



Dear Parents,

This past Sunday, August 19th, my wife and I celebrated our 29th wedding anniversary. While according to a Google search, furniture is the gift of choice for your 29th anniversary, I guess the patio furniture I purchased earlier this summer will suffice! Looking in retrospect, while 29 years is over half of my life here on earth, I feel that my marriage is measured in experiences and in significant events. While making the decision to marry my beautiful bride was easy for me, continuing our partnership as husband and wife has taken many turns along each day.

While you can read many books and watch countless videos on how to have a "successful" marriage, I think the best thing to learn from is by looking at others and seeing what makes their marriage long lasting, or what makes some marriages fail. Julie and I have been blessed to have been surrounded by our own parents who have been models for a marriage that grows not only in length by days, but that grows in substance, in foundation of trust, in friendship, and in love. My parents celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary last month, and while they have not always agreed on everything, they still are each other's best friends and rely on each other to grow in their faith.

I realize that what a marriage should look like has been in the local and national news recently, but what I feel is most important is that a married couple love one another through all of life's joys and battles. That married couples see each other's weaknesses and loves them even more. That the bond between two people who choose Holy Matrimony grows by becoming more flexible, less opinionated, and more patient. The partnership will include making decisions about finances, about raising children, what church to attend, where to buy groceries, whose house to go to for Christmas, when to take a stand, and who to trust with your children.

A marriage, like most things, will either get stronger or it will get weaker, it will not stay the same. Too many people see marriage as disposable, as a convenience, as a chance for a beautiful ceremony, but don't realize the commitment it takes after the honeymoon is over. At the first sign of disagreement, after the first argument, when things are not going to how the book you read said they should be going, some couples give up on their marriage. Marriage is not like a new pair of shoes. In the beginning they look great, smell new, are shiny, fit well, and then one day, you get tired of seeing them, they don't fit like they used to, you see a better pair in the store window. Sometimes you have to WORK to make your marriage grow.

Marriage is good communication. Marriage is praying together. Marriage is friendship. Marriage is being financial partners. Marriage is showing empathy at times, sympathy at others. Marriage is seeing your partners weaknesses and loving them even more. Good marriages do not wear out, they grow stronger. The tests that two people will incur during their marriage are many. There will be months when the checking account is in the red. There will be days when the car breaks down. There will be nights when the roof leaks. There will be times when you have doubts.

I have been blessed with a wife that when we said our wedding vows at St. Agnes Catholic Church on August 19, 1989, she not only meant the words she said but she has lived them. My wife has changed my faith in God. The strength she has shown over the years is amazing. The witness to her faith in God that she shares with others is inspiring. Her physical beauty is matched by a heart that is loving and giving to others. I was truly a lost soul when I met my wife some 35 years ago, and I would not want to think of where I would be without her.

My prayers for each of you, no matter whether it is your marriage, your relationship with your children, with the people at your job, or with your own parents, is that you include prayer. That God blesses you with patience. That you look past other people's faults and see the good in them. Have a great weekend and we will see you at Mass this Weekend!

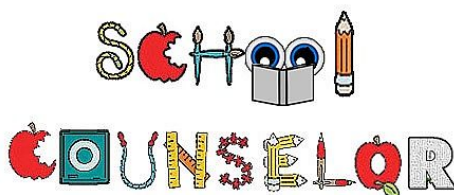
Thanks and God Bless,



Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" -**Matthew 18:20**

Meet the New School Counselor



Hello! My name is Jonathan Chamblee and I am in my final year completing a Masters in Social Work at IUPUI. My wife is Theresa Chamblee and is the Director of Social Concerns for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. We have been married for 21 years and have six beautiful children, which go to Holy Name and Scecina. Before studying Social Work, I served the Church as a teacher, youth minister, and was the Director of Religious Education for Holy Name.

I grew up in Texas where we enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, and amazing BBQ! While growing up, I worked my way through many social and faith issues that life throws at us! I think this is where my love of Counseling and the importance of listening comes from. As a Social Worker/Counselor, It is my greatest hope to connect the kids with the grace of God's love, so they can better overcome the challenges of life. I am very excited to be interning at St. Marks!

