



# St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Letter

Congratulations to our nine young scientists who competed at the Mendocino County Science Fair! Each of our students was interviewed about their project by three judges, and our students were all articulate and well informed. Thank you, students, for representing St. Mary's so well! Congratulations to Emma Dolan and Josie Woldemar who were chosen as alternates to the California State Science Fair in Los Angeles.

We continue with our Lenten practices—prayer, penance and almsgiving. Our last Stations of the Cross will be led by our eighth graders. They will gather on the field, acting out the passion of Christ, with the rest of the school following along the Way of the Cross. We celebrate our Seder Meal with a Liturgy of the Word and a washing of the feet by Fr. Oscar on April 6. Fourth grade continues to gather canned goods to donate to Plowshares, please help them reach their goal of 400 items! There is a Koins For Kids box in every classroom to collect money to help eight Dominican schools in the poorest areas of the Bay Area and Los Angeles. These donations help to build a positive future for their children, families, and communities. These Lenten practices help our students gain new insights into themselves and others that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Easter Break begins April 7. 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 our parents makes our school a place of blessings.

Have a blessed and happy Easter!

God bless,

### 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/MAY

Early Dismissal Days	Apr. 5,26
Family Mass, 7th, 8th	Apr. 2
Awards Assembly	Apr. 4
Kinder Bunny Brunch	Apr. 5
Writers Reception	Apr. 6
Seder Meal	Apr. 6
Stations of the Cross,8th	Apr. 7
Easter Break	Apr. 10-14
Holy Thursday	Apr. 13
Good Friday	Apr. 14
Easter	Apr. 16
School Resumes	Apr. 17
California State Science Fair	Apr. 24-25
School Mass, 2nd and 6th	Apr. 26
Sacrament of Confirmation	Apr. 27
Spring Pictures	Apr. 27
Gold Rush-4th	May 1-2
Oakland Zoo-3rd	May 3
Awards Assembly	May 2
Writers Reception	May 4
Luther Burbank- Kinder	May 4
Talent Show	May 5
First Communion Mass, 2nd/6th	May 7
School Mass and May Procession, 2nd/6th	May 10
Mother's Day	May 14
School Mass, 1st/7th	May 24
Memorial Day-No School	May 31

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

**Frank and Debbie Hunter for their donation to our school**

**The Whetzel Family for their donation to St. Mary's Student Council**

## KINDER

We are working on some new things for April! In math we will be working on 2-D and 3-D shapes, sorting objects, graphing, and counting by 10s. Continue working on counting to 100, writing numbers to 20 or more, adding, and identifying numbers. In reading, students will continue to read words with short vowel words and some will move on to reading long vowels and more words with digraphs (sh, ch, th...).

Ask questions when you read, ask the names of characters, the setting, and the sequence of the story. We will continue to write short sentences and expanding for those who are ready. Look for phonetic spelling. At this age they will spell most words how they sound. Correct sight words but encourage the stretching and sounding out of words. By now students should know most letters and be able to write them from memory. Help out where needed as we do not want to discourage students from growing.

We have the Bunny Brunch coming up on Wednesday the 5th. Please email me what you will be sending in and have it ready to serve (cut up and with a serving utensil). Please label anything you want back. We will eat outside if the weather is nice, otherwise we will eat inside.

## THIRD

We have been busy studying different habitats in Science. Check out our shoe box habitats outside our classroom. We also had a wonderful field trip to the Hopland Research Center and Campovida gardens.

## FOURTH

During this Lenten season the fourth graders will be preparing for Easter in many ways. We have completed our Stations of the Cross and they are displayed outside the fourth grade classroom. We are also working on our "Jewel Books". This is a very special Lenten reflection book that promises to be a treasured keepsake. A special thank you to everyone who has contributed to our food drive for Plowhares.

## SIXTH

In Middle School English we have submitted many great entries into the Ukiah Haiku Festival--Go Eagle Writers! The 6th Graders recently made the overnight trip to Fort Ross with the 5th Grade and had a wonderful time reliving the past. The 6-8th Grades also recently attended a showing of the Mayhem Poets at Luther Burbank, what an enjoyable show! Followed by a big soccer game during a break in the rain at Trione Fields. The students are now writing about Current Events; Pet Peeve Poems (to honor March "Mad"ness); and the 8th Graders are finishing up their Proteus Projects--keep them in your prayers, they are more than up to the challenge, but it's a lot of work!

