



St. Margaret Catholic School

Viking Vine



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

March 29, 2019

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Want to feel pessimistic about yourself - and everyone, actually? Then read on: "Modern man is the link between apes and human beings." Author unknown.

"There are too many people and too few human beings." Robert Zend

"Man! A creature made at the end of the week's work, when God was tired." Mark Twain.

"Man is nature's sole mistake." W. Gilbert.

What a negative bunch that lot is!

Thankfully, we Catholics have a much better opinion of ourselves. It is our belief that everyone has an inborn dignity that has its origin in the fact that we are made "in the image of God". This does not mean that we share God's physical appearance but that as humans we share important characteristics with God namely, reason, free will and personhood.

In creating us as free creatures, God gave us the ability to love, which of its very nature is free; no one can be forced to love another person. While free will allows us to turn to God and love him, free

will also allows us to reject him; such rejection we call sin. Sin has changed human nature, it has "broken the mirror", as it were, in which we were supposed to reflect God.

Original sin marked the soul of the first human in such a way that it would be passed onto all succeeding generations. Original sin is a state of being rather than a condition of guilt and so human beings are able to reflect God only imperfectly.

St. Tomas Aquinas saw original sin as the inherited tendency of the soul to choose a lesser good rather than the greater good of obedience to God; however, the goodness of our original creation remains. Just as the first human represented all humanity when they chose sin over obedience, so Jesus represented all humanity when he chose obedience to God over personal desire. With his death and resurrection, Catholics believe that Jesus repaired the relationship humans have with God, making it once again possible for humans to attain the goal for which we were created.

Catholics believe that a repaired relationship with God leads to actions of goodness since it returns humans to our original purpose of loving and serving God and each other; we serve God by

serving one another. This is why Jesus said, "And now I give you a new commandment. As I have loved you so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then, everyone will know that you are my disciples." John 13: 34, 35.

So, what do we tell our children about the fact that they are human beings? Well, certainly none of that pessimistic stuff. We can tell them that they are made in God's image, that they are able to reason, that they have free will and that no one is quite like them. We can tell them that they are made for doing good and loving others and that there is a part of them that is always seeking God even if they don't know it; that part will never be at peace until they are actively seeking God's love in their lives. And, as we tell them that, it will be a good refresher course for ourselves.

Father in heaven, may your love be the foundation of my life. May my love for you express itself in my eagerness to love and do good for others. Amen.

Peace and Blessings,
Wendy L. Wicke

Events

Thursday, April 4th

PK-3 and PK-4 to visit the Dinosaur Park in Henderson, LA

10:00 am - Jr. High Confessions

Friday, April 5th

8:15 am Mass

Saturday, April 6th

SMCS Chess Tournament

Lunches

Monday, April 1st

Chili Hot Dog, Fries, Mexican Beans Fruit & Dessert

Tuesday, April 2nd

Meatballs/Rice/Gravy, Broccoli, Yam Patty, Spiced Apples & Wheat Roll

Wednesday, April 3rd

Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Baby Carrots/ Tomatoes/Cucumber Sticks with Dip & Pear Slices

Thursday, April 4th

Baked Chicken or Turkey Roast/ Rice, Lima Beans, Glazed Carrots, Applesauce & Wheat Roll

Friday, April 5th

Cheese Nachos, Corn, Orange Smiles & Wheat Cinnamon Roll

Choice of Milk Daily

Things to Remember

HALO!

Our HALO this week was Ms. Monica Guidry. Thank you Ms. Guidry for introducing and encouraging our students to read in the "Wonderful World of Books".

Club Meetings

Wednesday, April 3rd

3:00 - 4:00 pm - Last Science Club Meeting

3:00 - 4:00 pm - Companions of Jesus

Thursday, April 4th

Noon - Jr. Catholic Daughters



Viking Lagniappe

World Autism Day

On Tuesday, April 2nd SMCS will help celebrate World Autism Day. The students, faculty & staff may wear a Blue T-Shirt with Uniform Bottoms.

Family Faith Formation

Parent Recommended Podcast: Ask Father Josh

Fish and Fridays

Almost all Catholics are aware of the Church's requirement to abstain from meat on Fridays of Lent but not as familiar with what the Church says about other Fridays of the year. Friday, because it is the day on which Our Lord died, is a day of penance. Catholics used to be obliged to abstain from meat on all Fridays. This was not eliminated, only changed. We have a choice of what our penance is to be. Perhaps abstaining from meat is not a sacrifice. We can abstain from something else, such as sweets, social media, television, etc. or do something extra, such as pray the Stations of the Cross or donate time to a charitable work.

If you are still looking for Lenten resources, try: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/index.cfm>

State Science Winners

Nicholas Harris - 3rd Place in Environmental Engineering

Colton Wood - 3rd Place in Intelligent Machines

The Mass - God's Solution to the World's Problems with

Father Sam Orsot

Monday, of Holy Week

April 15th, 2019 in the Gym

Begins at 6:00 pm with dinner

Ends at 7:30 pm

Babysitting available

An introduction to understanding Mass, the representation of Jesus Christ's Death, Resurrection, and Ascension as God's response to sin, understanding sin as the source of many of today's problems, and God's plan for overcoming this in our lives today. Take an introductory view into the signs AND SYMBOLS OF THE Mass and how we can participate more fully in the Liturgy.

PTC Board Openings

The PTC Board has open positions for the 2019-2020 school year. Please let a current board member or the school office know if you are willing to accept one of the following positions:

Secretary

Room Parent Coordinator

Treasurer

Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time and talents to continue making SMCS the best kept secret in Lake Charles.

April Birthdays

Emma Williams, Kingston Lewis, Dayton Rowland, Waylon Edwards, Drew Aguillard, Jake Wing, Ellie Allen, Sophia Richardel, Jacob Ardoin, Slade Clark, Elijah Fuselier, Drake Zaunbrecher, Ms. Shawn Stubblefield, Karsyn Clark, Jude Guillory, Avery Meche, Mason Cormier, Ethan Bernhard, Kaidyn Duplantis, Ms. Janie Bailliet, Kaylee Ayodele, Nicholas Harris, Olivia Derouen, Mina Moreno and Mrs. Catalina Harris



April Events

Monday, April 1st - Friday, April 5th

7th & 8th Grade Computer Based ACT/Aspire Testing

Thursday, April 4th

PK-3 & 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 in Gym & Cafeteria

April 8th-12th

Gr. 3 & 4 Testing, Gr. 5 & 6 Testing

Thursday, April 11th

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

3:00 pm - Spring Sports Pictures

Friday, April 12th

8:15 am Mass

Sunday, April 14th, Palm Sunday

KC BBQ after each Mass

Wednesday, April 17th

7th Gr. To attend Chrism Mass at St. Margaret Catholic Church

Thursday, April 18th

Free Dress for April Birthdays

1:00 pm - Family Group Holy Thursday Activities

Progress Reports

Friday, April 19th - Friday, April 26th

Easter Holidays

Sunday, April 21st

8th Grade to leave for San Francisco

Monday, April 29th

1:00 pm - 1st Gr. Easter Hat Parade

1:30 pm - Elementary Easter Parties