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ASSUMPTION Catholic School

May 3rd, 2024

Dear Families,

We had two wonderful Marian celebrations this week at both St. Mary's and Holy Rosary. The flowers that were brought in were beautiful – thank you parents.

Sometimes people ask, “**Why do Catholics pray to Mary?**” They may believe Catholics are placing Mary on an equal plane with Jesus, with the statues, processions and devotions we have in her honor.

This is a misunderstanding of the Church's relationship with Mary. Simply put, we **honor** Mary because:

- Salvation depended on what she would say when the angel Gabriel announced to her that she would give birth to the Son of God. **She had a choice** to say yes or no.
- Mary lived with perfect obedience to God. To know Jesus more, we should know those closest to Him.
- In John 19:25-27, Jesus entrusted His own dear mother to His beloved disciple John. Jesus looks at all of us from the Cross and says, “Behold, your mother.” And He directs His own mother to turn to each one of us with love and affection, as all mothers do.
- We pray with Mary and ask her to pray for us. Just like when we ask our family and friends to pray to God on our behalf.
- Another way to explain it, is as children, we respect what our mother says. Don't you think Jesus will do the same? Revisit the wedding at Cana John 2:1-11.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:



HUMILITY

This week, we have been learning about the virtue of humility. Humility is sometimes called the “queen of virtues,” because you need humility in order to cultivate other virtues. Humility is an awareness that all one's gifts come from God. Humble people also appreciate the gifts of others.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY:

- Grades 4-8 Academic, Forensics and Athletic awards will be given out at the **School Awards Assembly: Thursday, May 23rd at 1:00 p.m.** at the Durand campus. Please join us if you can.

FAITH ADVENTURES AND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

- Mark your calendar: **Faith Adventures** will meet from 9-11 a.m. on **Tuesdays**, starting on June 4th – see flyer enclosed.
- **Vacation Bible School** will be held **July 9-12** at the Lima campus from 8:30-12:30. Once again we are partnering with the Lutheran and Methodist churches in our community to have an ecumenical VBS. The theme this year is: *SCUBA, diving into friendship with God*; flyer enclosed.

FIELD TRIPS:

Thanks to Home and School, permission slips are enclosed for upcoming field trips. Please complete and return as indicated. Thank you ☺

Grades K-8 Walk for Virtues to Walk downtown

Grades 6/7 Ropes course and bowling

FUN FEST:

Mark the date! Assumption students and parents are invited to walk the Fun Fest parade on June 9 starting at 2:00 p.m. If you have a Walk for Virtues t-shirt, please wear it! Adults, parishioners, school parents, alumni and kids of any age, **please join us to ride** in the truck and/or walk alongside it.

GUM CHEWING:

Just a friendly reminder that we do not allow our students to chew gum in school. Your support is appreciated.

GRADUATIONS:



Graduations are nearing. On **Wednesday, May 22nd** and **Thursday, May 23rd** the 4 year olds will graduate from Noah's Ark to Kindergarten and our 8th grade students will graduate from Assumption Catholic School to High School, respectively.

We need students to sing in the choir at the 8th grade Graduation Mass.

If interested in singing, please fill out and return the slip below. This is a great opportunity for alumni, older and younger siblings of graduates to participate.

POP TABS SERVICE PROJECT:



Some of our first grade students and their families delivered our collected Pop Tabs to McDonalds this week. Our school collected about 52 pounds! Thank you so much for all your help in collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

SCRIP/TRIP:

From buying SCRIP you receive TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program) Attached shows your current TRIP amount that will be deducted from your 2024-25 tuition next year. Many of you have surpassed the \$1000.00 minimum purchase of SCRIP cards, but if you are not quite there, you have until **June 5** to purchase so it will add to your tuition reduction next year. If you have any questions, please call us.

SPRING CONCERT AND FAMILY PICNIC AT MEMORIAL PARK:



We will be having our Spring Concert at Memorial Park on **Thursday, May 16th**. We hope you are as excited as we are. Food is being provided by Home & School; free-will donations will be appreciated that night. We will share a meal together outside prior to our Spring Concert!

