, too! This is a fun way to remember this most important sacrament.

Open House Schedule (8/23)

6:30 PM Welcome in the gym

6:40-6:55 PM K and 1st grade parents meet in or 1A

7:00-7:15 PM 2nd and 3rd grade parents meet in 2A or 3A

7:20-7:35 PM 4th and 5th grade parents meet in 4A or 5A

**Preschool and Pre-K may visit Mrs. Rachel's room as their schedule fits.*

**When you do not have a class presentation, you may look at the tables in the gym or get your ice cream sundae!*



Baptism Mass Students for Aug (date): Clarice Andel (12), Juan Sanchez (22), Michael Kunasek (26), Brookelynn Banholzer (24), Maddy Hein (15), Emmett Kadavy (9), John Meysenburg (9), Jozlynn Weldon (17), Rilley Lowe (30), Danica Romshek (29), Josue Chavez (6), Esther Meysenburg (14), Lucy Podolak (21), Carter Banholzer (28), Joshua Lowe (25)

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