



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School NEWSLETTER

Principal's Letter

Congratulations to our scientists that competed in our St. Mary's Science Fair. **We have thirteen young scientists who will compete at the Mendocino County Science Fair on Saturday, March 30th!** Good luck to our scientists!

We continue with our Lenten practices—prayer, penance and almsgiving. We celebrate our Seder Meal with a Liturgy of the Word and a washing of the feet by Fr. Isaac on April 11 in our auditorium. **Our last Stations of the Cross will be led by our eighth graders on Friday, April 12.** Our eighth graders will act out the passion of Christ, with our students walking along the Way of the Cross.

There is a Koins For Kids box in every classroom. These donations help eight Dominican schools in the poorest areas of the Bay Area and Los Angeles continue to build a positive future for their students, families, and communities. **These Lenten practices help our students to gain new insights into themselves and others that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.**

Bishop Vasa will visit our parish on March 31 and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon many of our parish teens, including three St. Mary's seventh graders: Saichai Bills, Shawn Harmon and Cameron Hubley. These three students completed two years of preparation! Congratulations! **Please keep them in your prayers during these final days of their preparation.**

Easter Break begins April 15. 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 2019

Early Dismissal Day	Apr. 10
Awards Assembly	Apr. 2
School Lenten Reconciliation	Apr. 3
Parish Lenten Reconciliation	Apr. 3
Writer's Reception	Apr. 4
Stations of the Cross-7th	Apr. 5
School Mass-7th/8th	Apr. 7
Spanish Parish Reconciliation	Apr. 10
Seder Meal	Apr. 11
Stations of the Cross-8th	Apr. 12
3rd Trimester Progress Ends	Apr. 12
Easter Break	Apr. 15-22
Holy Thursday	Apr. 18
Good Friday	Apr. 19
Easter Vigil	Apr. 20
Easter	Apr. 21
School Resumes	Apr. 23

St. Mary's School would like to thank our Community that contributed so generously to 2018/2019 Mardi Gras.



FIRST

March was an exciting month in Room 1! We were blessed to receive two new students this month. Please welcome our new friends Mattix and Xander if you see them around campus. This month we learned the real meaning of St. Patrick’s Day and learned about the Holy Trinity with the shamrock.

SECOND

Time is flying in second grade! Our field trip to Lake Sonoma to see the Steelhead was wonderful! We will continue to learn about life cycles as spring approaches. There are lots of insects to be observed! Thank you parents for all you do, and keep reading with your child at home.

THIRD

Third grade is beginning to transition into full-time cursive. The students are very excited about this next step.

SIXTH

In Middle School Language Arts the students have been writing Haikus to be entered into the annual Ukiah Haiku Festival. They have encapsulated their experiences of nature in this ancient Japanese poetic form. Contest results will be announced next month with awards presented at the Festival on the last weekend of April. Last year, current 8th grader, Nathan Looney, won 1st place in the 7-12th grade category. Here is a sample from this years haikus:

<i>lovely glimmering shooting star I wish for...</i>	<i>yardwork the sound of a mower sharply cutting grass</i>
<i>By Ava Rinehart</i>	<i>By Kallum Thurston</i>

<i>fire is gone fresh clean crisp air wholeness is returning</i>	<i>flowers blooming in the lonely tree branches spring is coming</i>
<i>By Saichai Bills</i>	<i>By Alex Castagna</i>

SEVENTH

The Renaissance and the Scientific Revolution are the most recent subjects for seventh grade in the history classroom, and the annual ping-pong tournament is the P.E. focus for junior high right now. Each class has their own separate competition to determine who qualifies for the school championship playoff beginning later this week. Austin Ford was the school champion last year. Who will claim the number one spot this year and get their name on the plaque? The seventh grade will be hosting the annual St. Mary’s Talent show, it is quickly approaching in early May.

EIGHTH

Seventh and eighth grade had a great National Evangelization Team (NET) retreat on the first of March. The NET retreat followed closely on the heels of St. Mary’s Science Fair, which was a wonderful event resulting in ten projects going to the County Science Fair at Mendocino College on March 30th.

FEBRUARY AWARDS

Student of the Month

Robert Fetzer, Ava Sublet, Cassidy Geimer,
Tyson Woodall, Ryan Ford, Hailey Chernoh,
Dane Rensen, Zoe Gregory,
Nathan Looney

Principal Award

Elizabeth Trigg, Violet Dawson,
Cain Graham, Bailey Simerson,
Drake Porter, Brody Fowler, Pamela Lopez,
Saichai Bills, Alex Castagna,
Zachary Hunter

Personal Success Award

Lucas Hubley, Madeleine Dalistan,
Finn Sullivan, Enoch Collins,
Nicolas Pintane, Skylar Marston,
Clayton Petri, Ambrosia Lolley-Mayginnnes,
Anabella Dobson, Abraham Kircher,
Ahmya Graham, Laila McAsey,
Gavin Gonzalez, Ava Rinehart,
Tyler Simerson

Language Arts Award

Elle Keffeler, Giada Giacomini,
Nathalie Rabor, Noah McAvoy,
Sequoia Torres, Concepción Gonzalez,
Joseph Collins, Chelsea Hiatt, Evan Lodge,
Austin Ross, Shawn Harmon,
Saichai Bills

