



Holy Week

## AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 4th at 9:20 AM:  
Stations of the Cross – Grade 5/6 Hosts (Shadow play)

Holy Thursday, April 6th at 1:00 PM:  
Seder Meal Presentation/Assembly – Grade 5/6 Hosts

Good Friday – April 7th – NO SCHOOL

Easter Monday – April 10th – NO SCHOOL



Grade 5/6 hosts a re-enactment of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, April 6 at 1:00 PM in the gym. All are welcome to attend.

## **PALM SUNDAY**

**April 01, 2023, Sat. 5PM CHRIST THE SERVANT CHURCH,**

**April 02, 2023 Sun. 8AM ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 9:30AM CTS, 11AM STM**

This great solemnity celebrates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival of Passover. Great crowds of people lined the streets waving branches to welcome Jesus, shouting "Hosanna" Palm branches are blessed and distributed. This day is also known as "Passion Sunday" because the church anticipates "Good Friday" by reading the Passion according to St. Luke.

## **HOLY MONDAY**

**April 03, 2023 CHRISM MASS 5:00PM, Dinner at 7:00PM – CATHEDRAL IN NELSON.** The oils that we use for Sacraments are blessed at this mass.

## **HOLY THURSDAY**

**April 06, 2023, 7:00PM - CHRIST THE SERVANT CHURCH**

Holy Thursday is the day on which we commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus (Our Eucharist). He washed the feet of his disciples as an act of humility and service. The mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated this evening. After mass, the Blessed Sacrament is taken in procession to an "Altar of Repose" and the main altar is stripped bare. Even the Holy water is removed from the fonts until the Easter Vigil when we renew our Baptismal promises. Since Holy Thursday is the day which commemorates the first Holy Eucharist, adoration of the Real Presence of our Lord by all the faithful at the "Altar of Repose" is strongly encouraged until 10:00PM. Inside the Liturgy is the installation of the new **Extraordinary Lay Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of The Word (Lectors)** and the renewal commitments of the same **Ministers of the Word and the Eucharist.**

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

**April 07, 2023, 3:00PM - CHRIST THE SERVANT CHURCH**

Good Friday is the day of the Crucifixion. It is a day on which Christians fast and pray, calling to mind the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. In this way, we participate in his suffering in order that we may also participate in his resurrection. The Liturgy is composed of 3 parts. The Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and giving donations for Holy Land support, and followed by Holy Communion.

## **HOLY SATURDAY**

**April 08, 2023, 8:00PM - ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

Holy Saturday, during the day, our churches are bare and desolate. No mass may be offered during the day. **The blessing of Easter Food will be at CHRIST THE SERVANT CHURCH at 12:00noon.** While this is more customary among Poles, Italians, and Ukrainians, everyone is welcome to attend the blessing rites. **THE EASTER VIGIL:** After a day of desolation, the faithful, keeping vigil during Holy Saturday night, participate with Christ in the joy of his resurrection, anticipating Christ's final coming. The vigil has 4 main parts.

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE NEW LIGHT:** Reminds us that Christ is our light. Fire is blessed, and from this new fire, the Paschal Candle is lit, and subsequently all candles in the dark church. The silence of the night is broken by the sound of the "EXULTET".

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Recalls the main events of our salvation from creation to Christ Resurrection.

**THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM:** Reminds us that we were baptized into Christ and so participate in his saving works. First water, the sign of cleansing and new life, is blessed; then we renounce our sins and renew our profession of faith.

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:** We offer a perfect sacrifice and receive our Savior in Holy Communion. The mass ends with solemn blessings as the people of God go forth to proclaim and live the Good News of the Resurrection.

## **EASTER SUNDAY April 09, 2023**

**9:30AM - CHRIST THE SERVANT CHURCH**

**11:00AM - ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

**1:30 PM - ST. EUGENE'S CHURCH**



## DUST IF YOU MUST

Dust if you must, bug wouldn't it be better  
To paint a picture or write a letter,  
Bake a cake or plant a seed,  
Ponder the difference between want and  
need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,  
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb,  
Music to hear, and books to read,  
Friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there,  
With the sun in your eyes, the wind in your  
hair,  
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain.  
This day will not come round again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,  
Old age will come and it's not kind.  
And when you go – and go you must –  
You, yourself, will make more dust.

~~ Rose Milligan

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**New Families to**  
**St. Mary's School**

Burnett  
Lee  
Runzer



Thursday, April 20th  
9:00 AM at the school  
Hosted by: Grade 3/4/5's  
Everyone is welcome to join  
Father Aaron de Dios



## **Positive Prayer Makes Strong Relationships by Rick Warren**

***“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God.” (Philippians 1:9-11 NIV)***

I want you to think of somebody who irritates you — maybe somebody you’ve got a strained relationship with or who just rubs you the wrong way. I have two questions for you: One, do you pray for that person? Or do you just complain and grumble and nag and nitpick? If you prayed more, you’d have a lot less to grumble, complain, nag, and nitpick about. It’s your decision.

Does nagging work? No. Does prayer work? Yes. So why do you do more of the thing that doesn’t work than does?

Paul says in Philippians 1:4, *“Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy”* (NLT).

Paul didn’t just pray for people in his life; he prayed with *joy*!

There are things in other people’s lives that you’d like to change. You don’t want to change yourself; you want *them* to change. We always want to change other people. But you can’t!

You can, however, pray, and let God do his work in other people.

Positive praying is more effective than positive thinking. All the positive thinking in the world isn’t going to change your husband or your wife or your child or your friend or your situation. Positive thinking can change you, but it won’t change somebody else. But positive prayer can make a difference in someone else.

Do you want to know the quickest way to change a bad relationship to a good one? Start praying for the other person! It will change you, and it can change the other person.

