

ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
for week of November 3, 2019



*The Mission of St. Mary's School is:
To Grow Disciples of Christ*



These past two days our halls and classrooms have been filled with the joy each parent brought to the discussions about your child(ren) and their learning. The teachers have enjoyed visiting and talking with you as you both looked for ways to help your child(ren) grow, whether it was in faith, and/or academically, socially. For me, it was truly wonderful to visit with you both formally and informally in the hallways. We realize you have many different choices relative to your children's education; Thank you for entrusting your child(ren) with us. Please know we treat this trust very seriously. We are here to assist you in raising your child(ren) in whatever way(s) we can. Have a blessed weekend and enjoy your time together as a family!

Thank you to those who have completed the **survey** handed out at parent-teacher conferences. This survey is a part of our accreditation process through the Western Catholic Education Association. Information from the survey will assist us in knowing our areas of strengths **and** needed areas of growth. If you haven't completed the survey yet, please do. To date we have received 30 responses out of a possible 140 (if both parents responded). We would really appreciate having a survey from as many of the families as possible. There is a box in the main foyer of the school for completed surveys. Thank you so every much!

DATES to note: _____

This Week

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| Sunday, November 3 | Knights of Columbus 62nd Annual Sausage Feed ...great food (all you can eat) at good prices (Adults \$12; ages 6-12= \$5 and under 6 are FREE Dinner begins serving starting at 11:00 a.m. to 6 at the Parish Center. |
| Monday, November 4 | |
| Tuesday, November 5 | Be sure to vote----Find out more about voting and the candidates at: https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/370/Election-Information |
| Wednesday, Nov 6 | School Board meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Mass with Grade 3 as prayer leaders
Major Speaker Event: 7:00 p.m. Michael d'Esterre, MSW, LICSW, present his talk: <i>Pornified Culture in Your Own Backyard</i> in the Vandal Ballroom of the Pitman Center on campus. "The singular issue of pornography creates a unique dilemma in understanding the human experience and how culture is shaped." Parishioners, students, Catholic and non-Catholic, all are welcome! |
| Thursday, Nov. 7 | |
| Friday, November 8 | |





With each entrée there is choice of veggies + fruit

Monday, November 4:	Chicken nuggets + French fries
Tuesday, November 5:	Cheesy tater tot breakfast bake
Wednesday, Nov. 6:	Pasta with <u>choice of sauces</u> —tomato sauce + meat OR White Alfredo sauce + ham OR vegetarian + cheese
Thursday, Nov. 7:	Grade 8 Choice: waffles OR pancakes + sausages
Friday, Nov. 8:	Fish Sticks + potatoes

Key Information



From Fr. Joe, Pastor: “Due to the recent vandalism at the Church we will continue to adjust the situation as we continue to work with the police and fire departments. Please know that we are doing all we can do considering the difficult situation we are facing for the safety and security of the Church and our parishioners. People are always welcome to call me for information. cell 208-850-1353.”

Also, Father Joe mentioned a few weeks back there is a **scam that is happening** throughout the state focused on priests and other church personnel. IF you receive an email asking for money and/or gift cards from Father Joe (or any of the diocesan personnel in the State) **disregard this message totally; it is a scam.** I would let Father Joe know you received the scam message: 208-882-4813.



Thank you to *Karen Richel and Elle Cowe* who have volunteered to be on the **Uniform Committee** for next school year---any others interested in being on this committee? Please let Sister Margaret know.

During the *snow season* have one person who can do snow removal at the school. It would be great if we could have one or two more? Is this something you would like to do and can do? If yes, contact Jennifer Beller for more information at 208-882-2121.



We are grateful to have Rachel Burton to do some of the janitorial duties. However, we are still seeking the right person to be our maintenance and heavy-duty janitorial duties. Are interested? Or do you someone who would be great in this position? Please have him/her contact Jennifer Beller at 208-882-2121. Thank you!



November 13 the Second Graders are the leaders of prayer at church for the Feast of St. Francis Cabrini. During that time, we'll be collecting cans and packaged goods for the Moscow Food Bank. Please send a can or packaged food (pastas, beans, rice, etc.) to share with those who don't have enough for their families. Thank you!



School shirts especially in smaller sizes. If you have any in your closet that you'd like to donate, please drop off the shirts in the school office. Our exchange shop supply has been depleted.



