



St. Margaret Catholic School

Viking Vine



"Be Who God Meant You to Be And You Will Set The World On Fire."

March 22, 2019

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

There is a story about a nun who assisted with home visits to elderly people. Unfortunately, on one occasion, her car ran out of gas. Fortunately, she had just passed a gas station to which she could walk and get enough gas to start the car and then drive it back to the station.

Regrettably, the only container she could find in her car was a bedpan that she was taking to an elderly person. So, with bedpan in hand, she went to the station, got some petrol and returned to the car. As she was pouring the gas into the tank, two men walked by. One of them turned to the other and said, "Now, that's what I call faith!"

Two other people who had quite amazing faith were Joseph and Mary. Joseph had entered into an agreement to marry Mary. He imagined their life together, made preparations as best as he could afford and waited in anticipation for his wedding day. Imagine his dismay when he found out that Mary was pregnant.

Mary was at a loss as to how she was going to explain the visit of an angel and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon her. Had God placed life within her only to disgrace her before her future husband and expose her to a public stoning?

Joseph had a dream in which it was revealed [to him](#) that Mary had been chosen to be the mother of the long-awaited Messiah and that

the child was to be named Jesus. Joseph had a choice and he chose to follow the instruction of the dream and take Mary to be his wife. There was no earthly reason for him to do so other than his trust in the message from God.

Not only did Joseph have to trust that he was to take this "illegitimate" son as his own, he also had to believe that God would come to earth as an infant and that this child, under his care, would be the Savior of the world! To Joseph this would have been unbelievable and beyond his ability to understand. In spite of this, Joseph dared to trust God.

Joseph was taking a "leap of faith". In place of rational thought, Joseph's faith was telling him, "I can believe in what I do not see, for it is not physical sight that gives reality to things, but heart and intuition". Love is like this, a subjective fact whose existence cannot be proven but whose reality, none the less, is very high.

Faith is not concerned with proof and this is because faith is of the heart as well as of the mind. Faith occurs not just because we think something is true but because our mind tells us that it may be true. When we have faith we believe in the invisible. If faith can be proved or verified with certainty, it ceases to be faith. The Wright Brothers, who invented a machine that would enable people to fly in the sky, had faith. Those who came after them had certainty, for what they were doing had been proved.

Sometimes like Joseph, we might stand with dream in hand on the edge of a decision as to whether or not we believe beyond certainty. Like Joseph,

we might simply have to take a leap of faith, believing that we will be caught in the arms of God as Joseph was and as Mary was.

God, our Father, help us to dare to trust you, as did Joseph and Mary, so that your Spirit within us assist us to be people of faith and other people will come to know you through the faith in our lives. Amen.

Peace and Blessings,
Wendy L. Wicke



Events

Monday, March 25th

9:00 am - Mass (Annunciation)

Tuesday, March 26th

Banner Roll Free Dress and Honor Roll Spirit Shirt Day

Wednesday, March 27th

Free Dress for those that brought in a Gift Card for the Dinner/Auction

5:30 pm - Movie Night in the East Room

Thursday, March 28th

Free Dress for March Birthdays
10:00 am - 2nd & 3rd Grade Confessions

Friday, March 29th

8:15 am - Jr. High Stations of the Cross

Lunches

Monday, March 25th

Cheeseburger, Fries, Orange Smiles & Dessert

Tuesday, March 26th

Gr. Beef Soft Tacos, Pinto Beans, Corn & Peach Slices

Wednesday, March 27th

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Gr. Beans, Salad, Pineapple Tidbits & Wheat Garlic Roll

Thursday, March 28th

Turkey Roast, Red Beans with Brown Rice, Yam Patty, Apple Wedges & Southern Cornbread

Friday, March 29th

Toasted Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Vegetable Soup, Fresh Carrots & Broccoli & Fruit

Choice of Milk Daily

Things to Remember

HALO!

Our HALO this week was Ms. Nacoby Pitre. Thank you Miss Pitre for your example of faithfulness and love for Holy Mass and your dedication to the Blessed Sacrament.

Club Meetings

Tuesday, March 26th

Noon - BETA Club

Wednesday, March 27th

3:00 - 4:00 pm - Science Club

Thursday, March 28th

3:00 - 4:00 pm - Chess Club

Friday, March 29th

Noon - Spanish Club



Viking Lagniappe

Unveiling the Virtues

Habit #6 Synergize - Together is better

I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different from me. I work well in groups. I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because I know that by learning with others we can create better solutions than any one of us alone. I am humble.

Modesty - purity of heart in action, especially in regards to dress and speech

Orderliness - keeping oneself physically clean and neat and one's belongings in good order

Self-control - joyful mastery over one's passions and desires

Affability - being easy to approach and easy to talk to - FRIENDLY

Courtesy - treating other people with respect, recognizing that all are made in God's image and likeness.

Family Faith Formations

Please join us to celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation with Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Eucharistic Procession.

On Monday, March 25, we will interrupt our Lent to celebrate the feast of the Eternal Son of God taking flesh to save us. We will do this appropriately with the celebration of the Mass and a procession with the Eternal Son of God made flesh in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Processions date back to the 13th century when the Feast of *Corpus Christi* was instituted. They are a special way for us to publicly honor the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Polls today show that many Catholics believe the Eucharist is merely a symbol of Christ's body. This is not what the Catholic Church teaches. In chapter 6

of the Gospel of John we read that many people in Jesus' time had a hard time believing that Jesus would actually give us His flesh to eat and His blood to drink. Jesus did not tell them He was speaking metaphorically. He spoke more strongly about it and then He let them walk away. The Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of Jesus because He said it is. He is God and wanted a way to be with us always. Join us in walking with Jesus, in taking Him out into the world, and publicly acknowledging His presence with us.

Results of the Cowboy Relays on Saturday, March 16th

1st Place - Javelin (Setting a Meet Record of 96 Feet) - Mary Wicke

1st Place - Shot Put - Mary Wicke

1st Place - High Jump - Serina Arabia

2nd Place - 400m Dash - Serina Arabia

3rd Place - 3200 Run - Thomas Alley

2nd Place - 100m Hurdles - Kaleb Goodly

Congratulations to all track athletes this weekend for a Great Meet!!

PTC Board Openings

The PTC Board is accepting nominations for the 2019-2020 school year for the following positions:

Secretary, Treasurer and Room Parent Coordinator.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talents to continue

making SMCS the best kept secret in Lake Charles.

You may submit your nominations to a current board member or the school office.

Upcoming April Events

Thursday, April 4th - PK-3 and PK-4 to visit Dinosaur Park in Henderson LA.

10:00 am - Jr. High Confessions

Friday, April 5th - 8:15 am Mass

Saturday, April 6th - SMCS Chess Tournament

Thursday, April 11th - Spring Sports Pictures

10:00 am - 4th & 5th Gr. Confessions

Friday, April 12th - 8:15 am Mass

Sunday, April 14th - Thursday, April 18th - Holy Week

Wednesday, April 17th - 7th Gr. to attend the Chrism Mass

Progress Reports

Thursday, April 18th - 1:00 pm - Family Group Way of the Cross - Holy Thursday Activities, 8th Gr. May Crowning Court/8th Gr. Class Favorites Announced

Free Dress for April Birthdays

Friday, April 19th - Friday, April 26th - Easter Holidays

Monday, April 29th - 1:00 pm - 1st Gr. Easter Hat Parade

1:30 pm - Elementary Easter Parties