



SAINT MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Bridge

POSITIVE ATTITUDES

COURAGE

PATIENCE

WISDOM

PEACEFUL WAYS

"Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."

April 8, 2022

Parents,

Next week we begin our Holy Week at St. Mark Catholic School. It is one of the most important and special weeks of our school year as we learn about the journey to the Cross that Jesus took for us. A journey that included foreshadowing of events, betrayal, sentencing to death, carrying of the Cross, brutal death on the Cross, and finally Christ rising from the dead on Easter Sunday, just as he said he would.

Because of the wide age groups of our students, 4 year old through 14 year olds, our teachers and staff use different age appropriate ways to tell the story of the Passion of Christ. But when Easter is over, your children will understand more about how much God loves them, as He sent His only Son to this earth, as a baby in a manger, to die so our sins can be forgiven. A God that is with us always. A God that has a plan for us.

Easter, like many religious holidays, has been commercialized by society to sell things. There is certainly nothing wrong with Easter baskets, dressing up nice for church on Easter, and having an Easter Egg Hunt. But keeping the story of Christ alive in your children, your family, and yourself, is very important for the spiritual growth of all. If Christ did not die on the Cross and rise again from the dead in three days, we would not have Christianity.

I emailed you on Tuesday about Social Media and appropriate age requirements to register and use many social media sites. To reiterate, children should be 13 years or older to register and use most social media sites. As a parent it is your responsibility to choose what is best for your child, as you may want to wait until they are older than 13 years to participate in social media. Social media can be used for many very good things. I use it very readily to help share the great things that are going on at St. Mark Catholic School and also share the Gospel and good news of Jesus Christ!

I had the good fortune of traveling to Ireland over Spring Break for a few days with my youngest daughter, Sophie. We traveled across Ireland without any plans, and enjoyed a beautiful country, steeped in history and in our Catholic faith. I share this because when we were there I was able to share our trip with many on social media. I used social media to allow some to be a part of our journey to Ireland by viewing pictures and reading our accounts of our trip. I use social media to share my thoughts with others and to bring others closer to God.

I often wonder what the Passion of Christ would have been like if there was social media at that time! Can you imagine people going live on Facebook as Pontius Pilate washes his hands clean of Christ's death. Or the Instagram postings of Jesus carrying His Cross to Calvary. Or the YouTube videos of the empty tomb after Christ had risen! The comments would have been many and on all sides of the truth. I'm glad the Bible account of Holy Week is what we learn from!

REMINDER TO SUBMIT YOUR 2021 TAX RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP! Have a great weekend and we will see you at Mass!

Thanks and God Bless

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

CALENDAR

Friday	Apr 15	1:00	1:00 Dismissal - <i>NO AFTER CARE</i>
Monday	Apr 18		No School - Easter Monday
Friday	April 29	6:00-8:00 pm	Molli Cassetty Bowl-A-Thon Fundraiser
Friday	May 6	1:00	1:00 Dismissal - <i>NO AFTER CARE</i>
Thursday	May 19		Last Day of School

LUNCH MENU

April 11 - 15

On Fridays during Lent, we will be serving fish nuggets instead of chicken and we will not offer chicken patties.

Monday Daily Choice or Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dinner Roll

Tuesday Daily Choice or Macho Nachos and Refried Beans

Wednesday Daily Choice or Pasta with Meatballs, Broccoli and Garlic Bread

Thursday Daily Choice or Pulled Pork on Bun and Corn

Friday Daily Choice or Cheese Pizza

CAFETERIA



- 3 HOUR SHIFTS-10:15-1:15
- # OF DAYS NEGOTIABLE
- DUTIES INCLUDE SERVING, CLEANING TABLES, STOCKING CLEAN DISHES AND HELPING TO CLEAN UP AFTER SERVICE
- FREE LUNCH PROVIDED!

Contact Laura Linder at Stmarkcafeteria@stmarkindy.org with questions or to set up an interview.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

When a child will be late or absent for a school day...



As a reminder, the school handbook states that the school office should be notified of any absence or appointments by 7:55 am. If the office has not heard from an absent student's parent or guardian by 8:30 am, the administrative assistant or principal will contact the appropriate parties. **Please call 317-786-4013 (ext. 200) or email Mrs. Leszcynski at bleszcynski@stmarkindy.org to report absences and appointments.** You can program our number on your phone, which makes it easy to call the office! When you contact the school office to advise your child will not be in attendance, it saves the office a great deal of time. We appreciate your attention to this policy.

If your child has an **appointment**, please advise the school office **one day in advance** and let us know:

- Time your child is leaving school
- If your child will return to school after the appointment

This assists the office and the teachers to know ahead of time that the child will be leaving school. It will also save you time waiting for your child.

