

St. Mary's School

January 12, 2018 Newsletter



As Catholic Christians, I believe that it is very important for our children to understand why they have the day off on Monday. In their insular worlds, they have limited exposure to prejudice and discrimination. They may not understand that this is true of only a minority of God's children. As appropriate for their age level, children should learn that we all have a responsibility for treating others as God would have us treat them: with total love and respect. May we all thank God for the blessings he has bestowed on each of us.

Basketball is starting this week. I am grateful to Mrs. Jessica Friot, Ms. Megan Howard and Mr. Tom Alzo for stepping forward to coach our students. If your child has not signed up for basketball – it's not too late!

Please watch for upcoming information regarding Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 28 – Feb. 2). We are planning many special events and projects!

Michele Meyers

Basketball Practice Schedule

*Mondays/Wednesdays 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Boys 4th-6th grades*

*Tuesdays/Thursdays 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Boys/Girls 2nd-3rd grades*

*Tuesdays/Thursdays 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Girls 4th-6th grades*



Upcoming Events

January 15 – No School

19 – 2nd Marking Period Ends

20 – First Communion Parent Meeting

28 - K of C Pancake Breakfast
9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Jan. 29-Feb. 3 – Catholic Schools Week

Important Announcements

There has been some clearing out of decorations from St. Mary's Church. Please come see if there is anything you might like. We have some artificial Christmas Trees that we are giving away as well as some odds and ends.

Our school day starts at

8:00am

Please have your student come to school on time!



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Our Saint of the Week



St. Sebastian— January 20 *Patron of soldiers and athletes*

Nothing is known about St. Sebastian's youth other than the fact he may have come from southern France and he was educated in Milan. He joined the Roman Army in 283 AD, ostensibly to be of service to other Christians who were being persecuted by the Romans. St. Sebastian distinguished himself and for his excellent service, he was promoted to serve in the Praetorian Guard to protect Emperor Diocletian.

While serving as a Praetorian Guard, Marcus and Marcellian, twin brothers, were imprisoned for refusing to make public sacrifices to the Roman gods. The brothers were deacons of the Christian Church. During their imprisonment, their parents visited them to implore them to renounce Christianity. However, St. Sebastian convinced both parents to convert to Christianity. St. Sebastian also converted several other prominent individuals, including the local prefect.

This led to his discovery and he was reported as a Christian to Emperor Diocletian in 286. The Emperor, who was already infamous for ordering the deaths of hundreds of Christians, scolded Sebastian and ordered him to be killed by having him tied to a stake on a training field and used as target practice.

Archers riddled his body with arrows, his body was described as, "full of arrows as an urchin." Believed to be dead, the archers left his body for retrieval and burial. He was recovered by Irene of Rome, whose Christian husband was a servant to Diocletian and also martyred. Irene discovered that Sebastian was still living and she hid him and nursed him back to health.