



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."

Dear Parents,

I am often perplexed by human actions and reactions in our world. I see the senseless violence that plagues our world today, and I wonder why this happens. I hear of people being shot in Las Vegas who were probably just like you and me, going out one evening, not knowing what was to come. Not knowing that a person had a plan to kill as many people as he could from a 32nd floor hotel window. Not knowing that at first they thought it was part of the concert, and then fireworks, but then they saw the carnage that was before them and tried to flee to safety. Not knowing that this was their last days on earth or that their lives would be changed forever because of this act of violence, this act of domestic terrorism. My heart grows weary.

I am often perplexed by human actions and reactions in our world. I hear about police officers, firemen, and first responders, that risk their own lives to save others every day. I hear about people that leave their comfortable life that includes a good job and a good home. They leave this lifestyle to become missionary workers in a country that needs them. I hear about high school students that forgo their Friday night of fun with their classmates, to be with and comfort a friend that has leukemia. I witness neighbors welcoming in a refugee family into their neighborhood with food, kindness, and love. I see farmers bringing their combines and equipment to a neighboring farm whose wife has just lost her husband. Even though they have their own crops to harvest, they do what is right and gather all the crops in the widow's field for her. My heart grows strong.

The two sides to human nature: good vs evil, right vs wrong. We see this every day. We witness it on tv, on the internet, in far away places. We experience it in our own communities, in our own homes, in our own families. The two sides of human nature have been around since Adam and Eve were in the garden of Eden. It has continued through our current place in time. It will be here as long as God gives us free will. Free will to make choices. Free will to decide to do what is not popular, but what is right. Free will to *love our neighbor*, to do for the *least of our brothers*. Free will to choose good vs. evil.

We often see society try to explain why a person commits heinous crimes. The media will do "in depth" interviews about this person's childhood, where they went to school, their parents, their past, their connections to others. But we rarely see detailed reporting on the backgrounds of people that do great things for our world, the heroes of our planet.

Like the first responders to the recent Las Vegas massacre, that just "did their job" when over 100 gunshot victims were rushed to their emergency room. That in the face of a horrific situation, did not panic, but used their human instincts to save countless lives. Or like Welles Crowther, a 24 year old equities trader, who called his mother on the morning of 9/11 and calmly left a voicemail: "Mom, this is Welles. I want you to know that I'm ok." But after that call, the man who was a volunteer firefighter in his teens made his way down to the 78th floor sky lobby and became a hero to strangers known only as "the man in the red bandana." He saved countless lives and he died saving others when he could have saved himself.

But we can change the world with our actions and it starts in our homes, continues in our community and church, winds around to other parts of our country, and may lead us to foreign lands. You see, I believe God has all given us hearts of heroes. He has given us the tools to help others. Tools like kind words, a smile, spare items to give to others, our time, our ability to listen. My heart grows weary, my heart grows strong. I hope you enjoy your fall break and you can make a difference in our world that needs you, and I will see you at Mass with your family!

Thanks and God Bless,

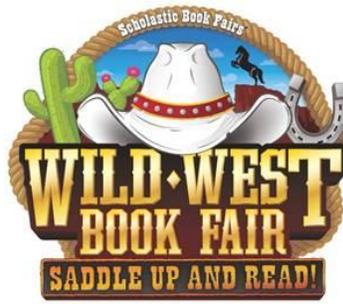
Rusty Albertson
Principal
St. Mark Catholic School
"Come Grow in Faith"

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

October	9-13	Fall Break, No School
	16	School Resumes
	19	Dine Out Night at Firehouse Subs
	30-31	Book Fair Preview Days
November	1-3	Book Fair
	4	SMCS Holiday Craft Fair
	10	Second Quarter Progress Reports
	12	School Commission Pancake Breakfast-Schafer Hall, 8:30-11:00 am
	21	Thanksgiving All-School Mass-Church, 9:00 am
	21	Staff Development-Students Dismissed at 1:00 pm (No After Care)
	22-24	Thanksgiving Break, No School



Shout out for Book Fair Volunteers

Volunteers needed for the Book Fair. Please email Mrs. Koesters at kkoesters@stmarkindy.org if you can assist during any of the following times:

Monday, October 30	8:00 - 10:00	Tag books
	10:00 - 3:00	Assist students with preview
Tuesday, October 31	12:00 - 2:30	Assist students with purchases
Wednesday, November 1	12:00 - 2:30	Assist students with purchases
	3:00 - 7:00	Family Night

All volunteers are to have completed the Safe and Sacred training as well as have a signed Volunteer Policy form on file.

