



Principal's Thoughts

Tomorrow, we begin a three-day time of prayer called the Triduum (tri-doo-oom). These are the holiest of days in our liturgical calendar and centers on Christ's Paschal Mystery. The first day called Holy Thursday, is filled with symbolism and tradition. In the evening after sundown we gather for Mass to reflect upon the Last Supper where feet are washed just as Jesus did for his disciples and bread is broken. The sacramental oils, used throughout the year during baptisms, confirmation and anointing of the sick, blessed and brought from the Cathedral, are presented to the congregation. At the conclusion of Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is taken in procession to the chapel and parishioners will pray throughout the night just as the disciples stayed with Jesus before he was crucified.

During Good Friday, the second day of the Triduum, we focus on Christ's suffering, crucifixion and death. Many churches re-enact the Stations of the Cross or reread the Passion. Our 8th grade students will be offering this at noon. The church is bare to help us focus on our mourning.

Holy Saturday is the final day of Lent in which the joy of Christ's resurrection is highly anticipated. After sundown the Easter Vigil begins outside. The new fire is blessed, and the new Easter candle is lit, representing leaving the darkness of the tomb and entering the light of the risen Christ. The new catechumens, those adults who have decided to return or convert to Catholicism, will also receive their Sacraments.

On Easter Sunday we rejoice in Christ's resurrection. This is the principle or greatest feast day of the Liturgical year. All movable feasts (changing dates from year to year) are calendared according to this day. His Resurrection promises us new life now and in the next. The Alleluia, which means I believe, returns and all in attendance renew their baptismal vows. The faithful are now renewed, reborn and refreshed in a commitment to their faith.

EASTER BLESSINGS

On behalf of the entire staff, may you have a very blessed Easter. May these past forty days of: reflection, fasting and prayer resurrect your faith. As you gather with loved ones to celebrate this most joyous of days may you take time to realize God's sacrifice of his only son so we might live.

Rejoice in this season of Spring, a time of rebirth where our Easter traditions are reflected. The rabbit although a pagan symbol, is a symbol of fertility and eggs are a symbol of developing life. So, this is a great time to rekindle your love for family and time spent together.

As you travel during the Easter break please do so in safety. We look forward with great anticipation to your return as we gather for the remainder of the final trimester of this school year. Relax and get plenty of rest because we will be in a frenetic pace until June!

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Education in Virtue

Weekly Virtue: Perseverance (also known as persistence)

Definition: Taking the steps necessary to carry out objectives in spite of difficulties.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, You carried Your cross to Calvary even though You were tired, weak, and hurting. Please give me strength not to give up when life gets hard.

Looks Like: Taking the time to do schoolwork neatly and thoroughly.

***Virtues are dispositions and habits
that guide your decision making and action steps to the positive.
Through virtues, God gives us the grace
to live as we should and to be charitable with all mankind.***



- **No Scrip Sales**
 - The last day to purchase scrip will be tomorrow, April 2nd.
 - No scrip will be sold on Friday.
 - This is the final month to reach your scrip goal for the year.
- **Please Mark Your Calendars for the Easter Egg-Stravaganza**
 - Don't forget to attend the Easter Sunday egg hunt on April 5th after the 11am Mass.
 - Children ages 0-10 need their own basket and will be directed to their area. Refreshments will be available. A flyer with all the details has been posted on our website.



TIME SENSITIVEL

- **Good Friday Blood Drive**
 - St. Agnes will be conducting a Blood Drive on Good Friday, April 3rd, from 8:00 a.m.- 6:15 p.m. in Cauchi Hall. Appointments are required and will be conducted by Vitalant.
 - To schedule your life-saving donation:
 - Visit donors.vitalant.org, click "Make a New Appointment," select Blood Drive Code, and enter Good Friday. You'll be prompted to log in and choose your donation time.

Schoolwide Learning Expectation 3.4: A life-long learner who is able to work to his/her ability.

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- **Open PACE Positions**

- Various positions are open if you are interested in joining the Board. This is a lovely group of people that do VERY important work for our school.
- Nominations will be accepted between April 1-15. Feel free to nominate yourself or someone you think would be a perfect fit!
- Here is the link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSrCfDJ8yBXo9QemogCCNvSnF8D3-UBJkgH_jwFWChMyaHsg/viewform?usp=header

- **Denim & Diamonds**

- Dads and daughters, gather your boots and get ready to dance!
- Tickets are now on sale for the Father/Daughter Dance scheduled for Saturday, April 25 from 6pm-9pm.
- Order by April 10th and your cowgirl will receive a light-up cowgirl hat (while supplies last!)
- A flyer with details and the QR code to purchase tickets has been posted on the website.

- **Mother/Son Bingo Event**

- Moms, bring your special young man to Cauchi Hall on April 24th for a fun night of Bingo, snacks and tons of fun!
- Please see the flyer, posted on our website to order your tickets using the QR code.
- This is a very popular event, so don't miss out.



- Many thanks to our Auction chairs Erin Bassi and Keeks Roberts for a wonderful evening last Saturday. Their vision came to life and the evening was a smashing success. We can't wait to see next year's theme!
- Thank you to the many that attended the event and thank you for your generosity!
- The decorations were amazing thank you to Stephanie Zeller, Lindsey Zahn and Nick Llama. A very special thank you to Zandonella Catering for the wonderful food.
- The evening would not have been possible without our generous sponsors. We thank them for partnering with us to gift our children with a wonderful school:

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- The Conco Companies
- Diablo Resource Recovery
- Dolan Lumber
- The Auctria site will be open until Sunday evening. **Remaining Silent auction items**, individual class projects, free dress, open sign-up parties, and fund a need will be available for purchase.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
4/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holy Thursday ● 12:00pm Dismissal ● Mass 7pm
4/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Good Friday ● 8th Gr. Stations of the Cross 12pm ● Blood Drive
4/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holy Saturday ● Easter Vigil 8pm
4/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● He Is Risen! Blessed Easter! Masses: 7, 9 & 11am ● Easter Egg Hunt 12:30pm
4/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Easter Vacation Begins
4/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome Back! School Resumes! ● Auction Non-Uniform Dress Week
4/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PACE Board Meeting 6:30pm Cauchi Hall
4/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7th Grade Day at Carondelet and De La Salle
4/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scrip Sales 9-11am ● Egg My Yard Non-Uniform Dress Day
4/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:15am Mass (5th Gr. Formal)
4/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work Party 9am-1pm ● Tracy Timms Golf Open
4/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children's Liturgy 9am-3rd Gr. Hosts
4/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last Day for Auction Dress Week
4/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mandatory Parent Meeting 7pm

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