Paul even told us how to pray for others: *“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God”* (Philippians 1:9-11 NIV).

We **pray** for the people in our lives.

**that they will grow in love:** *“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight.”*

**that they will make wise choices:** *“... so that you may be able to discern what is best ...”*

**that they will live with integrity:** *“... and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ ...”*

**that they will become like Jesus:** *“... filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God.”*

# ***“School Connectedness is the most important protective factor in a young person’s life”***

- Relationships between healthy mature adults and students are the most important factor in ensuring safety and well-being during these unprecedented times
- Schools and school districts should continuously develop innovative strategies to make every student feel valued, respected, safe, wanted, and connected during their time in the ‘new normal’
- Maintaining safe, consistent and predictable relationships is the foundation of supporting children and youth through a crisis

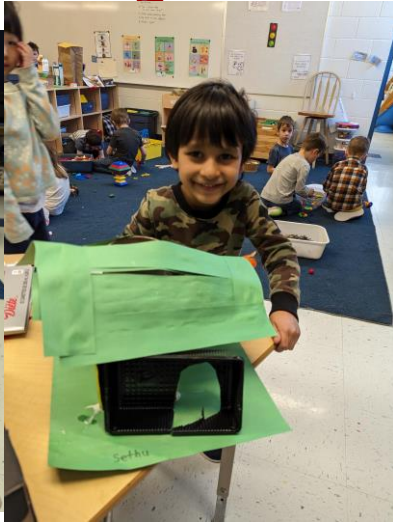


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## **Kindergarten Leprechaun traps!**



## **St. Mary's PSG Update - April 2023**

Welcome back from what we hope was a restful and restorative Spring Break! We're in the final push to summer and we have lots planned over the next few months.

**Hot Lunch** for this month will be on **Friday, April 14th** and we will be serving **Subway** and **Domino's Pizza**. Be sure to place your order before midnight on the Tuesday prior. We are asking parents of the Grade 2/3 class to help serve. Sign up is on the St. Mary's PSG Facebook page.

As well, our **PSG Starbucks Morning Coffee** will also be on **Friday, April 14th beginning at 8:25am!** We love chatting with the crowd of parents that come stop by for a hot cup of coffee and some lemon loaf or banana bread before they start their day.

PSG was excited to offer the school a Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser for Easter! We raised **\$266** from this great initiative. Big thanks to Steph Fiorentino for organizing this again.

**PSG's Spring Fundraiser of beautiful flower baskets** is on sale now!

Order information has been emailed but you can share the info with your family and friends by directing them to:

<https://smcis.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>. **All orders must be in by midnight on Tuesday, April 25th.** Delivery of the baskets will be just in time for Mother's Day on **Tuesday, May 9th.**



There are a variety of mixes & colors grown. Hanging Baskets received may not look like the one shown.

Thank you to Kyla Cornish for organizing a fun **Boston Pizza Beer & Burger Night!** PSG earned **\$760** from this fun event. Next up is another great **St. Mary's Bingo & Potluck** evening on **Thursday, April 20th**. Details will be available on the PSG Facebook page soon. We are currently accepting any gently used household items or toys to be used as prizes. Donate any of your spring cleaning purge items to the school!

The annual **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 24th**. This luncheon allows us to show our St. Mary's staff how much we appreciate them. The opportunity to sign up to provide a salad/dessert/entrée for the event will be posted on the PSG Facebook page in a few weeks' time.

Our next **PSG meeting** will be on **Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30pm** at **St. Mary's School**. As always, we welcome all parents to come and join us! Happy Spring!



**Courtney Magro**  
**PSG Chair**





## 2nd Term Report Card Honours

### Congratulations to the following students:

#### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

GRADE FOUR	GRADE FIVE	GRADE SIX
Parker Marusyk	Aiden DaSilva	Susie Choi
Amelia Mondin		
Lily Tait		



#### HONOUR ROLL

GRADE FOUR	GRADE FIVE	GRADE SIX
Ingrid Coxford	Morgan Burke	Noah Mondin
Toby Fennema	Isaac Courlie	
Hannah Gregory	Kace Oberle	
Sawyer Howard		
Dallas Laughlin		
Paxton Perry		
Daniel Shope		

#### EXCELLENCE OF EFFORT

GRADE FOUR	GRADE FIVE	GRADE SIX
Ingrid Coxford	Aiden DaSilva	Susie Choi
Hannah Gregory	Katia Maryniak	Eastyn Hill
Parker Marusyk		Rylee McNaughton
Amelia Mondin		
Daniel Shope		
Lily Tait		



## Kindergarten Orientation

The new class of 2023-2024  
Kindergarten students will be  
visiting our school on  
**Thursday, May 18th**  
at 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Please give a big welcome to our  
little visitors if you see them  
in the hallway.



## Sister Ralph

THE  
Talent  
SHOW  
Night



**Thursday, April 27th**  
**(6:30 – 7:30 PM)**

It's that time of year again! St. Mary's  
will be hosting our annual night of talent  
while raising money for the  
Sister Ralph Bursary.

# Kindergarten

## 2023 – 2024 School Year

If you or someone you know has a child who will be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2023, he/she is eligible to begin kindergarten when school opens in the fall.

We are now accepting the names of students who will be attending kindergarten in the fall of 2023.

Please contact the school office (250) 426-5017 to ensure that your child is placed on the kindergarten list.

Please pass on this information to neighbours, friends or relatives who are new to Cranbrook or will be enrolling their first child in St. Mary's School.



The Cranbrook Fire Department handed out Buck's hockey tickets to: (L to R) Oliver Tunnicliffe Sherrick, Carson & Cohen Hodges, & Dallas Laughlin.



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