Blessings,
Jonathan Chamblee

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

August	31		Teacher In-Service Day, No School
September	3		Labor Day, No School
	5		Picture Retakes
	7		1st Quarter Progress Reports
	24-28		Fall Spirit Week
	27-28		6th Grade Camp Tecumseh Trip
October	5		First Quarter Report Cards Sent Home
	11	3:30-7:00 pm	Parent/Teacher Conferences
	12		Parent/Teacher Conferences- Students Dismissed at 12:30 pm-No Aftercare
	15-19		Fall Break, No School
	29		St. Mark Food Drive Begins
	29-31		Book Fair Begins

FROM THE CAFETERIA



Lunch Menu - August 27 thru 30

Monday	Cheese Omelet, Pancakes and Potato Wedges
Tuesday	Chicken Tacos with Mixed Pepper Medley and Shredded Cheddar Cheese
Wednesday	PK-1 - Chicken Sticks, Goldfish Crackers, Cauliflower and Cheese Sauce 2-8 - Breaded Pork Tenderloin, Bun, Cauliflower and Cheese Sauce
Thursday	PK-1 - Cheese Pizza Slice and Green Beans 2-8 - Personal Pepperoni Pizza, Garlic Knot and Green Beans
Friday	Teacher In-Service Day, No School

CONTINUING FUNDRAISERS



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com. You will need your Kroger Plus Card Number.



Box Tops

Please place Box Tops in the collection box in the church narthex or turn in to the school office.



Coca-Cola Rewards Program is back this year!

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 office.



CYO SPORTS

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

- SMAC President ~ Andy Swiezy at the following email:
andyswiezy83@gmail.com
- SMAC Athletic Director ~ Kris Able at the following email:
kable@stmarkindy.org

Event	Day of Week	Opponent	Time, Location
August 24 – 31			
4 Kickball	Friday (8/24)	St. Simon	6:00, St. Mark
K-2 Flag Football	Saturday (8/25)	OLG Eagles	9:00, St. Mark
4 Kickball	Monday (8/27)	St. Luke	6:00, St. Luke
56 Kickball	Tuesday (8/28)	Holy Name	5:00, St. Mark
3 Kickball	Tuesday (8/28)	St. Barnabas	6:00, St. Mark
3 Kickball	Wednesday (8/29)	St. Jude	5:00, St. Jude
4 Kickball	Wednesday (8/29)	Nativity	5:00, Nativity
56 Kickball	Thursday (8/30)	Ss. Francis & Clare	6:00, SSFC
Cadet Kickball	Thursday (8/30)	OL Greenwood	6:00, St. Mark

Community Benefit Event

DINE to DONATE

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL
10:30 AM to 10:00 PM
Thursday, September 6, 2018

Firehouse Subs ~ 884 US 31 North
Greenwood, IN 46142
(across from the Greenwood Park Mall)

20% of Sales
(Dine-In, Carry-Out, and Catering)
Benefits St. Mark School

Class with highest % of sales receives a Cookie Platter!

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____



RONCALLI REBEL NEWS



Roncalli Girls Soccer – CYO Night

Join the Roncalli Girls Soccer Team for CYO Girls Soccer Night Thursday, August 30th JV kicks off at 5:30PM & Varsity will follow around 7PM Wear your CYO jersey or school shirt to get in free!

This fall, Indy Junior Rebels Lacrosse (Roncalli Lacrosse's feeder program) will be hosting the first ever southside Fall league!

Visit jrrebellax.com for the registration link.

Who: any boy or girl, grades K-8 (teams will be based on grade level/age and will be divided between girls and boys since the rules of the games vary) at any South Deanery school or parish – others can join too by contacting Julie Aldrich at juliealdrich@att.net

When: Season will run from mid-August to early October

Format: 3v3 or more, based on team numbers. Small goals and sticks will be used, along with soft lacrosse balls. This league will focus on the basics of lacrosse, while having fun with other students from your schools.

Practices will be held twice a week with games held on Saturdays at Roncalli High School. There will be a season finale tourney on **Saturday, October 6th**.

Cost: just \$40 per athlete, and this will include a t-shirt to keep

Coaches: coaches will be members of the high school teams, trained by IJR staff with practice plans for each session. We will need a parent point person for each team to be present at every practice and game, in case of emergencies.

Please call, text, or email Julie Aldrich with any questions. juliealdrich@att.net, 317-496-7339

REBEL WRESTLING FOUNDATION

Rebel Wrestling Foundation registration for grades Pre-K - 12 will begin on September 4, 2018, during Tuesday and Thursday practices at the Roncalli High School Wrestling Room. There are two membership options: Option 1 is a full year membership 9/1/18-8/31/19, and Option 2 is a seasonal membership 10/30/18-3/12/19. You can register at any time throughout the year. Details and forms can be found on the website - rebelwrestlingfoundation.org OR contact Coach McClurg @ 317-501-8306, wrestling@roncalli.org