

St. Mary's School

February 2, 2018 Newsletter



What a wonderful week we have had here at St. Mary's! We celebrated everything good about our school: faith, family, fellowship and our love of learning. Pictured below are scenes from our **Curriculum/Family night**: students use straws to magically move candy hearts from one plate to another, and **Mathew LaPage** stands in front of the fourth/fifth grade's interpretation of the St. Mary's of the future.



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Our mass with Bishop LaValley this morning was awesome. It was wonderful to see and hear 175 Catholic school children singing and praying together. Our time together with St. James and Trinity students was joyful and we hope to be able to continue this as a new tradition.

Monday, February 12 will be our celebration of the January students of the month. Valentine's Day will be celebrated on February 13, and the 14th, Ash Wednesday, begins our journey through Lent.

Thank you to all of our parents for their support this week, and always.

Michele Meyers



Upcoming Events

Feb. 6 – Band and Music starts

Feb. 6 – Reading Buddies starts

Feb. 9 – Senior Tea (coffee)

Feb. 13 – Valentine's Day
Classroom Parties

Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday (Mass
at 12:10pm)

Feb. 19-23 – Midwinter Recess

Important Announcements

Our school day starts at

8:00am

**Please have your student come to
school on time!**

Our Website

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Our Saint of the Week



St. Agatha– February 5
*Patron of Sicily, bellfounders,
breast cancer.*

St. Agatha is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of the Catholic Church. It is believed that she was born around 231 in either Catania or Palermo, Sicily to a rich and noble family.

From her very early years, the notably beautiful Agatha dedicated her life to God. She became a consecrated virgin, a state in life where young women choose to remain celibate and give themselves wholly to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service.

However, one of the men who desired Agatha, whose name was Quintianus, because he was of a high diplomatic ranking, thought he could force her to turn away from her vow and force her to marry. His persistent proposals were consistently spurned by Agatha, so Quintianus, knowing she was a Christian during the persecution of Decius, had her arrested and brought before the judge. He was the Judge.

He expected her to give in to his demands when she was faced with torture and possible death. With tears falling from her eyes, she prayed for courage.

Agatha continued to proclaim Jesus as her Savior, Lord, Life and Hope. Quintianus ordered her to be tortured.

He then sent her back to prison with an order of no food or medical attention.

After four days, Quintianus ignored the miraculous cure of her wounds.

Agatha is believed to have passed into Heaven around the year 251.