



Monarchs filled with Spirit and Science

Our first Spirit Day was a lot of fun for students to get to show off their school pride. They always enjoy wearing their Aquinas and St. Mary's shirts as well as their favorite religion one. I hope they wear them in public often as it is a beautiful silent witness to others that God is important in their lives. The teachers are also off and running with their new Foss Science kits we acquired last year. First graders have plants started and second graders were launching parachutes to test the effects of wind resistance. *(See the online Friday Notes in your email or at Aquinas-Catholic.com for some great pictures from this week.)* These kits as well as our other hands-on science experiments help students to retain their content better by making stronger connections in their brain. Hopefully, we have some young scientists and engineers in the making!

Virtues in Practice
(Year of Hope)
Sept. Hope
Trusting in God's
Loving Plan
K-2: St. Joseph
3-5: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Lessons start next week

Please join us for our celebration of Mary's birthday (Sept. 8) to be observed on **Friday, Sept. 7**. We will start the day with Sept. Baptism Mass, then have opportunity for Adoration all day, then at 2:30, Grades K-5 will pray the rosary in the rectory garden, then enjoy a popsicle, and grades 2-5 will end with Benediction in the Church. Our Spiritual Coordinator has a special gift for each child.

****Book Fair**** Along with many other schools across the country and in our Diocese, Fr. Timmerman and I have decided to use a different company for our book fair this year. Although it was a fun event, Scholastic has made statements quite contrary to our Catholic faith. We have found some smaller options and will plan to have several opportunities to buy books and toys instead of just the one large event. I will keep you posted as the details unfold. We will have books for sale at Parent-Teacher Conferences Oct. 17-18. If you are interested in working on this portion of fundraising for our library, please let me know. We would love help in planning and generating solutions.

Asking God to keep you all safe and joy-filled this Labor Day Weekend.

Mrs. Zook

Upcoming Events:

Mon., Sept. 3: No School for Labor Day. Enjoy your long weekend.

Wed., Sept. 5: 10 AM Late Start for Teacher Meetings.

Thu., Sept. 6: 7:30 AM (Didier Room at St. Mary's) Bank of the Valley—sign up for Banking in Schools! Earn prizes and learn to save.

Fri., Sept. 7: 8 AM Baptism Mass, Adoration all day, 2:30: Mary's Birthday Party Rosary and Benediction

Thu., Sept. 13: T-Shirt Fundraiser packets due

Fri. Sept. 14: School Pictures—Students may dress up as long as they are modest. [Length of at least finger tips, wider straps or covered, and no leggings unless covered.] No jeans on picture day. They may always wear school uniform, too.

Gratitude ~ Thank you to the **Butler County Landfill** and **Kobza Ag and Home** for defraying some of the costs of our new concrete project this summer.

Intentions ~ Prayers for these families who welcomed **new little ones** this summer:

Benedict to Rob and Miriam Daro, Celestine (K), Marietta (PS), and Aloysius.

Koen to Seth and Brittany DeWispelare, Natalie (3), and Aubrie (K).

Laurel to Zac and Brooke Kavan, Dirkson (2), Eastyn (1), and Jaxon (AQ).

Logan to Todd and Cari Kudlacek, Brynn (5), Allie (3), Jacey (1), and Autumn.

Kason to Ryan and Heidy Svoboda, Calib (6), Sydni (5), Eion (3), Wyatt (1), and Serina (PS).

Prayers



T-Shirt Fundraiser Starts Today!! Please read your packet and call the school with any questions. It is easy and one of 2 we do during the year, so please give it your all. St. Mary's keeps ALL the funds raised!

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Baptism Mass on Friday, September 7 at 8 AM

- Also First Friday Mass

September Baptism Celebrants

Nathaniel	Hain	5 A
Eli	Janak	3 A
Emily	Lyons	3 A
Benjamin	Zook	2 B
Camden	DeWispelare	2 A
Leah	Adair	1 A
Elizabeth	Moravec	1 B
Brecken	Krivanek	K B
Mackenzie	Ratkovec	1 B

First Bank of the Valley Day, Sept. 6, 7:30 AM

Banking in \$chools

- ✓ Save Your Money
- ✓ Make Deposits
- ✓ Earn Cool Prizes!

MONEY MILESTONES

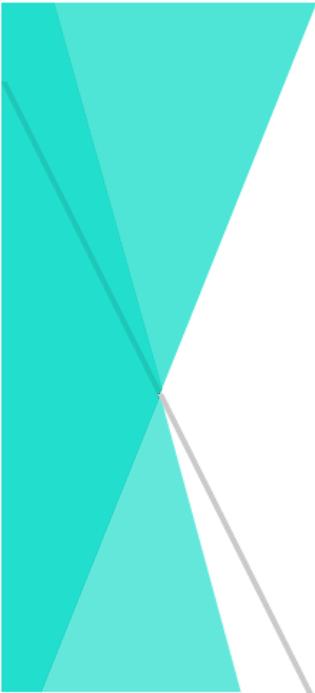
\$25 	\$50 	\$75 	\$100 
Mini Money Pouch	Mason Jar Cup	T-Shirt	Bank Tour & Pizza Party

DEPOSIT MILESTONES

2 	4 	6 	8 
\$ Pencil	Activity Book	Piggy Keychain	Pencil Pouch
10 	12 	13 	14 
High Five Highlighter	Beach Ball	Gift Card	Ball Cap



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A Note from the St. Mary's Spiritual Coordinator

Why is Mary Called Queen of Heaven?

Bathsheba was the mother of King Solomon of Israel. As any loving son would do, he obeyed God's command to honor his mother. So even though the highest officials of the kingdom bowed when they came before his throne, Solomon stood and bowed before his mother. She even had her own throne on Solomon's right.

Solomon was a powerful Biblical king, but his power is nothing compared to the glory of Jesus. If Solomon honored his mother Bathsheba as his Queen mother, how much more must Jesus honor Mary as his own? No doubt her throne sits at the right hand of her Son's in heaven. And no doubt, just as Solomon granted his mother's requests for his subjects, so Jesus gladly grants His mother Mary's requests for us!