



Dear Parents,

Spring has sprung, well at least on the calendar! As we return from a restful Spring Break with our family members and friends, we begin the final five weeks of the school year. A school year that has had been filled with many great memories of seeing students grow in their faith, become challenged in their academics, and mature in their social skills with their peers and adults. To say that this year has flown by is an understatement. But we embrace the continuation of the Lenten season as we put into place the spiritual lessons that we have learned.

My wife and I had a unique opportunity to travel to Italy over Spring break. We were part of a 7 person pilgrimage to follow in the footsteps of St. John XXIII, Pope Angelo Roncalli, with Mr. Wiesenbach, principal of Roncalli High School, and five other staff members of Roncalli High School. A pilgrimage that took us to Bergamo, Italy the place where St. John XXIII attended seminary. A beautiful place located in the "upper city" of Bergamo that allowed us to be a part of a place that was very instrumental to Roncalli's foundation of faith. Fr. Giovanni, our guide in Bergamo, said Mass for us in the same chapel that Pope Roncalli learned to be a priest in.

We then traveled to Sotte il Monte, about 20 minutes from Bergamo, where Pope Roncalli was born and grew up. A small village where we toured the home where St. John XXIII grew up with 30 of his family members. Growing up in a home that was not wealthy, Pope Roncalli experienced a modest life in a rural setting with his family. We saw many items that belonged to Pope Roncalli as a child and while he was Pope. We learned from an early age that prayer was a very important part of his life, that continued to grow in importance as he became a Bishop, Cardinal, and then Pope.

We traveled by train to Assisi, one of my favorite stops. Assisi is home to many things related to our Catholic Faith. We visited the The Papal Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi in the lower city, and then traveled to the upper city of Assisi where we saw churches, buildings and homes that were built near the time of Christ. The presence of God is truly felt in the history of Assisi. The home of St. Francis and St. Clare, where we saw San Damiano, a church with a monastery built in the 12th century, it was the first monastery of the Order of Saint Clare, where Saint Clare built her community.

From Assisi we traveled by train to Rome, the center of the Catholic faith. We went to St. Peter's Square, came within feet of Pope Francis, visited many churches including St. Peter's Basilica, where we had a private Mass in the underground of St. Peter's church, in a crypt that was only yards away from the tomb of St. Peter. What a moving experience!

The food, the sites, the friendships we made, the moments of awe were all secondary by the living, tangible examples of our Catholic faith that we experienced with every step we took. Personally it rejuvenated my own faith life and I look forward to sharing that with the students, parents, and staff of St. Mark Catholic School. I want to thank Roncalli High School, especially Principal Chuck Wiesenbach, for allowing me and my wife to attend this awesome pilgrimage!

Thanks and God Bless,

Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School

1 Timothy 4:12 "Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity"

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

April	27	Friday	Molli Cassetty Bowl-A-Thon, 6:00 pm, Expo Bowl
May	4	Friday	May Crowning Mass and 8th Gr Pictures, 8:15 am, Church
	4	Friday	Staff Development, Students Dismissed at 1:00 pm (No After Care)
	10-11	Thurs and Fri	Spring Musical (Grades 6-8)
	18	Friday	8th Grade Trip
	18	Friday	KDG Graduation, 9:00 (Following Mass), Church
	21	Monday	8th Grade Picnic and Graduation Practice
	22	Tuesday	8th Grade Mass and Reception
	22	Tuesday	Last Day for Pre-Kindergarten Students
	22	Tuesday	Field Day
	23	Wednesday	Last Day of School - 12:30 pm Dismissal (No Aftercare)
May - June	29-1	Tues-Fri	Lion Super Camp! Incoming K-4

Molli Cassetty Bowl-A-Thon

All are welcome to attend the annual Molli Cassetty Bowl-A-Thon. This annual event helps to fund a scholarship for an incoming 8th grader in the memory of Molli, a former St. Mark student, that lost her battle to cancer in her 8th grade year



- Friday, April 27 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm
- Expo Bowl in Beech Grove
- Cost including 2 games of bowling and shoes:
 - 13 and over \$12.00
 - Under 13 \$ 9.00

ST. MARK ANNUAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MASS AND RECEPTION IS SUNDAY, APRIL 29 AT 9:30 AM.

St. Mark the Evangelist Parish at 535 E. Edgewood Avenue, will celebrate its Annual Disabilities Awareness Mass at 9:30 AM on Sunday, April 29. Encouraged by this year's Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities theme, "Be Cool. We Are.", the purpose of this Mass is to raise awareness of the value of acceptance, respect and feeling comfortable around individuals in the community with disabilities. Several of St. Mark's SPRED Group will actively participate in the Mass. A reception will immediately follow in St. Mark Schafer Hall. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.