An RSVP is enclosed. Please complete and **return by MAY 13th**

Can you help with set-up? Please go to www.catholictriparish.org, hover over "Catholic School," and scroll down to click on the "Volunteer" link. Next, click on "Volunteer Sign Up," and select the tab for Spring Concert/Picnic. Your help is greatly appreciated!

5:00 – 5:45 Picnic supper provided by Home and School

6:00 p.m. 4K-8 Concert (**remember to bring a lawn chair or blanket**)



Spring Concert Walk Through Rehearsal: Wednesday, May 15th at 1:30 for all K-8 students. If you are going to pick your child up at the end of the day, they will be at the **Durand** campus!

- **Spring Concert Dress Code:** Walk for Virtues T-shirt, jeans (or dress code pants) and comfortable shoes (no sandals).

WALK FOR VIRTUES:

We only have 2 weeks to go! PLEDGES are due Monday, May 13th.

All proceeds go to Home and School for funding field trips, technology, etc. Have you asked neighbors,



Grandparents or businesses in town to sponsor you? Another pledge sheet is enclosed, in case you have misplaced it. **If your children earn the needed pledge amounts, non-dress code dates are:**

Two Days: May 20 & 21 **Three Days:** May 20, 21 & 22 **Five Days:** May 20, 21, 22, 23 & 24

Friday, May 17th is the walk. It is a non-dress code day (for a minimum pledge of \$10.00) requiring comfortable clothing for walking, the Walk for Virtues T-shirt and good walking shoes. All students will be eating at the Durand campus that day prior to the event. Please read the details in the enclosed permission slip.

Everyone's school day ends at the Durand campus. Remember to send a note indicating transportation plans for your child if they are not riding the bus and please let us know

Walk for Virtues is in need of volunteers to help with the event activities! Please go to www.catholictriparish.org, hover over "Catholic School," and scroll down to click on the "Volunteer" link. Next, click on "Volunteer Sign Up," and select the tab for Walk for Virtues. Your help is greatly appreciated!

YEARBOOK:

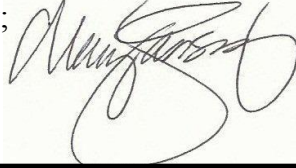
The yearbooks are being put together by Ms. Meland and our 8th grade class through Shutterfly/Lifetouch. The cost is \$35.00. They make great keepsakes highlighting the students in Noah's Ark through 8th grade years. Orders are **due by June 2nd**. We only make as many as ordered, don't hesitate, order yours today!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The Segerstrom family. They received news on Wednesday that Jeremiah (Mrs. Segerstrom husband) was to report to Rochester that evening as they found him a liver! Praise be to God! Continue praying for the Segerstrom family and also pray for the family whose loss made this transplant possible.
- The Virtue of Humility – to recognize and thank God for the gifts we have.

Thank you for choosing Assumption Catholic School! Our faculty and staff are committed to working with you to fulfill our mission of *Faith • Academics • Service*

With Blessings of Peace and Joy;
Mrs. Mary Lansing - Principal



CALENDAR REMINDERS AND UPDATES:

May 6-10 th		TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK- Thank you Teachers!!	
Monday	05/06	4K to Alex Pizza and Memorial Park MS Track @ Colfax	8:45-noon 4:00
Tuesday	05/07	School Mass at StM	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	05/08	Piano Recital- Durand Campus gym	6:00
Thursday	05/09	School Mass at Holy Rosary 24 Hour Adoration- Holy Rosary Gr 6/7 Civil War Re-enactment K-3 Pizza Party for reading goals Mobile Food Pantry	8:30 a.m. 8:30-2:00
Sunday	05/12	Mother's Day	
Monday	05/13	Walk for Virtues Pledges Due Living Rosary (Our Lady of Fatima)	8:15 and 10:00

-----Clip and return by May 20-----

Our 8th grade class helps with the liturgical roles at their Graduation Mass on **Thursday, May 23rd 6:00 p.m.** however, they cannot help in the choir... we hope **alumni, siblings and choir members** will be able to help. Please let us know if you can help with this ministry.

My child(ren) _____

will help sing in the choir for 8th grade graduation.

Parent signature