



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School NEWSLETTER

Principal's Letter

Have you seen the updates on our ball field? **It has never looked better, thanks to parent Mike Myers and alumni Ryan Golden.** Mike filled in and seeded all the bases, installed a permanent home plate and pitching rubber, added moveable bases and drew grass lines. For his Eagle Scout project, Ryan Golden, a senior at Cardinal Newman, installed the benches with new fencing, and straightened and braced the fencing on the existing backstop. Mike also made running lanes which have helped with our practices for our Diocesan track meet on May 20th! Jim Werner and Mike Myers continue to keep the field mowed and maintained. Our students use it daily, and we have several of our students practicing with their Little League teams. **Thank you, Ryan and Mike, from the bottom of our hearts!**

Congratulations to our Confirmandi! In Confirmation, the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed and our students were anointed with the chrism oil, receiving the strength to witness God's love in word and deed. On April 21, Bishop Vasa conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation upon five of our students: **Alex Castagna, Zachary Hunter, Griffin Johnson, Elijah Macias, Angel Ortega.** May God continue to bless you!

Congratulations to our First Communion candidates! We celebrate with our students as they receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the first time on Sunday, May 6, at the 10 am Mass.

Stop by our **Open House on May 10 and see how productive our young scholars have been!** From art projects to essays, each student's work is on display in the classrooms. There will be a scavenger hunt that will lead you around the classroom and campus to find treasures from your child's school year. Please invite your family, neighbors, and any friends that you know who may be considering a St. Mary's education for their child. **As parents, you are our best ambassadors. Mark the date—Thursday, May 10, from 5:30 pm–7 pm.** And check out our auditorium for some good food!

Many of our junior high students submitted haikus for the **Ukiah Haiku festival. We are proud to announce that four of our students won!** Congratulations to sixth grader Mito Zazueta, 7th grader Nathan Looney and 8th graders Sophia Dunicliff and Ava Kindopp.

Our deepest desire is to provide your children with an academically challenging, Christ-centered Catholic education that feeds young minds and souls and prepares students for a bright future. Our goal is to get our students into Harvard and into heaven! **We are able to do all this because we have your support as parents.** We believe strongly that our partnership with parents plays a vital role in the success of our school. Thank you for all you have done to make this year so successful!

MAY 2018

Early Dismissal Days	May 9,23
Yosemite Science Camp	April 30-May 4
Awards Assembly	May 1
Academy of Sciences-3rd	May 2
Petrified Forest, Geysers-6th	May 2
Hike to U-6th	May 3
Writers Reception	May 3
President's Potluck-3rd	May 4
All School Rosary	May 4
First Communion Mass	May 6
Gold Rush-4th	May 7-8
School Mass-2nd, 6th	May 9
May Flower Procession	May 9
Open House	May 10
Talent Show	May 11
Children's Museum-Kinder	May 11
Mother's Day	May 13
Spanish trip to Hectors	May 17, 18
Diocesan Track Meet	May 20
School Mass- 1st, 7th	May 23
Hamlet-7th	May 24
Thirteen Colonies-5th	May 24
Memorial Day-No School	May 28
Children's Museum-2nd	May 31
Field Day	June 1
Family Mass- 1st, 7th	June 3
Tide Pools-5th	June 4
Pool Party-7th, 8th	June 6
Hendy Woods-3rd	June 6
Graduation Awards Service	June 8
Graduation Diploma Mass	June 8
Last day of School	June 8

Last day of school dismissal at 11:30
No Kid's Club available

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

**Lorena and Gil Tournour
for their ongoing support of our school**

**Mike Myers and Ryan Golden for
their upgrades to our field**

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten students are busy at work on their lessons. We had a second group of young authors attend the Writer’s Reception. We also enjoyed a cultural exchange as guests of the Instilling Goodness and Developing Virtue Schools. We watched lotus flower & parasol dances, listened to music played on unique instruments, and were amazed by the drum performance and the dragon and lion dances performed by the boy’s school. We were sent off with a parting gift: a delightful traditional tale, and a treat bag decorated with calligraphy. Who knew we had a window to another culture just down the road? We will take a trip to the Children’s Museum on May 11th. Kindergarten wants to thank our co-curricular teachers again for their dedication in bringing fun and challenging learning to our school program. Sra. Shipley has been teaching about animal and spring colors. Mrs. Scheller is keeping an eye out on the birds nests and babies soon to be hatched.

THIRD

Third grade has been busy researching Presidents. They will share a portion of their reports at our President’s Potluck Friday, May 4th, at 5:30 pm in the auditorium.

FOURTH

Thank you to all the parents that joined us on our San Francisco Giants ball game field trip! Next, we are off to the gold country! We look forward to a memorable gold rush adventure!

EIGHTH

Eighth grade is heading into the last few weeks before graduation with enthusiasm and academic zeal. We have Proteus presentations, the “Moon Race” and egg drops in the near future; not to mention our trip to Yosemite for science camp, and our end of the year field trips to look forward to. Graduation is coming up quickly.

SPANISH

Ah, the colors of springtime! Students are celebrating la primavera by learning a famous Mexican song called “De Colores”. They also are learning vocabulary associated with springtime and the weather. The 5th and 6th graders are looking forward to their trip to Hector’s Sno Cones in May. May will also be spent celebrating Cinco de Mayo and the history of Mexico. Bravo to the sixth grade-they are working hard on their workbooks!