To the Nwamba Family (Charles and Jacinta). Their children are in Preschool (Inechi) and Kindergarten (Amakuomchukwu). Charles has obtained a wonderful job in Golden, Colorado. They will be leaving Moscow on November 14. Colorado's gain is our loss! We will miss their family very much. We wish them the very best. They are members of St. Augustine's Parish. On November 10th, after 10:30 a.m. Mass, we are having a send-off buffet/luncheon for them. If you would like to contribute a finger-food hors d'oeuvre, please plan to bring it to the kitchen before the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

There will be a basket for cards for the family. *Special blessings and deep gratitude to the Nwamba Family. We will miss you!*

All Saints Day, All Souls Day



"My favorite season is autumn, with its days of glorious color, harvest, and honeybees humming above the purple asters in the backyard. In his "Ode to Autumn," the poet, John Keats, writes of a "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" that swells "the gourd and plumps the hazel shells." The tender green shades of spring have

matured to vibrant oranges, reds, and yellows.

The Catholic Church also celebrates this season of fullness with the Nov. 1 Feast of All Saints and the Nov. 2 Feast of All Souls.

On all Saints day, we remember all saints, not just those in the calendar of saints that rotates through the liturgical year, not just those whose names we know, or others that we could pluck from the Litany of All Saints. We celebrate all who have gone before us and who now enjoy the fullness of God's presence, life, and grace. We also celebrate ourselves, for we are God's holy people who struggle and mostly succeed in living the Beatitudes proclaimed in the Gospel from Matthew.

On All Souls day, we mourn and commemorate those who were among us and are now part of the "great multitude who stand before the throne and before the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9).

The closing days of autumn, rich in color and harvest bounty, remind us of the living and dead who have been part of our long tradition. Do these two feasts really need to be separated? Perhaps the Church could consider merging All Saints and All Souls into one glorious feast for God's holy people.

Treat yourself to an autumn feast by reading and contemplating all of Keats' poem as well as Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14, 1 John 3:1-3, and Matthew 5: 1-12, the readings for the feast of All Saints."

By Sister Regina Siegfried, ASC

An article you may enjoy can be found at: <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2016/10/13/james-martin-saints-seemed-so-far-away-then-i-started-climb> (just copy and paste)

Prayer Prompts

One way to remind family members to pray is to post prayers, Scripture verses, and pious invocations (prayers as short as a phrase or sentence) in key places around your home. You can make your prayer prompts as simple as a handwritten Post-It note or as fancy as a professionally designed refrigerator magnet or plaque.

Faith in God

Family is Forever

Here are some possible locations to post your prayer prompts:

- on the refrigerator door;
- on door frames leading out of bedrooms or out of the house



- by the bathroom mirror (or on the bathroom mirror, using dry erase marker or soap;
- on the bathroom wall near the toilet;
- on a card dropped in a backpack or lunchbox;
- on the dashboard of your car;
- on the back of cereal boxes;
- on bedframes

Patrick Bender has finished his time as a doctor in training. He has been hired for ER duty in the Seattle area by Providence Hospital.

Luke Miller (Class of 2011 from St. Mary's) has finished his BA work at Stanford and has been learning and becoming fluent in Chinese. Presently, he is giving service in Nairobi and will be going back to Stanford for his goal of obtaining MA in technology systems.



Reed Spurling (Class of 2015 from St. Mary's) is enrolled at the University of Arizona. Has earned a great financial aid package from the engineering college. Besides engineering he is minoring in Planetary Science. In addition, he tried out and was given a spot in the philharmonic orchestra.



SERVICE TO OTHERS

The following invitation is from Gerard Connelly, Moscow: "***The Society of St. Vincent de Paul*** lives the message of Jesus in accordance with the gospel of Matthew 25: 31-46. "I was hungry and you fed me.....and whatever you do to the least of My people, you do Me." The people who serve in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul meet face-to-face with poor people in crisis in Latah County and deal with their issues head on. The work is challenging, sometimes frustrating, but deeply gratifying. For those seeking Christ, He is with and in the poor. Anyone interested in learning more about this ministry are invited to attend our meeting. We meet every Thursday at 7 pm at St. Augustine's Catholic Center on the corner of 6th and Deacon in Moscow. Please come and see if you are being called to this ministry. Blessings."



Recently, one of our parents, Steve Farley, was sharing the following information with some folks in a Safety Environment Training Workshop. He talked about an app that can assist parents to monitor their kids cell phones and tablets. The app is qustodio. There is a free app and one that can cost. Here is what the website says:

Qustodio: the Internet's best free parental control app is designed to supervise, manage, and protect your child's device use on the go! It is possible to download their app on every kids' device, including smartphones, tablets and/or desktops. Parents use their own smartphone to supervise their children's usage. For more information go to: <https://www.qustodio.com/en>

Thank you, Steve, for sharing this information with all the parents.

Parents, if you have items you would like to share with one another, please let the school know and we'll publish it in the Newsletter as we have space. Thank you!