



Catholic Schools Week January 26-February 1, 2020

God speaks to us through the Bible, other people, and things that happen.
We will be reading a Bible story each day on morning announcements.

- Sunday** *Celebrating your Parish* **Listen to the Word of God at Mass! Psalm 27** “The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?”; **Matthew 4:12-17** “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
Attend Mass at your Parish and wear your school uniform! Spread the news about our Open House at SMSS from 2- 4 to encourage new registrants. This is a great opportunity for all to see the amenities our school has to offer! Spread the word to welcome new families to our school.
- Monday** *Celebrating your Community* **Romans 15:1-7** “Let each of us please our neighbor for the good, for building up.”
Sports Day! Students and teachers may come to school in their favorite sports team attire. All basketball players for the St. Mary Sentinels may wear their basketball uniforms to school.
- Tuesday** *Celebrating your Students* **Psalm 139:1-16** “I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works!”
Crazy Sock, hair bows & Tie Day! Students and teachers may wear crazy and colorful socks, hair bows or ties. Our students will “knock your socks off” by how kind and thoughtful they are. Students will pick another student’s name from their faith family (from tomorrow’s faith rally) and pray for them, especially during the faith rally day.
- Wednesday** *Celebrating Vocations* **Mark 4:1-20** The Word of God “sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.”
Spirit Day! Students and teachers may wear school spirit or blue or white shirts, jeans and tennis shoes. Our faith grows at SMSS through experiences like faith rallies. Get ready for a fun filled day celebrating our Catholic faith in prayer, music, games and crafts with our faith families. We will pray for vocations to the married life, single life and consecrated life of priest, brother or sister.
- Thursday** *Celebrating the Nation* **John 17:17-26** “I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”
Celebration of our nation’s colors - red, white and blue! Students and teachers may wear the colors of red, white and blue shirts and jeans. The students will make St. Valentine cards with positive, encouraging messages and illustrations. These cards will be sent to men and women serving in the U.S. Military.
- Friday** *Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers* **1 Cor. 12: 4-13;** “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.”
Crazy Colorful Mismatch Day and 100th Day of School! Students in grades 4-8 may wear crazy colorful mismatched clothing, accessories, and hairstyles. Students in grades PK-3 will dress up as 100 year olds! We will have an all school parade in the school yard and/or gym to showcase our unique style and what we may look like at 100! The parade will begin at 9am . All are welcome to watch!
- Saturday** *Celebrating Families* **Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 3:1-16;** “For the Lord sets a father in honor over his children and confirms a mother’s authority over her sons...Kindness to a father will not be forgotten.”
PTO-sponsored Daddy-Daughter Dance at SMSS school cafeteria from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

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Daily Scripture Readings

SUNDAY: Matthew 4:12-17

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

MONDAY: Romans 15:1-7

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves; let each of us please our neighbor for the good, for building up. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, “The insults of those who insult you fall upon me.” For whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

TUESDAY: Psalm 139:1-16

LORD, you have probed me, you know me: you know when I sit and stand;
you understand my thoughts from afar. You sift through my travels and my rest;
with all my ways you are familiar. Even before a word is on my tongue, LORD, you know it all.
Behind and before you encircle me and rest your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, far too lofty for me to reach.
Where can I go from your spirit? From your presence, where can I flee?
If I ascend to the heavens, you are there; if I lie down in Sheol, there you are.
If I take the wings of dawn and dwell beyond the sea, Even there your hand guides me,
your right hand holds me fast.
If I say, “Surely darkness shall hide me, and night shall be my light” Darkness is not dark for you,
and night shines as the day. Darkness and light are but one. You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother’s womb. I
praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know. My bones are not hidden from you,
When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be.

WEDNESDAY: Mark 4:1-20

On another occasion^a he began to teach by the sea. * A very large crowd gathered around him so that he got into a boat on the sea and sat down. And the whole crowd was beside the sea on land. And he taught them at length in parables, and in the course of his instruction he said to them, “Hear this! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep. And when the sun rose, it was scorched and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it and it produced no grain. And some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit. It came up and grew and yielded thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.” He added, “Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear.”

And when he was alone, those present along with the Twelve questioned him about the parables.

* He answered them, “The mystery of the kingdom of God has been granted to you. But to those outside everything comes in parables, so that ‘they may look and see but not perceive, and hear and listen but not understand, in order that they may not be converted and be forgiven.’”

Jesus said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand any of the parables?

The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown. As soon as they hear, Satan comes at once and takes away the word sown in them.

And these are the ones sown on rocky ground who, when they hear the word, receive it at once with joy.

But they have no root; they last only for a time. Then when tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

Those sown among thorns are another sort. They are the people who hear the word, but worldly anxiety, the lure of riches, and the craving for other things intrude and choke the word, and it bears no fruit. But those sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.”

THURSDAY: John 17:17-26

Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth. “I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.”

FRIDAY: 1 Cor. 12: 4-13

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

SATURDAY: Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) 3:16

Children, listen to me, your father; act accordingly, that you may be safe.
For the Lord sets a father in honor over his children and confirms a mother's authority over her sons.
Those who honor their father atone for sins; they store up riches who respect their mother.
Those who honor their father will have joy in their own children, and when they pray they are heard.
Those who respect their father will live a long life; those who obey the Lord honor their mother.
Those who fear the Lord honor their father, and serve their parents as masters.
In word and deed honor your father, that all blessings may come to you.
A father's blessing gives a person firm roots, but a mother's curse uproots the growing plant.
Do not glory in your father's disgrace, for that is no glory to you!
A father's glory is glory also for oneself; they multiply sin who demean their mother.
My son, be steadfast in honoring your father; do not grieve him as long as he lives.
Even if his mind fails, be considerate of him; do not revile him because you are in your prime.
Kindness to a father will not be forgotten; it will serve as a sin offering—it will take lasting root.
In time of trouble it will be recalled to your advantage, like warmth upon frost it will melt away your sins.
Those who neglect their father are like blasphemers; those who provoke their mother are accursed by their Creator.