MARCH AWARDS

Student of the Month

Ava Sublet, Cain Graham, Bailey Simerson, Anabella Dobson, Gabriella Breen, Dylan Wegesser, Cameron Hubley, Alex Castagna, Chase Barbieri

Principal Award

Jett Ford, Presley Wellington, Novella Brackett, Drake Porter, Shaylee Pardini, Sofia Fernandes, Alice Ostrom, Zoe Gregory, Nathan Looney, Estrellita Sanchez

Personal Success Award

Giada Giacomini, Owen Cooper, Orion Novoa, Zoey Matilton, Montgomery Johnson, Dylan Morris, Sequoia Torres, Robby Corippo, Ainsley Harris, Brody Ford, Ahmya Graham, Eva Pintane, Ava Rinehart, Cole Fowler, Carson Galletti, Angel Ortega, Elise Martinez, Levai Wilson, Rylie Barber

Language Arts Award

Violet Dawson, Gage Mahan, Zoie Black, Cody Corippo, Kennedy Wellington, Kayden Nevarez, Caleb Hubley, Anthony Martinez, Beau David, Delia Siderakis, Joseph Brackett, Steven Dunncliff, Carson Galletti, Mito Zazueta, Hudson Ford, Zachary Hunter, Riley Barber, Giancarlo Zazueta, Elise Martinez

Athlete of the Month

Tristan Woodall, Chase Galletti, Shawn Harmon

After School Program

Joseph Brackett

Million Word Award

Concepción Gonzalez 1,045,029
Dillon Augustine 1,010,725

February 7th and 8th Grade Awards

Student of the Month

Alex Castagna, Natalie Niderost

Principal Award

Angel Ortega, Ava Kindopp

Personal Success Award

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Zachary Hunter, Hudson Ford, Nathan Looney,
Ethan Rinehart, Elise Martinez, Rylie Barber

Language Arts Award

Nathan Looney, Alex Castagna
Sophia Dunncliff, Naomi Lunceford, Natalie Niderost,
Emersyn Sawyers

Athlete of the Month

Chase Barbieri

**St. Mary’s School
Faculty & Staff**

Pastor

Fr. Oscar Diaz

Principal

Mary Leitem Thomas

Kindergarten

Maria Oberti

Grade 1

Christina Wilson

Grade 2

Julie Wilson

Grade 3

Dana Geimer/
Andrea Keffeler

Grade 4

Johanna Lopez

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, Allie Skipper,

Chrissy Galletti,

Kathi Gower

Kid’s Club

Beth Pacheco, Nicole Quigley,

Lulu Jimenez

Finance

Lisa Cavalin

Secretary

Kris Scaturro, Jasmine Boek

Athletic Director

Michele Bodnar

Maintenance

Jim Werner

Development Director

Mary Golden

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

Information & Reminders

- Please be vigilant drivers! Please be cautious of children and other cars as you are backing up.
- Please remember not to 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 not to play in the creek and 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.
- Please give any messages for students to the office by 2:30 pm. Teachers need all their instructional minutes at the end of the day, especially as we approach the end of the year. Fewer classroom interruptions are appreciated. This also guarantees that accurate information gets to your student in a timely manner!
- Please do not interrupt teachers without an appointment in the morning before school starts. Teachers are available for drop in after school from 3:00-3:30 pm. Teachers are always available by appointment.
- Amazon will donate .5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. Mary's whenever you shop AmazonSmile.
- Thank you to everyone that has supported our 7th and 8th graders fundraising efforts for Yosemite Science Camp. The early dismissal pizzas, bake sales, car wash and Chipotle Fundraiser have helped us reach our goal of hiring a bus to transport our students. Thank you to our entire St. Mary's community for your support!



Dominican Corner

St. Antoninus of Florence is a Dominican saint whose feast we celebrate in the month of May. He was the Archbishop of Florence from 1446-1459 and is regarded as one of the founders of modern moral theology and Christian social ethics. Saint Antoninus, or Little Antony, as he was called because of his small stature, was born at Florence in 1389.

After a childhood of singular holiness, he begged to be admitted very young into the Dominican house at Fiesole; but the Superior, to test his sincerity and perseverance, told him he must first learn by heart the book of the Decretals, or Canon Law, containing several hundred pages. This apparently impossible task was accomplished within twelve months and Antoninus received the coveted habit in his sixteenth year.

From 1433-1446 Antoninus served as vicar of the Congregation. In this office, he was involved in the establishment of the Priory of St. Mark in Florence.

The priory's cells, including one for Cosimo de' Medici, were painted in frescos by Fra Angelico and his assistants. In 1446 he was compelled to accept the archbishopric of Florence. In this office he earned for himself the title of the Father of the Poor, for all he had was at their disposal. Saint Antoninus never refused alms which were asked in the name of God. When he had no money, he gave his clothes, shoes, or furniture. One day as he approached Rome a beggar came up to him almost naked, and asked him for an alms for Christ's sake.

Antoninus gave him his whole cloak. When he entered the city, another cloak was given him; by whom, he knew not. His household consisted of only six persons; his palace contained no plate or costly furniture, and was often nearly destitute of the necessities of life. His one mule was frequently sold for the relief of the poor, but was ordinarily bought back for him again by some wealthy citizen.

Saint Antoninus died on May 2, 1459 and Pope Pius II conducted his funeral. The pope happened to be on his way to the Council of Mantua when he heard of the archbishop's death. The archbishop's wish was that he be buried at the Priory of St. Mark which he had founded in the city of Florence.



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL