



# St. Mary's Catholic School

## Friday Notes



Available with additional pictures and attachments in parent's email and online at <https://www.aquinas-catholic.com/stmarys/friday-notes/>  
(Please let us know if you did not receive them in your email.)

February 21, 2020

### Preparing for Lent

I can't believe it is already Lent next week! This time of year seems to come so quickly. I hope you can put the calendar to use that is with this Friday Note. It is from Christ in the City in Denver where we send groups of students from Aquinas on mission each year. Our challenge from Fr. Homes this week was to choose something to do or to give up that would help us be more like Jesus. Some students have reported that they are giving up things like: TV, video games, sweets, their pillow; and are adding things like: reading the Bible or praying each day, doing 1 chore without complaining each day, praying with a sibling each day. These are all great ideas that can't help but bring them closer to Jesus. *I pray this Lent is a time that brings the peace and joy of Jesus into your homes through these sacrifices and practices. God Bless, Mrs. Zook*

### Uniform Changes and Cost-Savings

We are not able to continue with Dennis Uniforms as our uniform provider as they do not carry the black/gold plaid that Aquinas will be using for skirts. We are happy to announce that we have both partnered with Tommy Hilfiger uniforms who can provide the same quality uniform items at 20-45% cost savings! They will send us samples to try out sizes and they have an online store for easy purchasing. We will let you know when these are available. They also carry some items you may like such as embroidered cardigans and v-necks and athletic dress pants.

They, however, do not carry our blue/green plaid. So, after discussion with council and administration, we will transition our blue/green plaid to the middle/high school black/gold plaid over the next two years. Everything else in the dress code transition remains—by then end of next year: navy to black, light blue to gold, white stays the same. In the end, it will make a consistent uniform that flows from St. Mary's to Aquinas, which was the goal. I am sorry for the inconvenience in losing the blue/green plaid, but happy to save you some money on future purchases. Here are a few examples:

plaid jumper, \$30 (was \$48)    plaid skort, \$26 (was \$46);  
plain skort, \$22 (was \$33)    shorts, \$15-20 (was \$25-31);  
pants, \$20-30 (was \$25-34)    polos, \$15-18 (was \$19-25).

*Please contact us with any questions or concerns.*

### THANK YOU

- To all of our families for their generosity! Kindergarten won the Catholic Schools Week coin war with 5<sup>th</sup> grade right behind. We raised a total of \$685.07! The Kindergarteners voted to split the money between helping with the Mexico mission and Catholic Social Services. All who need our help for sure!



**VIRTUE IN PRACTICE for February**  
**ZEAL:** *being driven by an intense love of God;*  
St. Paul (PK-2), St. Dominic (3-5)  
**Homework is due next week.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**\*\*FACTS is open, can start applying for Good Shepherd Diocesan Scholarships now. Simpler application and expanded to help more families this year!\*\* Must apply for 4<sup>th</sup>+ child free.**

**Sat., Feb. 22, State Robotics at SAC Museum, 2 teams from St. Mary's competing**

**Wed., Feb. 26, Ash Wednesday**

**Fri., Feb. 28, Spirit Day!!**(Spirit or Religious T-shirt only and athletic or jean bottoms. Regular spirit day—no sport team items, etc.)

**\* Virtues Homework Due today\***

- Stations at SM Church, 2:45  
- KC Fish Fry-St. Mary's gym

**Wed., Mar. 4, 10 AM Late Start, Teacher Prof. Development**

**Thu., Mar. 5, 8 AM Baptism Mass, end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

## From the Spirit Club Spiritual Coordinator:



**Baby update:** Your baby is now 29 weeks (fetal age) and weighs about 3 3/4 pounds and is about 16 inches long. Your baby's heart has now beat nearly 41 million times without even a minor tune-up. His or her head is the size of an artichoke. His or her wrinkly skin is smoothing out thanks to fat stores building up under the skin. This fat will help your baby maintain body temperature after birth and is an important source of stored energy.

--This is new baby Smaus who is at the same age as our spiritually adopted babies. Please share this picture with your children (on email will look better) so they can "see" their little baby growing! Thanks for sharing Laurie and John!

**Holy Hour Openings:** Thursday 3 a.m. and Friday 1 a.m.

Lent is approaching. This would be a great time to commit to a weekly hour with Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus is longing for a more intimate relationship with you.

For more information contact Brenda Eller (402-367-3405) or Bob Palik (402-367-4151).

-----ST. MARY'S SCHOOL  
SOUP SUPPER FUNDRAISER,  
MARCH 10-----



\*\*Soup  
Supper  
assignment  
sheets will be  
sent home  
soon. Thank

you for helping with this BIG fundraiser for St. Mary's School!! We couldn't do it without you!

Items needed for the **Soup Supper** raffle items: Are you crafty or have fun items to share? We'd love to add them to our list—please let the office or Heidy Svoboda know.

Photos from Katie Ann Healy's post in St. Mary's School

Saddle Up And Head On Over To The  
St. Mary's Spirit Club

# Boots & Beauties

## DADDY - DAUGHTER DANCE

### Humble & Kind

Saturday, March 21 6-8pm  
St. Mary's School Gym

Put on them, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12

**\$10.00 per couple and \$2 for each additional student**

*Bring a Dad, Grandfather, Uncle or Other Special Male Guest!*

RSVP with payment no later than  
Friday, March 13.  
Please make checks payable to the  
St. Mary's Spirit Club.

DJ, Photographer, Games,  
Finger Foods, Treats and Drinks provided

OPTIONAL: Small Town Blooms is offering  
Daisy Pom Corsage and Boutonniere Deal  
Like Comment Retweet Share you would like to order

Tag Photo Options

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS: Teachers work on Professional Development Goals every year. This year, Mrs. Smith is trying out some small group instruction in Math. It is a great way to reach each learner! Can you find students practicing math on IXL on the iPads, working independently at their desks, and getting specific instruction from Mrs. Smith? (The students also really like it!)



Last year, Mrs. Rachel's Prof. Goal was to bring in more STEM. Mrs. Rachel loves to do STEM (Science Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) work with her preschool/Pre-K students. Each student had a job: the scientist/recorder, the cleaner, and the measurer. They rotated so each student got to do each job. Have fun doing these again at home—it's baking soda in the volcano and add red-colored vinegar!



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS: Results of Random Acts of Kindness Week! Thanks, Mrs. Roh!

