

## St. Martin Catholic School Mission

The mission of St. Martin Catholic School is to teach a life of Prayer, Leadership, Love, Service and Kindness through Catholic Education.



Sept. 13, 2020

Hello Jaguar Families,

"FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM." MT18:20

I love this scripture verse!

How appropriate is it that one of my favorite scripture verses appeared in last Sunday's gospel! Being back together as a school community to me echoes this very scripture. As I wander through the halls, in and out of the classrooms, I can feel Christ's presence. I have seen Him here when I watched a teacher bend over a student's shoulder and quietly coach him or her on their assignment. I have seen Him here when I hear laughter drifting down the hallway of students sharing a few moments with their friends. I have felt Him here when I am hugged impulsively by a child who passes me by in the cafeteria. I have seen Him outside when I watch children playing at recess. I have also seen Him in the faces of the parishioners as they smile sweetly at the students' chaotic energy as they bounce into church. Yes, Jesus is in our midst. He walks among us. He uses our hands to do his works, he calms our fears and strengthens our faith. He wraps our school in His love. He surely is here, can you feel and see Him too?

## FAITH OVER FEAR

*"God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of sound mind"* 2Tim 3:7

## TITHING

### Money Counts ... What is a tithe? Why can't the school tell us what the "tuition" is?

St. Martin is a non-tuition school, because under the direction of the diocese, Bishop McKnight believes the education of the parish children is a **mission** of that parish. Therefore the children of the parish may attend the parish school because their parents are supporting the mission of the church by educating them (the child) in the ways of the faith. There is no tuition as long as the parents are **ACTIVE PARISHIONERS**. The definition of **an active parishioner is a person who tithes faithfully and justly to the church and participates in the sacramental and community life of the parish.**

You are probably wondering what is a tithe and how much do I pay for my child to attend St. Martin? A tithe is one tenth (10%) of your annual earnings given as support of the church. There are many scripture passages about tithing. St. Paul writes in the second book of Corinthians 9:7 *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful*

*giver. Also in Proverbs 11:24 One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withhold what he should give, and only suffers want*

As you prayerfully consider your family's tithe, please keep in mind the following:

- The education of the parish children is the biggest **mission** of our parish.
- The cost to educate one child at St. Martin School is \$5,100 per year.
- The cost can be calculated to \$1,500 per registered parish household per year.

If you have any questions please contact Fr. Doke or any member of the finance council.

### **SERVER REGISTRATION**

The Second Vatican Council calls the Eucharist “the source and summit” of our faith. Our celebration of the Eucharist is the most profound way that we worship our Lord. The celebration of the Eucharist is not something we take lightly, and we strive to carry out the Church's liturgy with the utmost dignity and respect it deserves. Servers are an integral part of the liturgy here at St. Martin. We all need servers to be dedicated and well trained. We are trying to provide better training and scheduling for our servers. If your son or daughter would like to serve at Mass, please fill out the attached form and return it. Serving at Mass is always a privilege and with all privileges come responsibilities. When your child is enrolled as a server, we ask that he or she be present in the sacristy 10 minutes before Mass begins for prayer and instructions and if your child cannot serve, to please find a substitute. Being on time is very important. The number of times your child serves each month will depend on how many servers we have registered.

Peace and God Bless,

Fr. Doke

### **CANDY BAR SALES**

Our annual Candy bar fundraiser kicked off this week! This year there is a new candy bar in the box - the WAFER bar! Each box of 60 has the following bars: 6 Dark Chocolate, 6 Wafer (NEW), 6 Milk Chocolate, 12 Almond, 12 W.F. Crisp, and 18 Caramel. Candy Bars sell for just \$1.00 per bar. Our sales goal this year is \$4500.00 = 150 cases. Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase new cubbies for the 3rd and 4th grade. Extra candy bars are available to purchase in the 60 count pre-packaged box, this is because we want to decrease the amount of handling of the candy bars. Orders will be filled and sent home the next school day. On Friday's we will accept orders until 1:00 to send home for the weekend. Thank you for your support of our school! Blessings, Candy Bar Sale Coordinator, Rebecca Bax

To order a case of candy bars to sell, please click here: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/pVXOCdJh> All monies will be collected online through the FACTS payment system and are due by October 15,2020.

