



Math Focus yields success

For the last 3 years, St. Mary's has been working on math computation as its School Improvement Goal. In that time, teachers have evaluated their curriculum and increased the amount and type of practice students have in quickly computing addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division problems. This has meant practice in fluently learning math facts so they are readily usable for computation, building math vocabulary, and providing more problem solving practice where they can apply those computations skills. We are happy to report that the first round of DIBELS testing shows **86% of students** in the "at or above grade level" grouping (10% near grade level and 3% below). That is up from 84% last year. We look forward to increasing that percentage as we help even more students grow in their math proficiency. What can you do to help?

- ✓ **Practice math facts at home.** Flash cards or asking math problems or facts as you drive.
- ✓ **Make them apply their facts.**
 - Ask them to count back your change as they grow in adding/subtracting skills.
 - Have them estimate numbers or dimensions, then check them.
 - Counting with Kindergarteners to 100 and more.

Just like with the reading strategies, these require much patience on your part. For example, it is only after hearing your Kindergartener count to 100, twenty times, that you will really know they have it. Hopefully, they love the time with you and may your patience and attention yield rewards in your family.

May God bless your efforts to help your children Unlock their Gifts.

Mrs. Zook

Upcoming Events:

Sun. Sept. 30: First Traveling Choir, St. Francis (Center), 10 AM (arrive 9:40) Please consider joining us to sing for one of our supporting parishes. ALL are welcome—easy songs and a fun way to say THANK YOU.

Mon. Oct. 1: NO SCHOOL. Diocesan Teacher Institute in Lincoln.

Fire Safety Presentation and Smoke Trailer. K-5 will get some valuable instruction and practice getting to safety through the trailer.

Tue., Oct. 2, 7 PM, Traveling Choir--Confirmation at St. Francis (Center) (arrive 6:40). We can use all the beautiful voices we can gather, please consider joining us.

Wed. Oct. 3: 10:00 LATE START. Professional Development time with Aquinas teachers.

Fri. Oct. 5: Baptism Mass/First Friday Devotion. Please check the list and join us for 8 AM Mass to renew our baptismal promises.

Picture Retakes: Right after Mass. Please wear a nice shirt and uniform bottoms if possible. Students can wear that all day. Please have your child tell teacher they need retakes.

****October: Month of the Rosary:** We will pray a schoolwide Decade of the Rosary (Glorious Mysteries) together in the hallway each Monday after Mass.

Virtues in Practice
(Year of Hope)

Oct. Studiousness
Seeking knowledge to grow closer to Truth
K-2: St. Albert the Great
3-5: St. Thomas Aquinas
Recommended Grade K-5 Homework due 10/31

Gratitude ~ To **Angie Krivanek** and **Cecilia Banholzer** for chairing the T-shirt fundraiser for the St. Mary's Council.

Intentions ~ Congratulations to **Jesus and Maricella Chavez** on the arrival of baby **Steven**, siblings **Jesus (AQ), Josue (2)**

~ For the **seniors at Aquinas** who visit us each day (Senior Service) and in our Kindergarten classrooms.

~ For all of our students to grow in **Studiousness** this month.

Prayers

Traveling Choir at St. Francis last year.
E-mail Claire Oborny at coborny3@gmail.com
or call/text 367-9405 if you can come sing.





Winners of the first month of Boxtops (the Husker Spirit Day) will be announced soon! Thank you for collecting!

St. Mary's Concession Stand Times

Day	Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday	October 4th	7-8 Volleyball (2 games)	3:30	St. Mary's Cecilia Banholzer
Tuesday	October 16th	7-8 Volleyball (2 games)	3:30	St. Mary's Dawn Jakub Jeff Jakub
Thursday	November 29th	7-8 Girls BB (2 games)	3:30	St. Mary's
Monday	December 10th	7-8 Girls BB (2 games)	3:30	St. Mary's

4th and 5th Grade Parents: Would any of you be willing to help with these concessions for middle school? We agree to help with this to free up MS parents to watch their kids play. Thank you for your help!!

October Baptism Celebrants

Sydni	Svoboda	5	A	21-Oct
Allen	Wachal	5	A	14-Oct
Drew	Wachal	5	A	14-Oct
Violet	Schmid	5	A	14-Oct
Troy	Masilko	4	B	4-Oct
Mary Kate	Moravec	4	A	4-Oct
Jacob	Wacker	4	B	10-Oct
Faith	Samek	3	B	30-Oct
Anthony	Oltmer	3	A	25-Oct
Eion	Svoboda	3	B	4-Oct
Camden	Brown	2	B	31-Oct
Elijah	Moulton	2	A	24-Oct
Jaydyn	Schommer	2	A	2-Oct
Riley	Coufal	1	A	2-Oct
Keaton	Andel	1	A	16-Oct
Austin	Pracheil	1	A	16-Oct
Ollie	DeWispelare	1	A	21-Oct
Ryker	Truksa	1	A	22-Oct
Adam	Rerucha	K	B	26-Oct
Kinzley	Reeves	K	A	5-Oct
Grace	Zook	K	A	14-Oct

A Note from the St. Mary's Spiritual Coordinator

Over the next week we will celebrate the feast days of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael on Saturday Sept. 29th and the feast of our Guardian Angels on Oct. 2nd. The church teaches us that our guardian angels are our protectors and helpers for our whole lives, and even present prayers to God for us when we're in purgatory. The Bible is full of amazing stories about the Archangels delivering messages, fighting evil and leading people. Spend some time this weekend reading about the angels, and try these yummy angel snacks to celebrate!

Rev 12:7-9; Daniel 10:12-13; Daniel 8:15-26; Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 18:10; Psalm 91:11; Acts 12:6-11



Angel Snacks

Using frosting as the "glue" you can build your angel snacks out of Bugles for the body, pretzel twists for the wings, oyster crackers or round cereal for the head and a cheerio for the halo.