



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."**

December 10, 2021

Parents,

*With Mr. Albertson on sabbatical, we are printing Father Tim's letter from the weekly parish bulletin...*

Hello Parents,

This Sunday we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent in which the liturgical color is traditionally rose (or as some call it, pink). Gaudete literally means, "be joyful," it's in the imperative form, like a command. We are urged by our Church to be joyful on this Sunday, as we get ever closer to celebrating the birth of our Lord.

While Gaudete Sunday, and its counterpart on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, which means "rejoice," are rare occurrences in each Liturgical year (the color rose is only worn on these two days), it is important to remember that they are chances for us to be reminded that we are called to be joyful and rejoice as much as possible! Not in a way that is fake or forced, but in a way that acknowledges that no matter what, our joy is real because our faith tells us that joy is the only reaction to the wonders that we have been given by God. This isn't to say that we do not lament the evil in the world, or mourn loss and hardship. But this is always overcome by joy in the end. The evil never has the last word, and death and loss are but temporary realities that will one day give way to eternal happiness. This is why the message of Jesus Christ is called His "Gospel," a word that means "good news."

One of the great things about joy, especially when it radiates from us, is that it is by far the most effective form of evangelization that we could possibly do. We could know the entire Bible, Catechism, and collected works of every theologian in the Church; we could know every argument for the existence of a Divine Creator; we could know and proclaim the Traditions of our Church every day. But nothing attracts people to our faith more than when they see that it brings us joy. That is because joy is universally desired, and almost always recognized. When people see joy, they want to find its source, and we in the Catholic Church just so happen to have the fullness of the only true source there is! So, let us heed the command of Christ and His Church on this Sunday: Gaudete! Be Joyful!

Fr. Tim

*The school and parish staff wish you  
Many Blessings for Christmas and the New Year*



## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec 13 & 14	Mon & Tues		Santa Shop-see more information below
Dec 16	Thurs		Spirit Wear orders delivered to school and sent home with student
Dec 17	Fri	1:00	Christmas Break begins! 1:00 Dismissal - <b>NO AFTERCARE</b>
Jan 3	Mon		School Resumes
Jan 3	Mon		22/23 Letter of Intent sent home with oldest/only child in the family
Jan 14	Fri	1:00	<b>1:00 Dismissal</b> -Teacher Professional Development- <b>No After Care</b>
Jan 14	Fri		Letters of Intent and \$100/family Registration Fee Due

## LUNCH MENU

**December 13 thru 17, 2021**

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	Daily Choice or Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese and Baked Beans
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	Daily Choice or Asian Popcorn Chicken, Fried Rice & Vegetables
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Daily Choice or Homestyle Meatballs in Gravy over Pasta, Green Beans
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	Daily Choice or Hot Ham & Cheese, Cauliflower w/ Cheese Sauce
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	Daily Choice or Pizza and Salad Bar



Santa Claus is coming to town on Monday, December 13th and Tuesday, December 14th, and opening his shop from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. for the boys and girls to do their Christmas shopping! All of the proceeds from the Santa Shop will benefit the 8th grade class. ***If you would like your child to shop, please send them with an envelope that is marked with their name and the amount of money enclosed.***

For questions? Please contact Angi Swiezy at [aswiezy@stmarkindy.org](mailto:aswiezy@stmarkindy.org). The elves look forward to seeing you there!

## Pre-Kindergarten Class 2022/2023

Registration forms are available on our web site [www.school.stmarkindy.org](http://www.school.stmarkindy.org). For any additional questions, please contact Beth Leszcynski in the SMCS school office (317) 786-4013

### Other Important Information

- \$200 Registration Fee
- Tuition Cost: \$4500 - \$200 Reg Fee = \$4,300
- Tuition Scholarships are available
- Full-Day, Five Days per Week
- Before care and Aftercare available at additional cost

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### Important Enrollment Dates for 2022-2023 School Year



Almost all of our classes for the 21/22 school year were full with a waiting list. We anticipate this to be the same for the 22/23 school year. It is important that we receive your Letter of Intent and registration fee no later than 1:00 pm on Friday, January 14, 2022 to secure your child's spot for next year.

#### **Monday, January 3, 2022**

Letters of Intent for the 2022-2023 school year will be sent home with the oldest child of current St. Mark Catholic School Families for the purpose of securing spots for the 2022-2023 school year.

#### **Friday, January 14, 2022**

This Letter of Intent and \$100 family registration fee is due back to the school office by Friday, January 14, 2022 by 1:00 pm

#### **Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

St. Mark Parishioner Families that do not currently (2021-2022 school year) have children at St. Mark Catholic School, may begin registering students for the 2022-2023 school year to be considered for any available spots.

#### **Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

Open House- Open Enrollment for any families seeking enrollment for any available classroom spots.

## 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/school-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)



## 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](mailto:gossteach@yahoo.com)
- SMAC Athletic Director ~ Frank Litz at the following email: [SMAC@stmarkindy.org](mailto:SMAC@stmarkindy.org)

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Day of Week</u></b>	<b><u>Opponent</u></b>	<b><u>Time, Location</u></b>
<b>December 10 – December 17</b>			
56B (B) Boys Basketball	Saturday 12/11	SS. Fran & Clare	11:00am, SS. Fran & Clare
56B (W) Boys Basketball	Saturday 12/11	Holy Cross	11:00am, Holy Cross
Cadet A Boys Basketball	Saturday 12/11	St. Bartholomew	11:00am, St. Bartholomew
Cadet B Boys Basketball	Sunday 12/12	St. Roch	1:00pm, St. Roch
4th Boys Basketball	Sunday 12/12	St. Charles	2:00pm, CYO Center
56B (W) Boys Basketball	Tuesday 12/14	St. Anthony	6:00pm, CYO Center
56B (B) Boys Basketball	Tuesday 12/14	Central Catholic	7:00pm, CYO Center
4th Boys Basketball	Wednesday 12/15	Central Catholic	6:00pm, Central Catholic
Cadet A Boys Basketball	Thursday 12/16	Holy Name	5:00pm, CYO Center



## Roncalli High School Application for Admission

Roncalli is excited to welcome the Class of 2026 next fall! As a reminder, the Application for Admission is now available online at <https://apps.roncalli.org/application>. You CAN fill out the application before your student takes the High School Placement Test.

Once the application is complete and the \$100 registration fee is received, you may continue the registration process. For those who have not been in a South Deanery Catholic grade school for grades seven and eight, those next steps will include scheduling an admissions interview for January 11, 12 or 13 (limited space available). For all others, it will be scheduling your appointment to meet with your student's counselor to create their freshman year schedule. Please contact Director of Admissions Allie Ross at [aross@roncalli.org](mailto:aross@roncalli.org) or (317) 787-8277, ext. 243 with any questions.

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## Roncalli High School is hiring!

The Office of Institutional Advancement is seeking an individual(s) to be a part of a dynamic team. We are seeking a candidate to manage our school website (app management, day to day web updates, proficient at HTML, CSS, JavaScript and SQL). We are also seeking someone to do videography/video production and also do broadcast and streaming for our Roncalli Media Network. This position(s) could be full-time or part-time and is a 12 month position. Interested and qualified candidates should contact Terese Carson at [tcarson@roncalli.org](mailto:tcarson@roncalli.org) or at 317.788.4098.