Below are some summer camp opportunities. We have provided the web site for additional information.

- St. Mark Catholic School Lions Super Camp! Incoming Grades K-4. May 29th thru June 1st. **Registration forms have been sent home!**
 - CYO Camp Rancho Framasa, www.campranchoframasa.org
 - Marian University STEM Summer Camps for kindergartners-8th graders to learn about the wonders of science, technology, engineering, and math in an engaging and exciting environment." Deadline to register is May 18, www.marian.edu/summercamps
 - National Junior Tennis League of Indianapolis, www.indynjtl.org
 - Girls Take Action Conference (one day only, Friday, June 29, 2018), Call (317) 221-8950 to register.
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Open Enrollment

Become a St. Mark Catholic School Lion!

There are still openings for the 2018/2019 school year. If you know of anyone who is interested in St. Mark Catholic School please have them contact us via our website (<http://school.stmarkindy.org/>) or by phone at (317) 786-4013

We will be happy to answer any questions and arrange a tour of the school.

FROM THE CAFETERIA

Lunch Menu - Week of April 23 thru 27

- Monday** PK-1 Mini Corn Dogs; 2-8 Beef Philly Meat in Queso Cheese on Sub Bun; All Waffle Fries
- Tuesday** Beef Meatballs, Twisted Breadstick, Marinara Sauce and Caesar Salad
- Wednesday** Toasted Cheese Sandwich and Tomato Soup
- Thursday** Popcorn Chicken in Asian Sauce, Fried Rice and Sugar Snap Peas
- Friday** PK-1 Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza; 2-8 Stuffed Crust Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza; All Garlic Toast and Steamed Broccoli

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 boxes in the church narthex or school entrance.



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

Event	Day of Week	Opponent	Time, Location
April. 20 - 27			
Cadet Soccer	Saturday (4/21)	St. Jude	10:00, St. Jude
Coed Track	Sunday (4/22)	SSFC Invitational	1:00, CG MS North
Cadet Soccer	Thursday (4/26)	OL Greenwood	5:30, Greenwood HS

CYO Awards Ceremony



- Tuesday, May 1, 2018
- 7:00 PM
- Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral

The CYO Awards Ceremony, honoring adult and teen volunteers in our youth ministry and athletic program will take place on Tuesday , May 1 201I. Archbishop Charles Thompson will present the awards. A reception will be held at the Catholic Center following the ceremony.

St.Mark recipients this year are:



- **St. John Bosco, Jesse Cleary**
- **Msgr Busard, Laura English and Rusty Albertson**
- **Spirit of Youth, Sam Bramlett and Joey Cross**

St. Mark All Sports Mass and Banquet

Mark your calendars for the St. Mark All Sports Athletic Mass and Banquet scheduled for Sunday, May 6. The awards ceremony will start at 5:00 followed by a banquet in Schafer Hall. The banquet is open to all Lion CYO athletes, St. Mark Southside Flag Football League players, junior track runners, parents and coaches. Registration for Fall sports (tackle football, kickball, HS volleyball, cross-country, flag football & cheerleading) and uniform returns will also occur at the banquet.

Please contact Greg Candler at gtcandler@aol.com for more information.

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.

RONCALLI REBEL NEWS



Roncalli High School Summer Sports Camps

Roncalli High School will again be offering summer camps in 19 different sports for boys and girls. The camps are reasonably price at only \$50 per camper per camp. More information is available online at www.roncalli.org/athletics/summer-sports-camps.



RUN FOR THE ROSES, Rebelation
Saturday, April 28, 2018
5:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
Roncalli High School
Derby or business casual attire

Please join us at the party! Don your Derby hat and help raise funds for Roncalli families in need of tuition assistance. Great food, drinks, entertainment and one-of-a-kind auction items await you.

Can't attend but want to be part of the action? Send in your **High Stakes Raffle** betting form and be in the running for up to \$10,000! And, **bid on silent auction packages from the comfort of your own home**—when you win, you can pick up your prize at RHS the following week.

Reserve your spot, print the High Stakes Raffle order form, browse auction items, make a donation and start the bidding by visiting:
www.roncalli.org/rebellion

Contact Rachel Brown at rcbrown@roncalli.org if you have questions.

CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

Who: Any Current 8th grader, Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior
When/Where: Clinic Dates: May 15th, 17th, and 18th 3:30-5:00 pm Roncalli H.S. Cafeteria
Final Tryout: May 19st @ 8:00 am Roncalli H.S. Gym
Question Please contact Kara Applegate at ksuemiller7@gmail.com