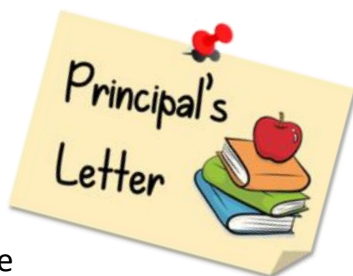




March 2025

March is going to be an exciting and prayerful time for SMCS!



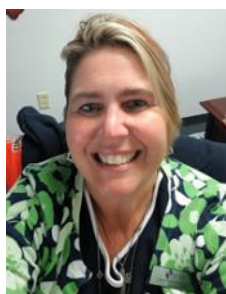
At the beginning of the month, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday as we prepare for Lent. Junior high students will begin preparing for Way of the Cross. They will also work on a Rosary Project to share with the younger students. All grades will have Lenten Projects that focus on prayer, fasting, and/or almsgiving such as:

- Earning cans at home by completing extra chores and donating them to the food pantry
- Saying extra prayers, a daily rosary, or writing prayer intentions in a journal
- Attending Adoration as a class

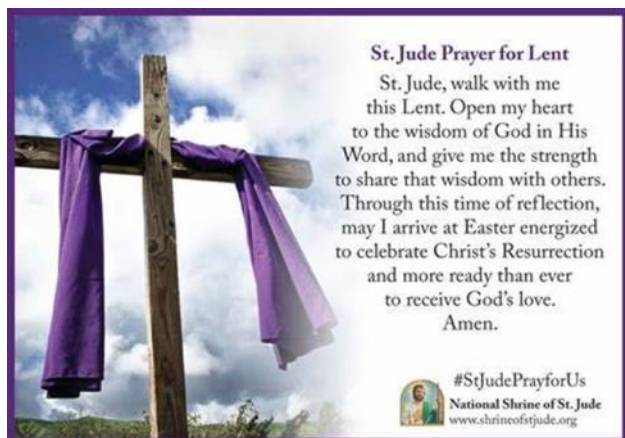
Students will also participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.

It is such a blessing to be a part of a community that values growth in mind, heart, and spirit!

I know that SMCS students will grow to be true leaders that care about their community, will demonstrate wonderful critical thinking skills and use faith as their guide to make thoughtful decisions.



Mrs. Halbardier



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity
March 1-2	All Masses	First Weekend Masses
March 5		Ash Wednesday—Full dress
March 6	2:15pm	Early dismissal—No aftercare
March 7	10:00am	SMCS Ribbon Cutting at the front of the school
March 14	12:15pm	Early dismissal—No aftercare
March 17-21		Spring Break
March 24		Fairway to Heaven Golf Tournament
April 1	10:30am	SMCS Advisory Council Meeting—Annunciation Hall
April 5-6	All Masses	First Weekend Masses
April 16	6:00pm	Way of the Cross—No aftercare
April 17		Holy Thursday
	8:30am	Way of the Cross
	12:15pm	Early dismissal—No aftercare
April 18		Good Friday—No school
April 20		Easter Sunday
April 21		Easter Monday—No school

FIRST SUNDAY MASS



Students who attend any Mass in person wearing full dress uniform will earn **free dress the following Monday**. [Sign up](#) to volunteer your family to be gift bearers.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Thanks to our hard-working teachers, let's keep showing our appreciation!

Monday, March 3: Let the Good Times Roll (Grab and go lunch for teachers!)

Tuesday, March 4: Fat Tuesday (Pancake cart for teachers)



FATHER/DAUGHTER BINGO NIGHT



Join us in Cargill Hall Tuesday, March 11 from 6- 8 PM for the Father/Daughter Sweetheart Bingo Night! \$25 for each father/daughter pair (\$10 for each additional daughter). Price includes bingo cards, dinner, snacks, and dessert. Bingo Daubers are an additional charge. Contact [Patricia Richards](#) to RSVP and order your Bingo Daubers.

K OF C FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Lenten Friday Night Fish Fry every Friday from March 7- April 11 starting at 5:00 pm. The menu includes a Large Plate with 2 fish filets or ½ lb. grilled shrimp and 2 hush puppies for \$12, and a Small Plate with 1 fish filet and 1 hush puppy for \$7. All plates include french fries, cole slaw, dessert, and iced tea.



SPREAD THE WORD

Please help us spread the word about how great it is to be a St. Mary Bobcat.

- Like, comment and share our social media posts.
 - Leave us a google review.
 - Help us share all of the wonderful things our students are doing in the community.
- Email [Autumn White](#) pictures of your bobcat's achievements and service.



GOLF CLASSIC



Calling all golfers! St. Mary of the Expectation Church will host the 2nd Annual St. Mary Fairway to Heaven Golf Classic benefitting St. Mary Catholic School on March 24 at South Shore Harbour Country Club. 100% of the proceeds from the event will go directly to support St. Mary Catholic School.

If you or someone you know wants to participate as a foursome team or even as an individual, [register](#) before March 10 to reserve a spot.

Do you know of a business, or family that would want to sponsor a portion of the Fairway to Heaven Golf Classic? This is a great way for any business to gain exposure before, during and after the tournament. There are still some sponsorships available, [register](#) your business as a sponsor before March 3. This was a sold-out event last year.

LIVING WAY OF THE CROSS

Join us this Lent in prayer, while our students bring back to life the Stations of the Cross, by reenacting each station. Everyone is invited to pray with us while our students bring to life the Stations of the Cross.



April 16, 2025 @6:00 PM
April 17, 2025 @8:30 AM

MASS INFORMATION

SUBJECT TO CHANGE—PLEASE VERIFY WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

Mass Day	Class serving as Altar Servers	Class Serving as Gift Bearers	Class Serving as Lectors	Class Singing in Choir
March 5 Ash Wednesday	Mrs. Whatley's Kinder and 8 th grade	Jr. High	Jr. High	Church Choir
March 7	Mrs. Gilmore's PK4 and 8 th grade	Mrs. Cheney's 8 th grade	5 th grade	Mrs. Pray's 4 th grade
March 14	Mrs. Brummett's PK4 and 8 th grade	Mrs. Mathews's 7 th grade	4 th grade and 8 th grade	7 th grade
March 28	Mrs. Wright's PK3 and 8 th grade	6 th grade	3 rd grade and 8 th grade	Mrs. Little's 6 th grade

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March 2	Mrs. Mellado
March 5	Mrs. Keaten
March 21	Mrs. Mathews
March 31	Mrs. Otero
April 2	Mrs. Cheney



MORNING PRAYER

March 3-7	Mrs. Keaten's 5th grade
March 10-14	Mrs. Parker's 4th grade
March 17-21	Spring Break – No School
March 24-28	Mrs. Pray's 4th grade
March 31-April 4	Mrs. McCarthy's grade

THANK YOU

... **Room Moms and Volunteers** for Teacher Appreciation Week
 ... **Volunteers** and all those that sent in treats and helped out with Valentine's Parties
 ... **Steps for Students** Participants and Steps Committee
 ... **Gala volunteers** for preparing auction items
 ... **Golf Classic** volunteers, sponsors, and golfers who have already registered

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
 Bobcat Buzz Archives
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