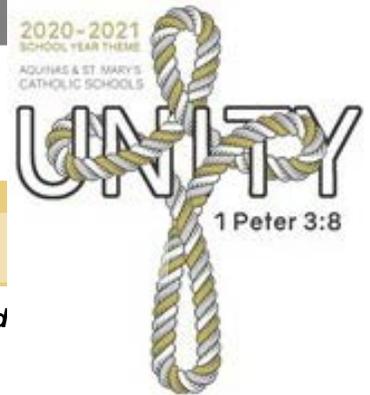




Friday Notes



COVID Update

Per our school administrator call this morning with Four Corners Health Department: Our region remains in **orange**, Butler County has many new cases. Please continue to practice social distancing and masking when close to others. Detailed region information available at fourcorners.ne.gov.

*** We continue to provide elevated protections for the students.** They are in masks all but when they are at their desks 6 feet apart, to/at PE, while eating 6 feet apart, and to/at recess outside. This should not result in close contact exposures per the Four Corners guidelines.

***Please make sure your child has a water bottle and a mask each morning.**

- Health Checks coming up in November



Upcoming Events:

October is the Month of the Rosary, Pro-Life Month, All Saints, and Halloween. ****Don't forget your October calendar (back of lunch menu) for more ideas of Fun and Faith this month!**

Oct. 19, 22, 23 – NO SCHOOL

Oct. 22, 2 PM-7 PM, Parent Conferences: Your scheduled time should have come home with your oldest child. Please contact the office right away if that time will not work.

Oct. 29: Spirit Day at St. Mary's

Oct. 30: All Saints Dress-Up Day and Saints Party in the gym - **Items due for the Pro-Life Baby Shower—see flyer on page 2**

Guides Along the Way?

I was caught, “hook, line, and sinker” by this paragraph recently,

“How can you and I muster the strength to resist the [devil and the world’s temptations]?”

The answer, I am certain, is no secret. The path Jesus invites us to walk, the path our age desperately needs someone to explore, has been walked before. This path may be covered with grass and leaves, and some shrubs may have even worked their way across it, but it is there. The path of true Christian spirituality has been well worn throughout the centuries. ... If we sincerely wish to follow Jesus, it is only natural to ask: Who have been his greatest followers? **Who has thrived by following Jesus? Who has walked this path successfully**

before us? Which men and women have made this perilous and difficult journey? Who has embraced the adventure of salvation? Are these people available to guide you and me along the path today?

The answer, of course, is the saints.” **Did that catch you, too?** ☺ (*Rediscovering Catholicism by Matthew Kelly—thank you to Heather Oltmer and Angie Krivanek for leading this book study!*)

Popular culture wants us to forget about them because they are so helpful in showing us how to endure the challenges of our times. Did they endure criticism and mockery because they believed? Did they survive pandemics and struggles? Did they have dark times where they felt lost in their faith? These and so much more!

If we agree that we want our children to love and follow Christ and his teachings, learning to love God and their neighbor, this is the month to find someone to help on this journey. Reading the lives of the Saints is great, but sometimes the stories don't stick as much as we'd like. **Here are a few educational strategies we can use to help.**

1. **Make a personal connection:** ask them what it would have been like to live and walk with their Saint, what would they have worn, what would they have done with their Saint, what would your Saint have done if faced with this challenge?
2. **Create:** Draw a picture of their Saint and add themselves to it.
3. **Immerse:** Dressing up as their Saint is a great way to step into their footprints for a day. Who knows, maybe some of those characteristics will stick.

We are working on 3 Saints this month for **Courage** if you want to look more deeply into one of them: **St. Bernadette, St. Paul Miki, and St. Joan of Arc. It would be awesome to have a few of those in the halls on Oct. 30!**

God Bless, Mrs. Zook

***Personal note:** Our family is on quarantine due to an exposure with one of my kiddos and husband. We are all fine and will be back soon. ☺ Prayers for all of our families dealing with the virus.

Oct. 9, 2020

Usborne Books and More Book Sale



***During St. Mary's Conferences*
Thurs., October 22**

**Come shop for books with your children.
Get books for holiday and birthday gifts!
Novelty Items for Sale in Library**

Proceeds to support the St. Mary's School Library

*From St. Mary's Spiritual Committee
Coordinator:*

Coming up....

Time to Be a Saint!

It's never too early to start planning your All Saints Day costume. **Students will dress up on Oct. 30** for school. We will have them share the name of their Saint and hopefully a little more about them.

Costumes should be SIMPLE, using items you have at home as much as possible. There are LOTS of great ideas with a search of "child Saint Costumes" or "All Saints Day Costumes" on the internet. We'll share some more easy ideas as the day gets closer.



Usborne Book Sale is Coming!

When: During Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 22, 2:00-7:00

Where: Main hallway at St. Mary's School

This year you can also order online! (Starting today! October 9th-October 25th)

Go to e0665.myubam.com

Choose **SHOP**, then **St. Mary's Book sale**

OR (To avoid shipping charge of \$6.95)

Shop online and then contact Gloria Edgars with your choices and payment.

(Text or call 402-430-8788 or email jgedgar@diodecom.net)

Pay by credit card, Venmo, PayPal or send her a check.

She will add your order to onsite sale order and deliver your books to St. Mary's School with no shipping charged!

50% of total purchases (both online and in person) will be given as free books to the St. Mary's School Library!

Novelty Items

Sold in the main hallway at the end of the school day (3:00-3:30) on Tuesday, October 20th and Wednesday, October 21st and during conferences on Thursday, October 22nd.

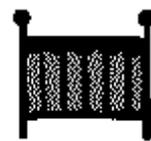
(Also the following week if items are available.)

Items range in price from \$.25 – \$3.00

OH BABY!



St. Mary's School is 
having a
PRO-LIFE



**Diapers in
sizes 4, 5, & 6
are
especially
needed.**

Baby SHOWER

October is Respect Life Month.

Donate items by leaving them in the pack-n-play set up in the front entry of the school by Mary.



At the end of the month items will be given to Butler County Right to Life and they will be donated to a charity that serves moms and babies in need.