## **FEBRUARY AWARDS**

### Student of the Month

Orion Novoa, Anna Dunicliff,  
Anabella Dobson, Canyon Darger,  
Steven Dunicliff, Kallum Thurston,  
Alex Castagna, Sophia Dunicliff,  
Josie Woldemar

### Principal Award

Presley Wellington, Alekii Sandoval,  
Joseph Collins, Shaylee Pardini, Austin Ross,  
Carson Galletti, Zachary Hunter,  
Julianna Jimenez, Lucas Gott

### Personal Success Award

Skylar Marston, Natalie Rodriquez, Taylor Allen,  
Tyson Woodall, Andrea Jimenez, Ainsley Harris,  
Aidan Rodriquez, Dillon Augustine,  
Bryce Van Patten, Erin Lazarevich,  
Carson Murray, Juan Alvarado-Mendoza,  
Hudson Ford, Taylor Kesler, Angel Ortega,  
Ethan Rinehart, Emersyn Sawyers,  
Emma Dolan, Angela Passalacqua,  
Joey Passalacqua

### Language Arts Award

Aubrey Cooper, Clayton Petri, Drake Porter,  
Annabelle Degallier, Jacob Lunceford,  
Brody Fowler, Skylar Taglio, Cameron Hubley,  
Isaac Hedges, Alex Castagna, Nathan Looney,  
Sophie O'Connor, Sophia Dunicliff,  
Emersyn Sawyers, Natalie Niderost,  
John Cabaniss, Lauren Lazarevich,  
Sidney Castagna

### Athlete of the Month

Cael Phenicie, Nick Larson,  
Josie Woldemar

### After School Program

Elii Sandoval

### Carousel of Books

Makai Muñoz, Bailey Simerson,  
Addie Ross, Hailey Lucido

**Holy Week and Easter Mass Times**  
**St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church**

**Holy Thursday, April 13**

Mass of the Lord’s Supper, English 5:30 pm; Spanish 7:00 pm

**Good Friday, April 14**

Service, English 1:30 pm; Service, Spanish 7:00 pm

Divine Mercy Novena, 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross, English 5:30 pm; Spanish 6:30 pm

**Easter Vigil, April 15**

Divine Mercy Novena, English 5:30 pm; Spanish 6:30 pm

Mass (bilingual) 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday, April 16**

Mass, English 7:15 am and 10:00 am

Bilingual Mass (Hopland), 9:00 am

Spanish Mass, 12:30 pm

Latin Mass, 2:30 pm

Spanish Mass, 6:00 pm



**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**

Christina Wilson

**Grade 2**

Julie Wilson

**Grade 3**

Dana Geimer/

Andrea Keffeler

**Grade 4**

Johanna Lopez

**Grade 5**

Matthew Alaniz

**Grade 6**

Jim Caruso

**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,

Allie Skipper, Chrissy Galletti,

Kathi Gower

**Kid’s Club**

Beth Pacheco, Kelly Mavrakis,

Jill Scheller, 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 fire lanes south of the gym.
- 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. Help keep our school safe!
- 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.
- We have reusable St. Mary’s water bottles for sale in the front office for \$5.00. We encourage students to use water bottles that can be refilled in our hydration station. They can leave these water bottles by their desk, and when they return from recess and lunch they can have a drink of water while getting right back to work- therefore losing less class time. This also helps with our school wide goal of having no plastic water bottles on campus.
- In order to work in the classroom, drive on field trips, coach teams or participate in any classroom activity you MUST have completed your live scan fingerprinting AND completed the on line training at [santarosa.cmgconnect.org](http://santarosa.cmgconnect.org).
- Amazon will donate .5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. Mary’s whenever you shop AmazonSmile.
- Don’t forget to pick up your First Communion and Confirmation Mass charts and registration forms in the office. Both must be filled out before students receive their sacrament.
- Chocolate milk will now be available to students on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



### DOMINICAN CORNER

#### TO BE A WORD OF GOD’S COMPASSION IN THE WORLD

Dominican spirituality is a call to understand the ways that God is speaking to us and to our world by listening to God’s word as it comes to us in the liturgy and in our personal prayer, and by pondering every source of truth available to us in Sacred Scripture, in Church doctrine, in the tradition of wisdom that has been preserved in books, and in the new wisdom that we find emerging from our experience.

Above all, followers of Dominic focus on the truth of God’s word revealed in Jesus. They strive to live in that “word”- to study it, and to speak it to a world that longs for good news. They hunger to know, to experience Jesus. And from that deep personal experience, they are empowered to speak God’s word of mercy to our world, to announce that good news as living, incarnated “words” of God’s compassion to our world. They come to understand that God’s compassion is lived and announced in each of us, in our relationships with others, in our very lives. In other words, we ourselves are to be events of God’s mercy.



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