Molli Cassetty Bowl-A-Thon Scholarship Fundraiser



All are welcome to attend the annual Molli Cassetty Bowl-A-Thon. This annual event honors the memory of Molli, a former St. Mark student, who lost her battle to cancer in her 8th grade year.

- When: Friday, April 29 from 6:00pm- 8:00pm
- Where: Expo Bowl in Beech Grove

Cost including 2 games of bowling and shoes:

- 13 and over \$13.00
- Under 13 \$ 9.10



CYO SPORTS

For CYO athletic questions, please contact one of the following on the St. Mark Athletic Commission Board:

- SMAC President ~ Michelle Goss at the following email: gossteach@yahoo.com
- SMAC Athletic Director ~ Frank Litz at the following email: SMAC@stmarkindy.org

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
April 8 – April 15			
56 Girls Kickball-Black	Monday 4/11	St. Joan of Arc	5:00pm, St. Joan of Arc
56 Soccer	Monday 4/11	St. Barnabas	5:30pm, St. Barnabas
Cadet Soccer	Monday 4/11	OL Lourdes	6:45pm, Christian Park
3/4 Girls Kickball	Tuesday 4/12	OL Greenwood	5:00pm, St. Mark
56 Girls Kickball-Gold	Tuesday 4/12	Little Flower	6:00pm, St. Mark

CONTINUING FUNDRAISERS



Kroger Community Rewards

Do you shop at Kroger? Sign up your Kroger's Plus Shopper's Card in the Kroger Community Rewards Program and choose "St. Mark CatholicSchool". Our organization number is: XM409. The web site is:

<https://www.kroger.com/topic/sc hool-programs>



Coca-Cola Rewards Program

Caps and boxes that have a "My Official Coke Rewards Code" on them Can be redeemed for money and the money goes back to St. Mark School! Just turn your coke reward products into Mrs. Leszcynski in the school office



Box Tops for Education

- Buy Box Top Products
- Scan your Receipt (use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase)



The Kroger Community Rewards program is so easy to register for, you will wonder why you haven't registered yet! We can always count on Kroger and when you "go krogering", SMCS receives great benefits. This allows us to not have to do fundraisers throughout the year. You can register online at <https://www.kroger.com/account/create/>



Join Roncalli for Roar on April 30, 2022!

You are invited to be a part of the Survival Safari Adventure! Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 30, 2022

Over 500 members of our Roncalli Community will gather together on Saturday, April 30 to celebrate Roncalli and raise money for tuition assistance. Hundreds of families benefit from the proceeds raised at this fun filled event. Get your tickets today to join us at this FUNdraising event: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/jWo/>.

Roncalli's Academic Summer Camps

Roncalli will offer multiple academic camps this summer! For the first time, a **Psychology Camp (June 6-9)** will be offered for students going into grades 6-8. **Drafting & Woodworking Camp (June 13-16)** is back, and it's going to be for students in grades 5-8. A **Coding Camp (June 13-16)** will also be offered for the first time this summer, and students going into grades 6-8 are welcome to attend. Grades for all camps indicate the grade students will be in for the 2022-23 school year. Please contact Allie Ross at aross@roncalli.org for all official camp details.

2022 Roncalli Football Cheerleading Callout

Callout meeting for Future Roncalli Parents and Cheerleaders for the 2022 Football Season is Wednesday, April 13 at 6 PM in the Roncalli Cafeteria. Please attend for all the information on tryouts and the football season! Tryouts for the Roncalli Freshman Cheerleading Squad are being held Tuesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 12 from 4:00-5:30 PM in Roncalli's Bishop Chartrand Gymnasium. (You must be present on both tryout days). Please direct any questions to Coach Engel at cheerleading@roncalli.org.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES AT RONCALLI

Roncalli High School is looking to fill positions in our **maintenance, grounds, and custodial areas**. Both full and part time positions are available. Benefits are available for all full time positions as well as tuition discounts to the school. Ask us about our part time positions with full time benefits and tuition discounts! If interested, please contact Dave Gervasio at 317-787-8277 ext. 246.

Myanmar Outreach Coordinator

Roncalli High School is hiring a Myanmar Outreach Coordinator. The position is part-time with flexible hours. Main duties include facilitating translation of school communications. This person would also serve as an in-person translator at school events, serve as an ambassador for the school and also as a liaison with Myanmar families. The Myanmar Outreach Coordinator would also assist with establishing partnerships within the community. Establishing relationships and providing outreach are vital to this position. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to Terese Carson, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at tcarson@roncalli.org.