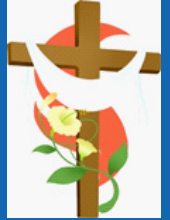




# St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School Newsletter



## Principal's Letter

Thank you to our **eleven students that represented St. Mary's so well at the Mendocino County Science Fair**. Congratulations to **Josie Woldemar and Clarice Quigley for being selected to represent Mendocino County at the California State Science Fair in Los Angeles!**

We are looking forward to our **"School Is Cool" assembly in April, presented by Around the World Yoyo**. This team travels around the country talking to students about the **importance of school, of respecting each other, and how not to be a bully or be bullied, while also teaching yoyo skills**. This is their second visit, and we look forward to having them on campus again!

Our final Lenten Stations of the Cross were led by eighth graders last Friday on the field, with our students following in the footsteps of Jesus along the Way of the Cross. We celebrated our Seder Meal Thursday with a Liturgy of the Word and a washing of the feet by Fr. Oscar. **Through our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, our students have gained new insights into themselves and others.**

Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives to our **St. Mary's Open House on May 5th**. The classrooms will be open and your student's work will be on display. You can grab a bite to eat and check out our amazing **Scholastic Book Fair** that will be held the first week of May.

Easter Break begins next week. I would like to thank all our parents for your ongoing support that allows us to continue this **valuable work of providing academic excellence in a faith-filled community**. It is a privilege to teach your wonderful children. **We see over and over again that working together with you makes our school a place of blessings.**

Have a blessed and happy Easter!

### *Easter Prayer*

*Loving God, we are surrounded by signs  
of springtime beauty, joy and rebirth.  
We ask you to bless these Easter signs  
that will remind us that Jesus is risen  
and is with us as he promised,  
sharing his life with us  
and filling our hearts with joy.  
For this we give you thanks. Amen*

## APRIL

Early Dismissal Days	Apr. 13, 27
School Resumes	Apr. 4
Awards Assembly	Apr. 5
Writers Reception	Apr. 7
3rd Quarter Ends	Apr. 8
Yoyo Assembly	Apr. 14
Yosemite Science Camp 7,8	Apr. 18-22
Giants Game, 4th	Apr. 21
3rd Trimester Progress Ends	Apr. 22
Confirmation	Apr. 23
NET Retreat, 7,8th	Apr. 26
School Mass, 6th, 2nd	Apr. 27
Spring Portraits	Apr. 28
Ukiah High Parent Night-8th	Apr. 28
First Communion Mass, 2,6	May 1

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**St. Mary's School would like to thank...**

**St. Mary's School Foundation for their continuous support of St. Mary's School**

**Dennis Denny for his donation to help fund the 7th/8th Yosemite Science Trip**

## KINDER

We have an exciting April coming. Kindergarten will continue to do word problems for addition and subtraction. We will also be moving into 2-D and 3-D shapes. You can help out by finding shapes in everyday objects as well as practicing fluency for addition and subtraction problems. In reading, students have been working on story elements and comprehension. When reading at home, ask your child who the characters are in the story as well as plot, setting and the events of the story. We will be writing a class book and publishing it through Student Treasures. You will have an option to purchase this book before we send it off to be published. This is an exciting time for your child and you do not want to miss out. In April we will be having our first Bunny Brunch and Egg Drop. A letter with more information was sent home before Easter Break. I can't wait to see what they make.

## FIRST

First grade has been busy writing paragraphs with a topic sentence and details. We celebrated Dr. Seuss and Read Across America with a class visitor and enjoyed many Dr. Seuss stories. We visited the Fish Hatchery at Lake Mendocino and began lessons on life cycles and habitats.

## FOURTH

During this Lenten season the fourth graders have been preparing for Easter in many ways. We have completed our Stations of the Cross and they are displayed outside our classrooms. We are also working on our "Jewel Books". This is a very special Lenten reflection book that promises to be a treasured keepsake.

## EIGHTH

We are off to Yosemite Science Camp with Nature Bridge April 18-22nd. Our junior high students once again showed their scientific prowess sending Josie Woldemar and Clarice Quigley to the State Science Fair! A special "shout out" to Tyler Simerson in 4th Grade for his award winning science project!

## **FEBRUARY AWARDS**

### Student of the Month

Lila Markowiak, Brady Banks,  
Jacob Lunceford, Janelle Peña,  
Zachary Hunter, Chase Barbieri,  
Joey Passalacqua, Scott Niderost

### Principal Award

Preston Richardson, Hailey Lucido,  
Alyvia Dyer, Carson Galletti, Mito Zazueta,  
Alex Marin, Naomi Lunceford,  
Emma Dolan, Tyler Tafer

### Personal Success Award

Dylan Morris, Jaycee Lucchetti,  
Robby Corippo, Connor Quigley,  
Brody Ford, Delia Madrigal, Gavin Looney,  
Ava Rinehart, Miguel Rodriguez,  
Austin Pardini, Randall Hockemier,  
Nathan Looney, Samantha Maki,  
Clarice Quigley, Dominic Anzilotti

### Language Arts Award

Kennedy Wellington, Tyson Woodall,  
Andrea Jimenez, Abraham Kircher,  
Gabriella Breen, Molly Kaluna-Jones,  
Mia Knight, Kallum Thurston,  
Trevor Schlafer, Joanna Ford-Barrera,  
Hudson Ford, Rylie Barber,  
Julianna Jimenez, Giancarlo Zazueta,  
Austin Ford, Angela Passalacqua,  
Joey Passalacqua, Clarice Quigley,  
Matthew Schlafer, Raymund Reyes

### Athlete of the Month

Cody Mavrakis, Taylor Kesler,  
Carter Duncan

### After School Program

Delia Madrigal

### Carousel of Books

Lila Markowiak, Ryan McGrew,  
Robby Corippo, Gisele Alvarez, Austin Ross

**COMPUTER**

8th grade has been learning how to program and code their own websites. They have created their own websites on the local chromebooks and are learning the secrets of becoming a programmer. 7th grade had a blast finishing up their yodeling unit with debates and research. They had great challenges and competed very well against each other. They will be moving on to programming in preparation for our field trip to Google. 6th grade just finished making their own books! They wrote two books, one fiction and one non-fiction that came out very well. We hope to read our stories to the second graders soon. We are now creating our own websites using weebly.com. 3rd-5th graders are studying the ins and outs of Google drive and discovering the many uses of the application. We are finishing up Google Docs and will be heading to Google Drawing soon. 1st-2nd grade are working through Headsprouts and Raz-Kids, exploring different types of reading material, and earning stars as they customize their “rockets”. We are also learning more about the keyboard, including the ESC button, shift, and many other keys. Kindergartners are now using more diverse programs in Starfall.com allowing them to customize their sentences.

**GARDENING**

The last of the red and green cabbage, brussels sprouts and cauliflower have been harvested and prepared for use in the school lunch salad bar. We still have a lot of kale and rainbow chard that will be incorporated into soup. Our carrot and radish bed didn’t drain well, so we lost some of those veggies, but we were able pull a few radishes and we replanted the rest! Red and yellow onions, strawberries and snap peas, lettuce, spinach and beets have all been planted and are thriving! We are keeping fingers crossed that the rain didn’t knock off too many blueberry blossoms! As quiet as it looks in the garden the kids have been busy planting a variety of heirloom tomatoes, sweet and hot peppers, eggplant and herbs, all from seed! If we can keep the birds out of the greenhouse we plan on having a plant sale in spring or sooner. All classes have been working on planning our spring garden beds using a companion planting chart to help choose the best combinations of plants to aid in plant growth and flavor, deterring pests and disease and improving soil structure. Thank you, Kristi Ross, for making the beautiful Mardi Gras project from the garden class happen. The kids had so much fun building the bench, painting pillow covers and preparing a flat of veggies to accompany the bench. Thank you, North American Organics, located in Redwood Valley, for the donation of soil for our school garden!

