



April 2, 2021

Dear St. Mary's Families,

Happy Easter! I hope your family has a blessed Easter holiday and that you celebrate the Resurrection of Christ by attending Mass together as a family. Easter festivities of egg hunts and the Easter Bunny are fun for adults and children alike, but the true place to celebrate the miracle and blessings of Easter is going to Mass together. The General Dispensation from attendance of Sunday Mass and Holy Days was lifted last week by Bishop Rice before Palm Sunday, and our Joplin area Catholic churches are happy to welcome your family back to Mass!

In your family's Communicator Envelope next Friday you will find a booklet and registration information for **St. Mary's popular and always fun Summer School**. This year, three sessions of summer school will be held the weeks of June 7th - 10th, June 14th - 17th, and June 21st - 24th. Summer School classes are held Monday - Thursday each week from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Class sizes are limited, so we encourage you to enroll as soon as possible so your child does not miss out on the fun! St. Mary's Summer School classes are open to all area students, so your child may invite a friend who may not attend St. Mary's to join him or her. We are offering a selection of classes for each age division at St. Mary's (incoming Early Learners – current 5th graders) so everyone can share in the fun!

Speaking of fun, the McAuley Cheerleaders are sponsoring a **Parents' Night Out** the evening of Saturday, April 10th from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the McAuley Multipurpose Room. Children ages 3 -13 are welcome to attend, and snacks and games will be provided. This is a great way to enjoy a date night with your spouse and help the McAuley Cheerleaders earn

money for cheer camp this summer. The cost is \$20 for 1 child and \$15 for each additional child for the evening. A flyer is attached to this email for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Madison Parrigon at madisonparrigon@gmail.com.

In addition to the flyer for the Parents' Night Out event, you will also find attached to the Communicator Newsletter information about the upcoming **Warrior Dash 5K being held the morning of Saturday, April 17th** at Landreth Park in Joplin. The morning starts with a Kids' 1 mile Fun Run at 8:15 a.m. and the 5K begins at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration for the event is \$25 and includes an event t-shirt and registration the morning of the event is \$30. Event t-shirts are guaranteed if registration is received by Friday, April 9th and after that, t-shirts are available the day of event on a first come, first serve basis. The event is sponsored by the St. Peter's and McAuley PTA to raise money for specific projects at the schools. For more information please use the following link or refer to the attached flyer.

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On Wednesday evening you should have received a School Messenger message from Sister Julie about several items. Sister Julie reminded parents of our current Easter Holiday and that classes resume on Tuesday, April 6th. In addition, she notified parents that **Friday, April 16th has been adjusted to a full-day of school** in order to make up hours from our snow days in February. Friday, May 14th remains a half-day. Please ensure that you also make note of the many **upcoming events and activities listed at the end of the newsletter that St. Mary's will be having during the months of April and May so you can start to make plans now.** The last two months of the school year are always busy, and I am so thankful that we will be able to enjoy so many of our school's annual events this year.

God bless and take care,
Joanne Lown
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Important Dates to Remember:

Friday, April 2nd – Monday April 5th

No School- Easter Holiday

Tuesday, April 6 th p.m.	Classes Resume Golden Apple Nomination Reception, 5:30
Wednesday, April 7 th	Charity Dress Day
Thursday, April 15 th	Free Dress Day Inter-State Spring Photos!
Friday, April 16 th	Full Day of School, dismissal at 3:10 p.m.
Sunday, April 18 th	First Communion at St. Mary's, 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 21 st	Pre-K Graduation Photos, 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 24 th	JACS Tailgate Annual Auction
Wednesday, April 28 th	K - 2nd Grade Spring Program with Project Fair following, program starts at 6:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church
Thursday, April 29 th	Diocesan 5 th Grade Retreat at St. Agnes Cathedral School in Springfield
Monday, May 3 rd	May Crowning and Rosary, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 5 th	3rd - 5th Grade Spring Program with Project Fair following, program starts at 6:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Charity Dress Day
Wednesday, May 12 th	Early Childhood (Early Learners, Preschool, Pre-K) Spring Program , 9:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Church
Thursday, May 13 th	5 th Grade Full Day Step-Up Day at St. Peter's Middle School
Friday, May 14 th	Noon Dismissal – Teacher PD
Thursday, May 20 th	St. Mary's Field Day

Free Dress Day

Wednesday, May 26th

Pre-K Graduation Ceremony, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 27th

Last Day of School!