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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 SMA Families,

On behalf of all the staff at Saint Mary Academy, we want to thank you for all the kindness you have shown us during Teacher Appreciation Week. We are so blessed to have such wonderful parents. Thank you for making us feel very special and for allowing us to educate your precious children.

Have a safe and relaxing Spring Break!

Peace and God Bless.



## 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

- 4/1-4/5 – Spring Break
- 4/9 – (Tuesday) School Liturgy @ 8:15 am
- 4/10 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Lunch @ 12:30 am
- 4/11 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat @ Mt. St. Francis Reconciliation (Gr. 2-8) @ 9 am
- 4/15 – PS/Pre-K Easter Egg Hunt
- 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
- 5/2 – School Liturgy @ 8:15 am
- 5/3 – Derby Eve (No School)

## Time for some spring cleaning?

SMA's middle school students are participating in a day of service on April 15<sup>th</sup>. 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. 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be collection containers in the school lobby and the Narthex at St. Bernadette.



Just a friendly reminder that leggings are never permitted to be worn on free dress day.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

## Information Session

Please join us to experience the power of mathematical learning and problem solving that your children are doing in all grades at St. Mary's Academy. You can expect an afternoon full of fun, wonder, and math! Find out how your children are seeing the beauty of math and blossoming into mathematicians!

Math Consultants Dr. Barbara Blanke and Mr. TJ Jemison have been working with St. Mary Academy's teachers over the past two summers in developing instructional strategies to improve student learning and mathematical thinking for ALL students. They will take you through some of the visual models and problem solving strategies that will assist you in supporting your student's mathematical learning at home.

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to develop mathematicians in every child at St. Mary's Academy. Please sign up [here](#).

Thursday, April 11, 2019<sup>th</sup> 3:45 – 5:00 PM in the Media Center



**SMA Field Hockey  
(Grades 3 – 8)  
Registration Deadline is April 9<sup>th</sup>.**



**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.