## **ATHLETIC SPIRIT WEAR (CROSS COUNTRY AND VOLLEYBALL)**

To order Cross Country Spirit wear please click here: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/yzvcK8zn>

To order Volleyball Spirit wear please click here: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/GoApH9Sr>

Both orders are due by Sunday, September 13th at midnight!

**School Spirit Wear Order forms coming very soon!**

## **GOBLIN 5K**

Save the date: The Goblin 5K will be held on Sunday, October 18th at 2:00 - more information coming soon!

## **BIRTHDAY TREATS**

Birthdays are special and should be celebrated. This year however we are asking that each treat be individually wrapped, pre packaged treats are ideal but if your child chooses to bring doughnuts, each doughnut is to be put in its own baggie. Please check with your child's homeroom teacher prior to sending the treats because we have several students who have food allergies and the teacher will help you know what and what not to send for a treat.

If there is a food allergy in your room PLEASE do not send food with that substance. Many times food allergies are so severe that it could be a life threatening situation if the child with the allergy comes in contact with that substance. Treats will not be served if they contain the allergen. Just a gentle reminder that we are a peanut free school.

## **ST. MARTIN PARISH FALL DINNER**

The parish will be hosting a drive-thru **FALL DINNER on OCT. 4**. The committee is in need of at least 100 workers. As it was discussed with all school families at registration time, part of our **TIME, TALENT & TREASURE** is actively supporting the parish. Therefore working at the FALL DINNER is supporting the parish by giving of your time. It would be nice to have at least 50 of our 156 families work this event. 14 families have already signed-up. Please use the sign-up link to give of your time and help support the parish. <https://signup.com/go/SffwfkX>

## **TEST PROCTORS**

Standardized Tests are scheduled for October 5th-10th. We are needing 5 volunteers to help with reading the tests to a few of our students. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Fender at 893-3519. Thank you!

## **HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING**

Home and School meeting will be held at Niekamp Park on September 22nd

## **LUNCH PRICE THIS YEAR:**

Student Lunch: \$2.60

Adult Lunch: \$4.00

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW**

**Fridays are Jaguar Spirit Days:** Students may wear spirit shirts on Fridays with uniform bottoms. gray blast-off shirts may be worn on Fridays.

**Picture Retake Day:** Sept. 21

**Home & School Mtg.: Sept. 22 , 6:00 @ Niekamp Park**

**Early Dismissal:** Sept. 24

**No School~Teachers' Inservice Day:** Sept. 25

**Parish Fall Diner:** Sunday, Oct. 4

**Testing Week Grs. 3-8:** Oct. 5-10

**Goblin 5K:** Oct. 18

Working together through Christ,



### **COLOSSIANS PRAYER**

**We** are your chosen ones, holy and beloved. Help us to grow in heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. So **We** may bear with one another and be forgiving. If **We** have a grievance against another, may **We** be as forgiving as you have been with us. And over all these virtues may **We** put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. Let your perfect peace control our hearts, the peace that calls us into one body. **We** are thankful, in your holy name.

AMEN

### **LINKS & ATTACHMENTS:**

2020-2021 St. Martin Year Calendar:

<https://stmartin.diojeffcity.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/16/2020/08/Calendar-2020-2021-1.pdf>

\*Bishop McKnights prayer intention:

[https://diojeffcity.org/blog/monthly\\_prayer/bishop-mcknights-september-prayer-intention-for-the-local-church/](https://diojeffcity.org/blog/monthly_prayer/bishop-mcknights-september-prayer-intention-for-the-local-church/)

\*Lunch Menu:

Flow Chart on COVID-19 Symptoms: Attached

Flow Chart on Returning to School: Attached

Student Internet, E-mail and Other Technology Use:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ncs\\_tisMHRN7CaRr6BqIqZ-2tA4MxyPDytURV5eU8fo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ncs_tisMHRN7CaRr6BqIqZ-2tA4MxyPDytURV5eU8fo/edit?usp=sharing)

\*Server Registration: Attached