



SMS Cougar News

You can also access our school calendar on www.stmarys-school.org

March Calendar

- March 12: Parish Penance Service at 7pm in Church
- March 13: School Advisory Board meeting in Library 6:30pm
- March 14: 8:30am School Mass
- March 15: Spring Open House 9am-2pm
- March 16: Noon Dismissal - Faculty and Staff Professional Development

Last Day for Early Bird Registration is March 11!

Registration for current families is going very well. We have registered 141 students in the past two weeks. Many families are taking advantage of the Early Bird Registration in order to secure a seat in the classroom for their child. Some classes are almost full, and we will start a waiting list if we reach the maximum of 20 students for VPK4 and 25 students for grades K-8. Register online before March 12 and get \$50 off registration fees. We have requests for seats for new families who are waiting for March 12 to register. In order to guarantee your child a seat in the class, please register early. Once we open up to new families, it will be first-come, first served. Register online today!

Aftercare Position Open

St. Mary School After care program has an opening for a PT person. Must love children, be fingerprinted and have Safe Environment clearance. Previous childcare experience preferred. For more information, please contact Lisa Persse lpersse@stmarys-school.org

St. Mary Fair is coming soon! April 4-8

The sign up Genius is available on our school website for families to sign up for their volunteer hours at the fair. Volunteering at the fair is fun and a great time to spend with family and friends. Make sure to get your spot before anyone else signs up!

St. Mary School "Bread for the World" Lenten Project

St. Mary School is collecting items for the Homeless during Lent. Each class is asked to provide certain items for our Homeless bags that includes toiletries like toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, soap and wash cloths; food items with pop-top cans, soups, foods that do not have to be heated, can openers for foods without pop-tops; and white socks. Please check with your homeroom teacher to find out what items your child's class is collecting. Bags will be distributed to Helping Hands and to our local Homeless Veterans organization. Thank you for your continued generosity this Lenten season. We appreciate our families!

Remember to Fast, Pray and Give Alms this Lenten season. Lent is a time to open our hearts to the Lord, pray for the grace to be open to the Holy Spirit in our lives, and to give of our time to others. It is also a time to examine our sinfulness, ask forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation, and to ask for the grace to forgive others who have wronged us. Lent is a time of growth and grace - a beautiful season in our lives. Abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent is a small sacrifice to help us grow closer to God. As we prepare for the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ (Paschal Mystery) let us remember that we belong to God and we are precious in his sight...always.

Important Dates from the Church Calendar:

March 15: TAIZE Service at 7pm in the church followed by Anointing of the Sick
March 16 or March 23: 1st Communion families are invited to learn about the mass with Fr. Ivan at 6pm in the church. All families (not just 1st communion families) are also welcome to attend.

Our Lenten Journey - Drawing Closer to God

Please see the bulletin information below for opportunities to spend some time in prayer and reflection this Lent. As children of God, we need some quiet time with our Lord to focus and get closer to our Lord.

See Schedule Insert from St. Mary Church Bulletin on next page.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY — DRAWING CLOSER TO GOD

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH 1136 SEMINOLE DRIVE ROCKLEDGE



LENTEN RETREATS

ST. MARY CHURCH
MONDAYS AT 7 PM

February 19: A Night of Music and Reflection with Fr. Raul: *Journey back to the Father.*

February 26: Evening Prayer in song and Lenten Reflection with Fr. Ivan.

March 5: A Night of Music and Reflection with Fr. Raul: *Embracing the Cross of Jesus, Our Path to Salvation.*

March 12: Lenten Penance Service (with individual confessions).

March 19: Mysteries of the Mass Revealed (learn as we celebrate).

March 26: Tenebrae Service (The Passion of our Lord)

Opportunities during Lent for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Tuesdays, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Fridays, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Saturdays, 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM



March 12th we will have our
Penance Service in the church.

AFTERNOON LENTEN REFLECTIONS

ON TUESDAYS WITH DEACON MIKE
FROM 1:00 PM—2:30 PM IN THE CHURCH

MARCH 6: "HAPPY ARE WE:
THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS"

MARCH 13: "Our Tainted Nature's
Solitary Boast: Mary the Mother of God"

MARCH 20: "WORD MADE FLESH,
TRUE BREAD FROM HEAVEN"

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

During Lent we offer
Adoration every Friday
from 9 AM to 6 PM
in the Marian Chapel.

Durante la Cuaresma
ofrecemos la Adoración
al Santísimo Sacramento
todos los viernes de
9 AM a 6 PM, en la
Capilla Mariana.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
(FRIDAYS DURING LENT)
12:15 PM

ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ
(VIENES DURANTE LA CUARESMA)
7:00 PM

Youth Group News

- Sunday, March 11th -- High School Meeting 6-8pm in the Youth Room



ALL students are welcome to join our youth gatherings for faith, fellowship, and fun! Bring a friend, too!

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Catholic Youth Sports Info- Grades K-8 Winter Sports



The Athletic Banquet will be held on May 16. Mrs. Jodi Bradley is looking for sports photos from middle school sports that any parent may have taken. Please email those to Jodi Bradley at frankjodi4@gmail.com

Volleyball Schedule: Players were given paper copies this week.

HOW TO REGISTER: Go online to docys.org On the home page, click on Brevard Region. There you will find the *CYS* calendar and more information about Brevard sports. Click on the orange button that says "Register Now" to register your child. Coaches will be given a 50% discount for his/her child to play.

K-5 UNIFORMS: Any K-5 athlete who has a *CYS* shirt and shorts that still fit will not need to purchase new ones for 17-18. New players and players who have outgrown their uniforms will need to purchase new ones when they register.

MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIFORMS ARE PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL.

Coaches: If you are interested in coaching, please email Coach Olson golson@stmarys-school.org All coaches must have fingerprint clearance and view the concussion video online.

Have a Blessed Week!