Athlete of the Month

Maxemillian Vargas-Sanchez,
Molly Kaluna-Jones,
Zachary Hunter

After School Program

Audrina Armas

Carousel of Books

Emilia Mulholland, Luke Johnson,
Brody Coleman, Cassidy Geimer,
Bailey Simerson

Million Word Award

Bailey Simerson 2,142,946
Connor Quigley 1,066,000
Austin Ross 2,077,194
Saichai Bills 1,012,461

SPANISH

During the month of March we finished our unit on Spain with a quiz in grades 3rd-6th. Students in 4th -6th wrote paragraphs on what they learned about Spain. They were quite inspiring to read. We are continuing to learn how to conjugate *ar, er and ir* verbs in 4th-6th. Learning how to tell time in Spanish will take most of our time in the younger grades while continuing to reinforce our knowledge of colors, numbers, weather, greetings, days of the week and seasons. The students are excited to receive coins during Lent which they may save for a sombrero, an item from the gift box, or trade for Friday candy. ¡Feliz Pascua!

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the St. Mary’s School Foundation of Ukiah, Inc. awards a scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is a St. Mary’s graduate. The qualifications for the St. Mary’s School Foundation scholarship are:

- Student must be a graduate of St. Mary’s School.
- Student must exemplify the ideals of St. Mary’s philosophy in the areas of spirituality, academics, extra-curricular activities, and community service.
 - Student must be in his/her senior year of high school.
 - Student must be Catholic or baptized Christian.

The scholarship is awarded at the Ukiah High School graduation awards ceremony. Interested alumni are invited to apply. For more information, please contact Kathy Ault, (707) 485-8219.

The deadline for receiving completed applications is May 1, 2019. Scholarship applications may be found on the stmarysukiah.org website, in the school office and at Ukiah High School.



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. Anthony Madanu
- Principal**
Mary Leitem Thomas
- Kindergarten**
Katie Carlsen
- Grade 1**
Christina Wilson
- Grade 2**
Julie Wilson
- Grade 3**
Dana Geimer/
Andrea Keffeler
- Grade 4**
Virginia George
- Grade 5**
Jack Brown
- Grade 6**
Jim Caruso
- Grade 7**
Rick Cleland
- Grade 8**
Dan Vilotti
- Music**
Sam Kircher
- Spanish**
Kathy Shipley
- Gardening**
Jill Scheller
- Librarian**
Marilyn McGrew
- Title 1**
Carl Morgensen
- Computer**
Joe Selzer
- Kitchen**
Kristin Myers
- Classroom Aides**
Beth Pacheco, Chrissy Galletti,
Kathi Gower
- Kid’s Club**
Beth Pacheco, Kristen Marrow,
Nicole Quigley,
Lulu Jimenez
- Finance**
Lisa Cavalin
- Secretary**
Kris Scaturro, Jasmine Boek
- Athletic Director**
Katie Ford
- Maintenance**
Jim Werner

Information & Reminders

- **STUDENT SAFETY ALERT:** The Ukiah Police Department observed unsafe driving practices during morning drop off on Dora. UPD recommends using the back parking lot as a safer way to drop off students. Please support this safer driving practice.
- Please be vigilant drivers! Please be cautious of children and other cars as you are backing up in the parking lot.
- Please remember not to park in the church lot across the street on Dora.
- Remember **NO PARKING** in the Mardi Gras designated spot.
- Please remember to close the small gate by the Music room, and check that the magnets have touched. If closed too quickly, the gate will bounce open. Thank you!
- Amazon will donate .5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. Mary’s whenever you shop AmazonSmile.
- Did you know that each Box Top from Box Tops for Education is worth 10 cents? All we have to do is look for them on various products such as cereal boxes, Ziploc boxes, and other household products. Clip them and turn them into the school office! They will be sorted, counted and sent in. The school then receives a check! It’s an easy way of earning money! Last year we made 149.10!

ST. MARY’S SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

FIRST PLACE

Ava Rinehart, Jonah Myers, Cameron Hubley, Bode Gower,
Steven Dunicliff, Addie Ross

SECOND PLACE

Skylar Taglio, Bryce Van Patten, Eva Pintane, Dane Rensen, Bennett Spencer,
Cole Fowler, Carson Galletti

THIRD PLACE

Gavin Gonzales, Alice Ostrom, Alex Castagna, Zoe Gregory, Zachary Hunter,
Erin Lazarevich, Evan Lodge

First and Second Place students will represent St. Mary’s at the Mendocino County Science Fair on March 30th. Congratulations!



ST. MARY of the ANGELS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dominican Corner

One of our great Dominican saints is Louis Mary de Montfort. Born at Montfort-la-Cane near Saint-Malo in 1673, he was the oldest of eight children. He studied with the Jesuits and at the age of nineteen went to Paris to enter the Seminary of Saint-Sulpice. His poverty was aided by the charity of benefactors, and after five years he was ordained a priest in 1700.

St. Louis Mary desired to go as a missionary to New France, but Holy Father Clement XI asked him to preach in his own homeland under the bishops of France. He was commissioned to teach Christian doctrine to the children and the people, and reawaken the spirit of Christianity through the renewal of their baptismal vows. At Dinan he joined a group of missionaries and taught catechism. He also went to Poitiers, where he became chaplain of a hospital for the poor. His special love of the poor led him to organize groups of lay people to assist him in this ministry.

He was a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic and taught the Holy Rosary everywhere, converting many heretics. Before he died at the age of forty-three in April of 1716, he had organized his Company of Mary at Saint-Laurent-sur-Sevre, where he was buried and where his remains are still in profound veneration. His feast day is April 28.