**Student Learning Expectations****A St. Mary of the Angels Student is a child of faith who:**

Respects all of God’s creation, Lives the Catholic faith and traditions, Serves others

**A St. Mary of the Angels Student is a lifelong learner who:**

Succeeds academically, Communicates effectively, Integrates technology efficiently

**A St. Mary of the Angels Student is responsible citizen who:**

Demonstrates leadership skills, Appreciates and respects diversity,

Exercises self respect and self discipline

**St. Mary’s School  
Faculty & Staff****Pastor**

Fr. Oscar Diaz

**Principal**

Mary Leitem Thomas

**Kindergarten**

Amanda Velasco

**Grade 1**

Dawn Gittleman

**Grade 2**

Julie Wilson

**Grade 3**

Dana Geimer/

Andrea Keffeler

**Grade 4**

Johanna Lopez

**Grade 5**

Tina Tejada

**Grade 6**

Pamela Thorpe

**Grade 7**

Rick Cleland

**Grade 8**

Dan Vilotti

**Music**

Sam Kircher

**Spanish**

Kathy Shipley

**Computers**

Peter Marshall

**Gardening**

Jill Scheller

**Librarian**

Marilyn McGrew

**Title 1**

Carl Morgensen

**Kitchen**

Kristin Myers

**Classroom Aides**

Beth Pacheco, Debbie Brutocao,

Paula Mayfield, Jill Scheller,

Chrissy Galletti, Kathy Shipley

**Kid’s Club**

Beth Pacheco, Kelly Mavrakis,

Kristen Marrow, Lulu Jimenez

**Finance**

Lisa Cavalin

**Secretary**

Kris Scaturro, Jasmine Boek

**Athletic Director**

Michele Bodnar

**Maintenance**

Jim Werner

**Development Director**

Mary Golden



## Information & Reminders

- Please remember to not park in the church lot across the street on Dora.
- Remember NO PARKING in the Mardi Gras designated spot.
- Be sure that the back gate shuts behind you when you enter or exit the school through the gate by the music room.
- A reminder for visitors: If you plan on coming to the school at any time during the day, please make sure that you go to the office and sign in. They will give you a lanyard to wear. Please wear this so that staff in the school know that you have signed in at the office. Anyone who is seen not wearing a badge will be asked to go back to the office to sign in. Please understand that this is for the safety of your child and others.
- Back Parking lot safety: Please remind your children to use the cross walk and grass to walk to and from cars. Students may not walk across the pavement between the field and the creek. Parents must be parked to load and unload children. Parents may not stop and drop off by crosswalk. Exception: Before 8am, parents may drop off Spanish/Kid’s Club students by the music gate.

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### Scholarship Available to College Bound St. Mary’s School Alumni

Each year the St. Mary’s School Foundation awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is a St. Mary’s alumni. Scholarship forms are available at Ukiah High School from Heather McQueary or the St. Mary’s School office. The form may also be downloaded from St. Mary’s website, <http://www.stmarysukiah.org/about/foundation/alumni-scholarship>. The scholarship is awarded at the UHS Graduation Awards ceremony. Interested alums are invited to pick up an application and apply. For more information, contact Kathy Ault, 707-485-8219. The deadline for receiving completed applications is May 1, 2016. Applications may be dropped off at the St. Mary’s School office, mailed to the St. Mary’s School Foundation at 415 W. Perkins, Ukiah, CA 95482, or emailed to [development@stmarysukiah.org](mailto:development@stmarysukiah.org).

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Visit our library and check out the beautiful new quilt displayed in honor of Sonia Anzilotti. This quilt was hand made by Kristi Ross featuring some of the favorite book titles and items dear to Sonia-the globe, clock, coffee cup, flower pot, and raven all had special meaning in her life.

This is a beautiful reminder of our beloved librarian. Thank you Kristi!

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### **EASTER/TRIDUUM SCHEDULE, ST. MARY’S UKIAH 2016**

Holy Thursday March 24  
 5:30 pm, Mass of the Lord’s Supper, English, 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper, Spanish  
 7 pm –10 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 Good Friday March 25  
 1:30 pm Good Friday Services, bilingual, 4:30 pm, Good Friday Services, English  
 7 pm, Good Friday Services, Spanish  
 3 pm Divine Mercy Novena, Stations of the Cross, English,  
 7 pm Divine Mercy Novena, Stations of the Cross, Spanish  
 Holy Saturday March 26  
 Easter Vigil Mass, 8 pm, bilingual  
 Easter Sunday March 27  
 7:15 am Mass, English  
 9 am Mass, Hopland, bilingual  
 10 am Mass, English, 12:30 pm Mass, Spanish  
 6 pm Mass, Spanish