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Monarch News

March 15, 2019

*Our Mission:*

*The mission of Saint Mary Academy is to educate students spiritually, academically, emotionally, and socially through a curriculum rooted in the Roman Catholic faith. Students are educated in a manner that fosters academic excellence, provides a supportive atmosphere and develops students to be morally responsible members of their church and community.*

Dear SMA Families,

In the book, *Teach Lead Serve*, it is written "A holy moment can be described as a moment in time when you are being the person God created you to be, and you are doing what God is calling you to do in that moment (74)."

Some would say that holiness among us is impossible, but maybe not if you look at it as a willingness to cooperate and collaborate with God. "There is no limit to the number of holy moments we can create other than our desire and the consciousness to grasp each moment for God as it is unfolding (75)."

Some examples of holy moments might include:

- an email or note of encouragement or thanks, just because
- prayer
- saying I'm sorry and asking for forgiveness
- lunch with a friend or colleague
- telling your kids how much you love them

As we journey through this season of Lent, may we all strive to be more attentive to the needs of others and be willing to collaborate and cooperate with God to create many "holy moments" among us.

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Mrs. Kelly



## CORE VALUES

**Building a foundation  
for lifelong learning by:**

**Opening hearts to faith**

**Opening minds to knowledge**

**Opening hands to service**

**Opening eyes to the world**

**Achieving extraordinary lives**

## Important Dates

- 3/19 – School Liturgy @ 8:15 am  
Feast of St. Joseph
- 3/20 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Lunch @ 11:50 am
- 3/21 – 11:30 am Dismissal/Spirit Wear Day
- 3/22 – Camp Monarch @ 8:30 am – 11:00 am
- 3/25 – School Liturgy @ 8:15 am  
Feast of the Annunciation
- 4/1-4/5 – Spring Break
- 4/10 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Lunch @ 12:30 am
- 4/11 – School Liturgy @ 8:15 am
- 4/17 – Night of the Arts @ 6:30 pm
- 4/18 – Holy Thursday Prayer Service @ 1:45 pm
- 4/19 – Good Friday/Stations of the Cross @ 10 am
- 4/22 – Easter Monday – No School
- 4/25 – School Liturgy @ 8:15 am
- 4/28 – First Eucharist @ 2 pm

*Make a Difference!*  
**DONATE**

"School Supply drive for Haiti runs Wed., March 6 - Fri., March 22. Please bring notebooks, computer paper, crayons, pencils and/or gently used shoes beginning Wednesday and drop in the basket outside your homeroom."



Last chance to order!  
Extended Deadline (Fri., 3/22)  
Order online @ [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com)  
SMA ID Code: 11038219

## 2019 Father/Daughter Event

Save the date! Our Father/Daughter event at Camp HiHo is confirmed for May 19<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-5pm. More details to come soon.

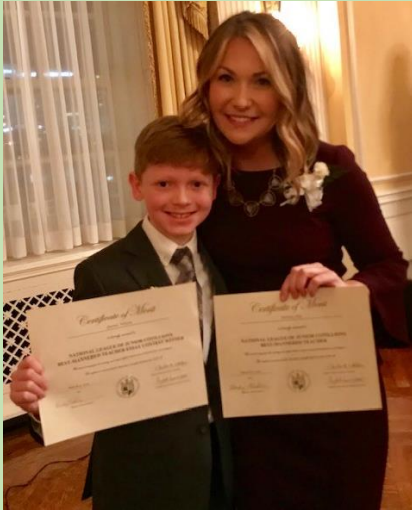


If you are interested in joining the committee, please reach out to Nicole Cooper at 502.608.1458.

## **Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart 2019 was a HUGE success!**

The American Heart Association received a large donation from Saint Mary Academy for \$11,058. Wow! Thank you so much for contributing to this important cause. The "Thank You" gifts from the American Heart Association have arrived, and the children can expect me to deliver them next week. During the event in PE class, the children enjoyed jumping rope, playing basketball and hula hooping to help increase their cardiovascular fitness levels! A special thank you to the parents who turned ropes during the event, Mrs. Brown for showing the students how to set up online fundraising, the teachers/staff for their support, and of course our SMA community who sent in donations. Most importantly I am so proud of our students for learning to stay heart healthy and helping others by raising money for the American Heart Association. You are all HEART HEROS AND HELPING TO SAVE LIVES!





**Congratulations  
to Quinn  
Wilson and  
Mrs. Joy who  
were honored  
with the  
Louisville Jr.  
Cotillion Award.**



**Mrs. Sauer's kindergarten class  
attends the Stations of the Cross.**

### **Available PTO Positions for 2019/2020 School Year**

Plenty of research shows that parent involvement increases student achievement. Come get involved...we have the following positions and events open for next school year and several come with a very minimal time commitment.

**Communications Chair**--What better way to know what's going on than to be the one who holds the information? This role is part of the PTO executive board. You would share PTO communication with our school community via Sycamore, SMA website & PTO facebook group/page. You would also reserve space and take minutes at the meetings; currently there are 4-5 meetings per year.

