

April 4, 2019



Friday Notes

St. Mary's Catholic School, David City, NE

Updates for Next Year

The Council and I have been working on any aspects of our school that need to be updated for next year. There will be some changes to the **dress code**, so please don't buy any pieces for next year, yet. We think we can simplify things for you a bit. I'll send more information with next week's note.

We are also looking at changing the **music and art** offerings for the students to improve their opportunities at developing art skills and possibly instruments. I'll keep you informed as we work out the details of these.

This summer, the teachers and I will be working to align our **Math content K-12** with Aquinas. This will be a "fun" project that will benefit your children as well.

We are hard at work putting together the best opportunities we can for you and your children. Please let me know if we can help you out in any way.

God bless, — Mrs. Zook

Upcoming Events

******GRANDPARENTS DAY: APR. 30 10-1:00**** RSVP Form came home today.**

Apr. 13, 6 PM (5:45) Traveling Choir in Ulysses. ALL are welcome!

Apr. 15, Boxtops Due

Apr. 16: 2nd Grade field trip to Lincoln Nature Center (sack lunch, Spirit Wear)

Apr. 17: Grandparents Day RSVP Form and fee due to the office

7-8 PM, Open House at Aquinas for new students (important for **5th Graders**)

Apr. 19-25: Easter Break. *Many Blessings to your family at this special time of the year.*

Apr. 26: School Resumes, SPIRIT DAY, 3rd Grade field trip to Lincoln Morrill Hall and CK Sisters (sack lunch, Spirit Wear)

Apr. 28, 9 AM (8:45) LAST Traveling Choir in Bee. ALL are welcome!

Apr. 29-May 3: Children's Book Week (quarter raffles, coloring contests, guest readers)

Apr. 29: 4th Grade field trip to the Capitol and Wessel's Living History (sack lunch, Spirit Wear)

Apr. 30: Grandparents Day: 10 AM Program and Music, 11:00 Mass, lunch, visit classrooms (total time: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM)

VIRTUES IN PRACTICE

2018-19 Year of Hope

Apr. Obedience: Saying "yes" to the loving will of God and those he has set over us.

K-2: Our Lady

3-5: St. Juan Diego

Recommended Grade K-5 Homework can be turned in Apr. 26-30

***Did you JOYFULLY obey at home this month?**

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVING

TRAVELING CHOIR

~ **Claire Oborny** for another great year of coordinating Traveling Choir.

~ **Parents** for making the effort to travel and share your children's voices with our local parishes.

Our supporting parishes have been so grateful!

ST. MARY'S COUNCIL

~ **Parent Parish Reps** who volunteer to provide guidance and support in making our school so great!

Mar. 31 is the deadline to apply for the new Lincoln Diocese Good Shepherd scholarships, including 4th child free. Go to **FACTS** at Aquinas-catholic.com, Admissions, Tuition assistance or <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/43NG4> . Please let us know if we can help upload documents or answer questions. ****DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 15.**** (86 SM/AQ families have applied so far)

Reminder: This grant money does not come from Aquinas/St. Mary's budgets, it is funded from Lincoln Diocese grant money. The Schools greatly benefit by having students receive the grants. (Increased to \$1300 per K-12 student)

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Note from the Spirit Club, Spiritual Director

Palm Sunday

This Sunday is Palm Sunday—the sixth and final Sunday during Lent and the beginning of Holy Week. It is a day we remember Jesus as he entered into Jerusalem. His path was decorated with palm branches, which is a symbol of victory, and when we attend mass we will receive palms that have been blessed as a reminder of Jesus' journey. One tradition of Palm Sunday is the art of palm weaving, which has been in existence since Ancient times. Palm weaving is an art form that consists of taking palms and manipulating them to create various designs. Here are five tutorials to choose from. Each contains step by step instructions and photos to

Braid - <http://www.italiansrus.com/palms/palmbraids1.htm>

This tutorial consists of 6 steps. This pattern consists of 2 palms that are looped and weaved inside each other. When you are done you will have a flat braid similar to the one in the photo.

Difficulty: 3

Cone - <http://www.italiansrus.com/palms/palmcones1.htm>

This tutorial consists of 6 steps. This pattern is often referred to as the pyramid, grape or basket palm. No matter what you call it you too can perform this pattern that consists of 4 palms in which you bend and weave to form the cone.

Difficulty: 2

Cross - <http://www.italiansrus.com/palms/palmcross1.htm>

This tutorial consists of 9 steps. This pattern consists of 2 palms that are folded and looped to form a cross.

Difficulty: 1

Crown of Thorns - <http://www.italiansrus.com/palms/palmcrown.htm>

This tutorial includes a drawing that illustrates how to create the crown of thorns.

Difficulty: 3

The Rose Bud - <http://www.italiansrus.com/palms/palmrose1.htm>

This tutorial consists of 10 steps. With two palm pieces and a few bends and twists you will have created a beautiful rose bud like the one in the picture.

Difficulty: 1

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On Monday, April 8, the St. Mary's library will begin selling raffle tickets.. They will be sold in the library and some of the raffle prizes will be displayed. The tickets are 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00. Winners will be announced on Friday morning, May 3rd.

K-1 students will have a coloring contest.

2-5 students will have a bookmark contest.

Guest readers will join us, too!

Boxtops Due April 15!!!

**Beach Party coming up
if we meet school goal!!**

Some Pictures from St. Mary's



April Baptism Mass

Thank you to Aquinas Seniors for a fun Dance Party with the Kindergarteners.





Daniel Coufal shows sister Sarah's one-day old baby bunny to preschoolers.