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A Ministry of St. Mary's Parish

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### *Saint Mary's Academy Mission Statement*

Saint Mary's Academy promotes academic excellence within a Christ-centered Catholic community. Students from Pre-K through Grade 8 learn acceptance and appreciation of others and develop to their full potential within a nurturing family environment.

Week of 02/09/17 - 02/16/17

**There is no greater love than Jesus' love, because he Laid down His life for us, His friends. John 15:13**



### Gospel Reflection

#### Gospel for this weekend:

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgement.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement.

"You have heard that it was said, *You shall not commit adultery.* But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.* But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

#### Reflection:

In Matthew's account of the Gospel, Jesus continues to teach his closest disciples about the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven and about making the right choices. When Jesus says, "Amen," he emphasizes that what he says is the truth, and "I say to you" means that he is the authority on the teaching. As he teaches the disciples, Jesus is taking the old law and reimagining it in the new order. Clearly, the disciples are hearing radically new teaching from the Master.



### Principal's Notes

- We will be leaving for our Winter Break at the end of school next Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope that everyone has a wonderful vacation and that we all find time to be with family and friends. May we also take time to rest and gain strength through prayer as we have many great and exciting things in front of us upon our return on Monday, February 27<sup>nd</sup>. God Bless you all and stay safe.
- Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms for re-enrollment for next year. Please remember that the deadline for the re-enrollment papers is Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.



## Important Dates

- For Valentine's Day this year we will be making a donation to the American Heart Association. In order to do this we will be having a "red" dress down day. This means that each student/faculty member may pay \$2.00 to wear red or pink as part of their dress down day in lieu of their regular uniform. So those who bring in their \$2.00 donation will be able to dress down, Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Also on Valentine's Day the Parents' Association will have an Ice Cream Social for our students. Students will be called down to the gym by classes to enjoy an ice cream party in honor of St. Valentine's Day



## Fair Share Opportunities

### Spelling Bee:

An email was sent out to those parents who signed up to help with Spelling Bee at the beginning of the year, but we are still in need of one volunteer the evening of March 8<sup>th</sup> and one on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers need to arrive by 5:30pm and would need to plan on staying until 8:30pm – 9pm. Please email Jenna at [jbanaitis@stmaryslongmeadow.org](mailto:jbanaitis@stmaryslongmeadow.org) if you can help. This is a great way to earn fair share hours.

## **A.C.E.** Information

### ACE:

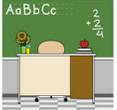
Our Annual Gala will be here before you know it and the committee has been working hard at securing sponsorships, donations and program advertisers. If you know of a business or family that might be interested in sponsoring our event with a program ad, event sponsorship, or an in-kind donation, please contact Jenna 413.567.0907 or [jbanaitis@stmaryslongmeadow.org](mailto:jbanaitis@stmaryslongmeadow.org)

Another big piece to our Gala are our class baskets. Last year, this table raised \$4,780! Here's how it works – each classroom has been assigned a theme. Please contact your room parent for specifics, but families can choose to *either send in an item based on that theme or contribute money to purchase a larger item (whatever is easiest)*. The classroom whose contributions are auctioned off for the highest price will **win a special lunch party!** As an added incentive, **for every \$100 raised at the event from your class, the class will receive (1) dress down day with a maximum of 5 days.** Don't miss out on this opportunity to support YOUR school! This is really a fun way to get involved. *Please send in items by MARCH 3, 2017.* For questions, please contact your room parent or Jenna Banaitis at 567.0907.



## Angel Acts

- I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parents' Association for helping make Catholic Schools Week such a wonderful success. So many parents joined us throughout the week for the many activities. The faculty and staff also enjoyed the wonderful Teacher Appreciation luncheon sponsored by the Parents' Association. Thank you.



## A Teacher's View

Fifth grade is moving along nicely. It is hard to believe the year is half over!

We have learned about Jesus's Sermon on the Mount and his delivery of the Lord's Prayer and the Beatitudes to his disciples. We try to remember to be kind to others every day. We are beginning our Love Blanket project this month and hope to deliver the blankets to Baystate Pediatric Cancer and Baystate Brain Tumor Center by the end of March.

The students are excited to learn finally be learning about the Revolutionary War in Social Studies. It is always exciting for them to discover how our country was founded.

We are working on fractions in math. The students worked on a Number Sense project, which was a culmination of their understanding of number theory. This is always a fun activity for the students to work on as they explore a favorite number.

We have several fun field trips in the works. The next months will fly. As always, it is a privilege to work with your children; thank you for sharing your gift with me.

God Bless,

Ms. Remillard