**Professional development lunches for our teachers**--order lunch (such as pizza or sandwiches), drinks & a snack, set up the day of the event (usually around 11am since these take place on the half days). There are four PD events; you could choose one or all.

**Conference lunch** (October & February)--provide food, drink & snack for the staff who will be present at conference day, set up that morning. There are two conference days; choose just one or both.

**Mother/Son Event**--plan an outing or event that is for SMA moms & their sons. The options are wide open on what you plan (past events have included a movie, Bats game, mighty titans obstacle course & camp hi-ho). The event can take place on or off SMA campus.

**Monarch Business Directory**--gather and maintain our parent/family business directory. Parents and/or families who want to include business and/or service information will submit via an online form during registration and you will compile, and update information throughout the year.

**Box Tops Program**--this is a fundraising program for SMA. You would gather and submit the BT coupons that the students send in throughout the year. There are two submissions dates (October & March) that you would mail the collected boxtops to the company in order for the school to be paid.

PTO does reimburse you for what you spend (each event carries a budgeted amount to work within). You can work alone or recruit a friend to help with any of these activities. Please contact Ashley Lyon ([Lyon.AshleyM@gmail](mailto:Lyon.AshleyM@gmail.com)) or Misty Storm ([StormFamilyEmail@gmail](mailto:StormFamilyEmail@gmail.com)) if you are interested or would like additional information.



The annual SMA Fish Fry is upon us! This is the largest annual fundraiser for the SMA Athletic Department and has funded projects like the new hardwood floors in the gymnasium and the new grass, fencing and bleachers on the football field. There are 2 requests of our SMA families. The first is volunteering. We hope that every family will consider working at least one shift through the fish fry. You can sign up via Signup Genius at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60b0445a8ae2ca7f58-2019/9140882>.

The second is to come and enjoy the food! The next Fish Fry will be on March 15th from **5:00 to 8:00 pm**. We will again have online ordering and credit/debit card processing! We still accept cash of course. The link for online ordering is <https://stb2008.weshareonline.org/FRIDAYLENTENFishFryOrderForm2019>.

You can use this to either order a drive thru order or to skip the ordering line when you arrive.

### Attention all Football Coaches!!



If you are interested in being a **Head Coach in the Fall of 2019**. Please send an email to **Craig DeSensi** at [William.c.desensi@medtronic.com](mailto:William.c.desensi@medtronic.com) to express your interest in a **Head Coaching Position**.

Headed to the March 8th or 15th Fish Fry? Don't forget to purchase a koozie to keep your beverage cold! Not a fan of cold beverages? Don't worry. Spirit wear will be available for purchase too. Support the PTO while supporting Athletics. It's a win for everyone! See you there.



Stress, Anxiety & Depression  
**S.A.D. CHILDREN**  
Strategies for Parents & Teens

**FREE EVENT**

**St. Margaret Mary Hospitality Room**  
**March 17th - 3:15-4:45 pm**

For parents of children of all ages with parallel programming for Jr. and Sr. High students. Psychologists Dr. Tony Sheppard and Dr. Zack Thieneman from Groupworks will run separate workshops for parents and teens respectively.

**Hear ways to be supported or to support your children, friends or classmates.**



**Dr. Tony Sheppard**  
Psy.D., CGP, FAGPA



**Dr. Zack Thieneman**  
Psy.D., CGP

**Saint Bernadette & Saint Mary Academy Rice Bowl Lenten Charity Giving:**

The "Rice Bowl" is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten money donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million.

**What is a CRS Rice Bowl?**

Your children will be receiving the iconic CRS Rice Bowl before Lent which begins Wed., March 6 (Ash Wednesday). This simple cardboard box for your home is a tool for collecting money and comes with a Lenten calendar that guides families through the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections and stories.

**When and where should the cardboard containers be turned in full of coins & dollars?**

Please bring the Rice Bowls to the Holy Thursday liturgy, April 18, at 7:00 PM in Church or turn them into your homeroom prior to April 18.

**You're Invited to a Seder Celebration**  
**Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm in the Narthex**



Join us as members of the Jewish Community lead our Saint Bernadette Seder Celebration. We do not come to this Seder Celebration as a history lesson or as a re-staging of the last supper of Jesus. We come to this Seder celebration just as it is celebrated by the Jews. To do so is to acknowledge our common biblical roots.

This presentation will be interactive and although it will not be a full meal, we will taste various food items that are representative of what the Hebrew people experienced while in slavery in Egypt.

Passover is the oldest festival of the Hebrew liturgical calendar. It has been observed by the Jewish people for more than 3,000 years. It occurs in spring (March-April) and it lasts 8 days. Jesus, as a devout Jew, celebrated Passover every year of his life including the final time at the Last Supper.

**Reservations are absolutely necessary – seating is limited to 120.**

Register your spot today at <https://www.stb2008.org/sedercelebration>

**RSVP by Monday, March 18.**

Contact Bob Sugrue at 815-3105 for more information.