



BOBCAT BUZZ



March 2024

Lent has started and SMCS is practicing fasting, prayer and almsgiving! Each grade level is focused on a Lenten project to serve our community. Our first school project was collecting cereal and boxed goods for the St. Mary Food Pantry. Early childhood students are earning cans, boxed, and dry goods through acts of service at home. They bring the cans and collect them in their rooms. At the end of Lent, they will visit the St. Mary Food Pantry and stock the shelves. First graders are putting together bags to give to the homeless,



including toiletries, hand sanitizer, and other necessities. Second and third graders have a calendar that includes daily acts of prayer, and kindness they complete. Fourth graders are collecting items to donate to the Gabriel project. Fifth graders are praying the rosary more often and completing Lenten reflections.



Junior High students are practicing Living Stations. They will present this holy program, Wednesday, 3/27 @ 6:30 PM in the church, and 8:30 AM Thursday, 3/28. Students, kindergarten through 5th grade, will attend the Thursday morning presentation.

Students will also participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the school day with Fr. John to celebrate Lent.

It is truly a blessing to celebrate our faith through acts of prayer, fasting, and alms giving this Lenten Season. Thank you for being a part of the SMCS family!



Mrs. Halbardier



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
Mar 1—8		SMCS Book Fair
Mar 2	8:00 AM	First Communion Family Festival— <i>Annunciation Hall</i>
	10:00 AM	Altar Server Training
Mar 2—3		First Weekend Mass
Mar 4	6:00 PM	Internet Safety Presentation— <i>Cargill Hall</i>
Mar 6	6:00 PM	Father/Daughter Night
Mar 6	9:00 AM	Belles of St. Mary Lenten Day of Prayer
Mar 8	12:00 PM	Early Dismissal—No Aftercare
Mar 11—15		Spring Break—No School
Mar 18	7:00 AM	Fairway to Heaven Golf Tournament
Mar 25—31		Holy Week
Mar 27	7:00 PM	Way of the Cross
Mar 28		Holy Thursday
	8:30 AM	Way of the Cross
	12:00 PM	Early Dismissal
Mar 29		Good Friday—No School
Mar 31		Easter Sunday
Apr 1		Easter Monday—No School
Apr 2	2:00 PM	Class Easter Parties
Apr 4	2:00 PM	Early Dismissal—No Aftercare
Apr 5		Class/Sport/Makeup Photos
Apr 6—7		First Weekend Mass

FIRST SUNDAY MASS

Students who attend any Mass in person wearing full dress uniform will earn **free dress the following Monday**. We have openings for gift bearers. Check the [Sign Up Genius](#) to volunteer your family to bring up gifts at Mass.



SMCS 2024 GALA



This year's Arabian Night Gala is on **Saturday, May 4 at 6:30 PM** in Annunciation Hall. Come and enjoy dinner, drinks, music, the wine/liquor pull as well as the Live, Silent, and Dessert auctions. Planning is underway and we need your support:

- Volunteer! All of the planning committees need help! Contact [Patricia Richards](#)
- Donate an item to the auction
- Purchase your dinner and raffle tickets
- SPONSORSHIP—advertise your business or give your family a shout out!

INTERNET SAFETY

Parents are invited to attend the Internet Safety Presentation on **March 4 at 6:00 PM** in Cargill Hall. The Texas City Police Department's Electronic Forensics Team will educate families on internet and smart phone safety. Jr. High students are encouraged to attend with parents.



LEGOS AND LYRICS



SMCS is hosting a Father and Daughter Event on **March 6 from 6:00-8:00 PM** in Cargill

Hall. Join us for a fun night of Lego building and karaoke. The price is \$10 for dads, \$15 for daughters, and \$10 for each additional child. This includes dinner and a Lego set for the daughters. Please contact [Patricia Richards](#) to reserve your spot.

REGISTRATION



Enrollment for the SMCS 2024—25 school year is open! Register early to earn incentives:

- **March 21**—\$100/student discount off registration fees
- **April 19**—\$75/student discount off registration fees

SMCS will cover the FACTS enrollment fee for families that create their FACTS 2024—25 payment plans by **April 19**. Visit the [Enrollment page](#) for details on fees, tuition, and more.

READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK



March 1—7 SMCS will celebrate Read Across America Week in honor of the pioneering children's author, Dr. Seuss!

- **March 1** – Dress like your favorite Dr. Seuss character or SMCS spirit dress
- **March 4** – Dress like an animal or wear animal print to show you're "wild" about reading
- **March 5** – Drop everything and read from 2:00-2:30 for Read Out Day
- **March 7**– Dress like your favorite book character

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY FESTIVAL

St. Mary Church will host a First Communion Family Festival on **March 2 from 8:00 AM—4:00 PM** in the Ministry Building. There will be a First Communion exhibition, First

Communion dresses, suits, and accessories at great prices, refreshments, music, and a craft station for kids. Admission is free.



BOOK FAIR

March 1 the Scholastic Book Fair begins! **Open each day 8 AM – 4 PM**, students visit during their class Library time. Cash, checks, credit cards, and [E-Wallet](#) (Scholastic's online account option) will be accepted. Contact [Mrs. Shipley](#) with any questions or if you wish to volunteer.



PRAYER AND MASS INFORMATION

Week	Class Leading Morning Prayer	Class Serving as Gift Bearers	Class Serving as Ministers of the Word
Mar 4—5	Mrs. Lederer's 3 rd Grade	Mrs. Keaten's 5 th Grade	6 th Grade
Mar 11—12	No School—Spring Break		
Mar 18—22	Mrs. Castillo's 3 rd Grade	Mrs. Davila's 5 th Grade	8 th Grade
Mar 25—28	Mrs. Mellado's 2 nd Grade	No Mass—Good Friday	
Apr 1—5	Mrs. Lopez's 2 nd Grade	Mrs. Pray's 4 th Grade	7 th Grade

WHERE'S THE BOBCAT?



Traveling far and wide this Spring Break, or just having a staycation? Join in the fun and take a picture in your Bobcat Spirit Shirt! Post the pictures to the SMCS Facebook page or email to [Mrs. White](#).

LENTEN FISH FRY



Our locally famous St. Mary KC Lenten Fish Fry continues **each Friday until March 22**. Dinner is served from **5—8 PM** at Cargill Hall. Large plates are \$12, small plates are \$7, and cheese pizza is available for \$6. Join afterwards at **7 PM** for Stations of the Cross in the church.

SPRING SPORTS

This spring SMCS is offering a Jr. High Track and Field, Elementary Track, and a T-ball team for our 4-6 year old students! Track practices Monday - Thursday in the front parking lot of the school until 5 PM. T-ball games will be held on Mondays at 5:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes in Hitchcock. Practice



details to come. Contact [Ms. Tolman](#) with any questions about SMCS track, and [Coach Butler](#) about T-ball.

THANK YOU

- ... *All Field Trip Drivers and Chaperones*
- ... *Mr. Allen for helping with the Color Run*
- ... *Mr. Osterberger, Deacon Russ, and Mr. Campos for speaking at Masses about the Golf Tournament*
- ... *Mr. Pifer and William for fixing the 3D printer*
- ... *Families that volunteered to be gift bearers at Mass*
- ... *8th Grade for serving as the Chili Cookoff Testers!*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March 2	Mrs. Mellado
March 5	Mrs. Keaten
March 10	Mrs. Castillo
April 2	Mrs. Cheney



RESOURCES

- ParentsWeb (FACTS, grades, lunch ordering)
stmy-tx.client.renweb.com/pwr
- Teacher's Friday Letters
<https://www.stmarylc.org/academics/newsletters.cfm>
- St. Mary Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/stmarylc

FAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

St. Mary of the Expectation
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ST. MARY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PURPOSE

St. Mary of the Expectation Catholic Church invites you to join us for a fun day of golf and fellowship for the benefit of St. Mary Catholic School.



MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

South Shore Harbour Country Club
4300 South Shore Blvd.
League City, TX 77573

DEADLINES

Sponsorship: 3/2/2024
Registration: 3/15/2024

INFORMATION

Time: 7:00 AM Check in and Breakfast

8:30 AM Shot Gun Start

2:00 PM Awards

Fees: \$125 Per Player

\$500 for a Team of 4

Format: Shot Gun Start/4 person teams

Registration includes Tee Time, Breakfast,
Lunch, Snacks, and Gift Bags.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM REGISTRATION



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