



Dear Parents,

We all become disillusioned at times. With our government, with our religious leaders, with our world, and with our faith in man. The disillusionment can be caused by many sources. We can misconstrue things that we have read or heard on social media or the news. We are not told the truth. Or we simply are ignorant or uninformed of a situation. We can take things out of context or we can simply prejudice a statement because of who said it. Or maybe we are informed correctly and what we hear disappoints us.

The disappointment that we feel at times is sometimes short lived or may be long lasting in our lives. The feeling of hurt or loss can affect our attitude, our behavior and even our faith. When I was younger I had my sports idols. I would follow them in the box scores in the news paper. I would try to watch them on TV when their teams games were broadcast. I even, on rare occasion, got to see them play in person. At a young age your knowledge of everything is not quite as high as when you are an adult. You put people on a pedestal, only to find later in your life, that those same people you looked up to, fell off of their pedestal more than they stood upon it.

So today we have government officials that make bad decisions and are convicted of crimes. We have musicians, that the only way they can form a sentence in a song is to use curse words. We hear of people that teach us about our faith, who harm children. We hear words of hatred that come from people's mouths that sing of Christ's love in church. We find out that the people we looked up to when we were young, made choices that should not be modeled. And we become disillusioned, we become disappointed, and we start to lose faith in man.

While no man is perfect, we are given free will every day by God to make good decisions. Our ability to reestablish other's faith in us, is abundant. Our opportunities to be a role model for our children, our family, our friends, and our co-workers are plentiful. While making good choices is not always easy, making good choices is always right. If we use Christ as our role model in every decision that we make, we will not disappoint others, ourself, and our God. If we turn away from sin and the evil one, our vision will turn into what God's vision is for us.

I cried this week when I heard the accounts of abuse by Priests. I felt sorrowful and helpless for the genocide of the Rohingya people in Myanmar. I lost faith in man when I turned on the news and heard stories of people in power that use their power for evil instead of good. I become angry when people judge others by the color of their skin or by the language they speak. And I have only one place to turn. I turn to my Lord and savior, Jesus Christ and his example of love for me as he died on the cross. A death that each of us had a part in.

I try to distance myself from all the evil in the world, thinking that it has nothing to do with me. But it has everything to do with me. I am either part of the problem, or I am part of the solution. I need my faith in God now more than ever. I need a greater presence of Christ in our lives. I need to read His word, understand His word, and live His word each day. I need prayer. I need Faith. We need action.

So as you go about your life, don't shelter your children from the evils of the world, teach them that evil is all around them, but they have protection in the Father. Let them know that people will sometimes fail them, but Christ will not. Keep God in your children's lives every moment of every day. And as you facilitate the love and grace that God has given us, you will grow less disappointed in man, and more dependent on our Holy Father.

I hope that you have an enjoyable four day weekend! I thank you for your prayers for our school and church. God has given us a special place at St. Mark Catholic School. A place where all are welcome, a place where God is present, and a place where Faith is grown. Have a great weekend and we will see you at Mass!

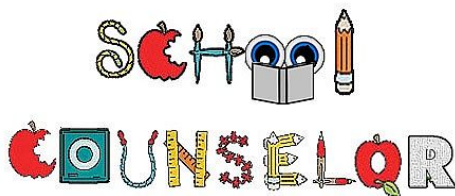
Thanks and God Bless,



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
	6	10:30 am-10:00pm	Dine Out Night, Firehouse Subs
	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

School Picture Retakes



If you wish to have your child's picture retaken or your child was not in attendance on the initial picture day, picture retakes will be Wednesday, September 5. If you need a picture retake order form, they are available in the school office.

St Mark Spirit Wear



Unfortunately there has been a delay in receiving the spirit wear order. The Spirit Wear will be delivered to school on Friday, September 7th.

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: _____



ST. MARK CITIZENSHIP CLASS

COME TO ANY CLASS THAT IS CONVENIENT FOR YOU

The Cenacle is the building south of the football field on Smock Street. Map at stmarkindy.org
Please park in front of Church or at O'Riley Funeral Home along the edge closest to the Cenacle.

No Class Labor Day September 3

MONDAYS 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Cenacle

- September 10 September 17 September 24
- October 1 October 8 October 15 October 22 October 29
- November 5 November 12 November 19 November 26
- December 3 December 10 December 17

Facilitators: John & Barb Stelzel Text: 317-529-0178

MONDAYS 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Parish Center Resource Room

- September 10 September 17 September 24
- October 1 October 8 October 15 October 22 October 29
- November 5 November 12 November 19 November 26
- December 3 December 10 December 17

Facilitators: Thecla Gossett Text: 317-788-0860
Carolyn Bundy Text: 317-694-4065

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Church Courtesy Room

- September 5 September 12 September 19 September 26
- October 3 October 10 (Fall Break) October 24 October 31(Halloween)
- November 7 November 14 Thanksgiving Break November 28
- December 5 December 12 December 19 Merry Christmas!

Facilitators: Dan & Grace Lewis Text: 317-918-8374.
Michelle Johnson Text: 317-452-2460

FRIDAYS 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Cenacle

- September 7 September 13 September 20 September 27
- October 5 October 12 Fall Break October 26
- November 2 November 9 November 16 Thanksgiving
- December 7 December 14 Merry Christmas!

Facilitators: Ginny O'Brien Text: 317-306-5263
Vicki Auger Text: 317-501-5497

FRIDAYS 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Cenacle

- September 7 September 13 September 20 September 27
- October 5 October 12 Fall Break October 26
- November 2 November 9 November 16 Thanksgiving
- December 7 December 14 Merry Christmas!

Facilitators: Shelley Herkert Text: 317-370-9438
Cleo Coyle Text: 317-435-1165

FROM THE CAFETERIA



Lunch Menu - September 4 thru 7

Monday	Labor Day, No School
Tuesday	Hot and Spicy or Golden Chicken Tenders, Dinner Roll, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Wednesday	Beef Hamburger and French Fries
Thursday	PK-1 Eggstravaganza, Mini Cinnamon Rolls and Sweet Cooked Carrots 2-8 Eggstravaganza, Homebaked Cinnamon Rolls and Sweet Cooked Carrots
Friday	Pepperoni (Beef and Chicken Pepperoni) Pizza Ripper, Green Beans and Kids Snack Mix

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.

Box Tops Special Event: Buy five Box Tops for Education products at Walmart between now and 9/10/18 and scan your receipt with the Box Tops Bonus App, you automatically earn 50 Box Tops - that's \$5 for St. Mark School! Learn more at BoxTopsWM.com



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

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time, Location</u>
Aug 31 – Sept 7			
K-2 Flag Football	Saturday (9/1)	St. Barnabas Bears	10:00, St. Mark
56 Kickball	Tuesday (9/4)	Nativity	5:00, Nativity
3 Kickball	Tuesday (9/4)	St. Roch	5:00, St. Mark
4 Kickball	Tuesday (9/4)	St. Roch	6:00, St. Roch
Cadet Kickball	Wednesday (9/5)	St. Jude	5:00, St. Jude
3 Kickball	Thursday (9/6)	Ss. Francis & Clare	5:00, St. Mark
Cadet Kickball	Thursday (9/6)	St. Roch	6:00, St. Mark
56 Kickball	Friday (9/7)	St. Jude	5:00, St. Jude



RONCALLI REBEL NEWS



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