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Monarch News

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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 Parents,

I came across the following prayer that I thought I'd share as we continue on our Lenten journey together:

My God,
You are with me each moment of this day.
When I am tempted to be indifferent to the needs of others,
open my eyes and my ears.
When I feel anxious and overwhelmed, fill my heart with your peace and love.
When I feel depressed or despair at the state of the world, inspire me with hope.
Help me be a source of light in darkness,
tenderness in suffering, comfort in loneliness, strength in vulnerability.
Let me be an instrument of your healing presence and power today.
Amen

Dr. Marcus Mescher

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

- 3/25 – School Liturgy @ 8:15 am
Feast of the Annunciation
- 4/1-4/5 – Spring Break
- 4/9 – School Liturgy @ 8:15 am
- 4/10 – 6th Grade Parent Lunch @ 12:30 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



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

It has been brought to SMA's attention that there is a "mole issue" on the soccer fields. In order to address this matter, traps will be set later this week and a portion of the field will be fenced off. Be advised that the trap trigger plates will be ground level, but the actual traps will be underground. The traps will remain in place through spring break. Please be extra vigilant while on the playground and keep children out of the fenced in area. Let Mrs. Kelly know if you have questions.



"Check Your Bumper" Giveaways!

Look for your SMA decal
that's coming home in
today's folder!



Next week, families who display the SMA decal on their vehicles in the parking lot and during carpool will receive a raffle ticket. Winners will be announced via email, and prizes can be redeemed in the school office.

Show your Monarch pride, and you may win one of these prizes to prepare you for Spring Break.



Get Your Gas!

\$50 Gift Card to Speedway

Pack Your Snacks!

\$50 Gift Card to Kroger

Stock Up On Sunscreen!

\$50 Gift Card to Target

Let's Get These Kids in Front of a Crowd!

Win tickets to *Hamilton* Regular Show
by performing your own original work!



Students K-12 are invited to perform an original work based on historic sources on April 27 & 28 at Historic Locust Grove.

Winners for each age group will receive tickets to *Hamilton*.
All performers will be entered into a drawing for tickets.

Visit www.locustgrove.org/studentsshowcase for complete entry rules.

Register by April 12, 2019 by emailing Mary Beth Williams at mwilliams@locustgrove.org.



Support provided by the Louisville Theatrical Association/PNC Broadway Series



Please view photos from SMA's 2019 Evening of Excellence on the following link:

<http://saintmaryacademy.com/about-us/pto/>

Scroll down and click on the Evening of Excellence tab.



St. Mary Academy is seeking families that live near the Wynbrooke area who are interested in bus transportation for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested, please contact Julie Speer at julie.speer@saintmaryacademy.com or 315-2553.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made the 7th Grade Refugee Simulation so meaningful!



Time for some spring cleaning?

SMA's middle school students are participating in a day of service on April 15th. One of their service opportunities is to support WaterStep's "Shoes for Water" program.

By donating your new and gently used shoes to WaterStep, you'll help fund safe drinking water projects all over the world — projects that help to save hundreds of thousands of lives each year. In addition to funding water projects, donated shoes keep hundreds of tons of waste out of our landfills. WaterStep accepts gently used shoes that are free of mold/mildew. Athletic shoes are preferred, but we will accept all styles of shoes. Shoes are sold to an exporter and funds received help bring clean water to those in need.

Please send any new or used shoes by Friday, Apr. 12th. There will be collection containers in the school lobby and the Narthex at St. Bernadette.



Our parish and school community have always demonstrated giving hearts. During this Lenten season, we would like to extend a big thank you for your generous school supply donations to our sister parish, St. Louis de Gonzaga, in Haiti. Our SMA Girl Scouts planned and implemented a very successful drive. We look forward to blessing this community.





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 22nd 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.



SMA Field Hockey
(Grades 3 – 8)
Registration Deadline is April 9th.

Rice Bowl Collection

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.