8th Grade Fundraiser



The 8th grade class will sell Texas Roadhouse rolls again this year ~ just in time for your Thanksgiving dinner!

Sales will begin Sunday, October 15 after all Masses!

Sale will continue Monday, October 16 through Sunday, October 29. Your order will be available for pickup Monday, November 20th from 3:00 ~ 6:00 pm.

Dine Out Night

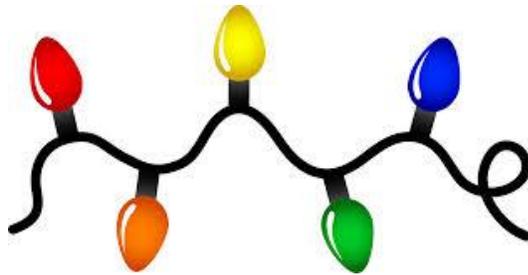


(across from Greenwood Park mall)
884 US 31 N, Greenwood, IN 46142
(317) 851-8615

Thursday, October 19, 2017 from 10:30 am to 10:00 pm. 20% of the (Dine-In, Carry-Out and Catering) will benefit SMCS. Please tell the cashier on October 19 that your purchase benefits SMCS!

Help support SMCS one sub at a time!

SMCS Holiday Craft Fair



Help support our 8th grade class by being a vendor in the Holiday Craft Fair or attending the Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 4th in Monsignor Schafer Hall from 8:00 ~ 3:00 pm.

If you would like to be a vendor in the St. Mark Catholic School Craft Fair, please register at:
<https://goo.gl/forms/Smr565m6UfJovNvk2>

As in the past we will try to register one of each brand (Avon, Party Lite, etc) for our Holiday Craft Fair. You will get 1 - 8' table and two chairs for your \$40 registration fee. We only have spots for 25 booths and registrations will be taken in the order they are received (with fee). You can mail the vendor fee to SMCS, 541 E. Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227 or bring to the school office.

Concessions will be provided by our 8th grade class.

If you have any questions please email this year's St. Mark Craft Fair Co-chairpersons: Kristia Cropper (kcorbin28@hotmail.com) or Lindsay Miller (millerl@centergrove.k12.in.us)

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.

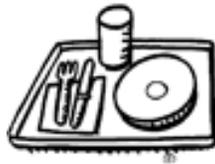


Coca-Cola Rewards Program is back this year!

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! Here are some of the brands that can be redeemed for points:

Just turn your coke reward products into Mrs. Leszcynski in the office!

FROM THE CAFETERIA



Lunch Menu - Week of October 16 thru 20

Monday	Beef Hamburger, French Fries, Cheese Slices
Tuesday	Chicken Alfredo, Rotini Pasta, Dinner Roll and Peas
Wednesday	Toasted Cheese Sandwich and Tomato Soup
Thursday	Crispitos (Chicken chili cheese flauta), Refried Beans and Queso Amarillo
Friday	Pepperoni Calzone and Green Beans



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>
October 6 – 13			
Cross Country	Saturday (10/7)	CYO City	1:00, Blue River XC
34 Football	Saturday (10/7)	OL Lourdes	11:00, Ellenberger Park
Cadet Girls BB	Sunday (10/8)	OL Mt. Carmel	1:00, OL Mt. Carmel
6 Football	Sunday (10/8)	Notre Dame Acad.	1:00, St. Andrew
Cadet Football	Sunday (10/8)	St. Luke	2:15, Brebeuf Jesuit HS
5 Football	Sunday (10/8)	St. Simon	2:15, St. Simon
56B Girls BB	Sunday (10/8)	OL Mt. Carmel	3:00, OL Mt. Carmel
56C Girls BB	Sunday (10/8)	OL Lourdes	3:00, OL Lourdes
4 Girls BB	Tuesday (10/10)	Holy Spirit Indy	5:30, Holy Spirit Indy

RONCALLI REBEL NEWS



FREE RONCALLI WRESTLING CLINICS

The Roncalli High School wrestling staff will host FREE CYO Wrestling Clinics after school from 3:30pm-5:00pm during the month of October. South Deanery students are encouraged to attend as many of the dates throughout the week as they can! This clinic is designed for all levels of wrestlers. It is a great place for someone to come try our sport. If your child enjoys their time on the mat, then they can join their CYO school team and/or Rebel Wrestling Foundation (Roncalli's Wrestling Club).

- Monday, October 23rd @ St. Jude**
- Tuesday, October 24th @ St. Roch**
- Wednesday, October 25th @ SS Francis & Clare**
- Thursday, October 26th @ St. Barnabas**

Questions: Contact Coach McClurg [317-501-8306](tel:317-501-8306) or wrestling@roncalli.org