

St. Michael Swords News

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*to be friendly, respectful, responsible
and Christ-like*

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 14

Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, takes its name from the Latin word which begins the entrance antiphon for that day. *Laetare* means *rejoice*, and this Sunday is marked by a relaxation of the penitential character of the Lenten season. In church, flowers may be used to adorn the altar on this day, and the organ may be played more fully.

On this Sunday, we look with expectation to the great Solemnity of Easter for which we have been preparing ourselves as a Church during the Lenten season. By its anticipation of the joy of Easter, Laetare Sunday is meant to give us hope and encouragement as we slowly progress towards the Paschal Feast.

On both Laetare Sunday and Gaudete Sunday (the Third Sunday of Advent), a priest may wear rose vestments. The color rose is used as a sign of the joy which characterizes these two Sundays. The use of rose vestments probably stems from an ancient papal tradition of blessing golden roses which would be sent to Catholic heads of state in Europe on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

In addition to attending Sunday Mass, a family might choose to mark Laetare Sunday by anticipating the Easter feast; a Sunday brunch with roses on the table would be appropriate. A family might also wish, during this beginning period of spring, to plant a rose bush on this day. Finally, there was a medieval tradition of visiting one's "mother church" (church where one was baptized) on this day. A family trip to see where mom and dad or the children began their journey of faith could make for a fine Sunday afternoon outing!

Fr. Wayne encourages everyone to wear pink this Sunday, including when you attend mass.

Report Cards

Report Cards are going home today! Please sign them and return them to school tomorrow.

Registration for 2021 – 2022

We are continuing registration for the 2021 – 2022 school year and the after-school program. Please be sure to send in your registration form and fees by March 31st.

If you refer a new family who enrolls and stays the full term for 2021-2022, your family is eligible for a tuition discount in May 2022. Please let us know if you need a registration packet for a new family.

***Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday,
March 14th at 2:00 a.m. Set your
clocks forward one hour!***

Spring Break Discovery Drive-Thru Adventure

The Weimar Public Library is hosting a drive-thru for children in grades K-5 on Monday, March 15th from 10:00 a.m. – noon. The event includes pre-filled goody bags and free books. You never have to leave your car! This event is sponsored by The Friends of the Weimar Public Library. COVID protocols will be in place. What a great way to begin Spring Break!

***IOWA Standardized testing will be given to
grades K – 8 during the week of April 19th.***

***Students in Pre-K 4 will also be tested
that week to determine our curriculum
for the next school year.***

Service Hours

Students in grades 1-8 are reminded that they need to perform service hours and submit the Service Hour form to the office **by May 1st**. Students in first grade must perform at least one hour, second grade – two hours, etc.

Eighth graders must submit their form of 15 hours of service to Ms. Roeder by March 25th in order to qualify for the Bishops' Award. As of today, the Bishops' Award Ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 29th in Victoria.

Altar Servers

Altar servers this weekend are:

Saturday, March 13th at 5:30 – Jonathan Shupak and Hunter Shupak

Sunday, March 14th at 7:30 – Adela Rubio

Saturday, March 20th at 5:30 – Huxton Kloesel and Emma Koeth

Sunday, March 21st at 7:30 – Madelyn Rerich and Kylie Ohnheiser

Sunday, March 21st at 10:30 – Dawson Brandt and Layne Schimcek

Thank You

Thank you to the Banse Family for donating adult face masks.

Thank you to the Pesak Family for donating antibacterial wipes and Lysol spray.

Thank you to the Moeller Family for donating disinfecting wipes.

Thank you to the Williams Family for donating children and adult masks.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Marjorie Grunewald and Mark d'Eon. Mrs. Grunewald worked in our cafeteria for many years. Mr. d'Eon, of Nova Scotia, is the stepson of Mr. Rob Kaufmann, who taught at St. Michael's for many years. Mr. Kaufmann spoke often of his stepson's battle with brain cancer.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SMCS Track Meet

Congratulations to the following who placed at the SMCS Track Meet last Saturday.

Sixth Grade

Trevor Bentley – 3rd place in Ball Throw

Seventh Grade

Trey Billeck – 4th place in Shot Put

Eighth Grade

Hannah Hillje – 4th place in Shot Put; 6th place in co-ed relay

Huxton Kloesel – 1st place in Long Jump; 2nd place in 100 meter; and 2nd place in 200 meter; and 6th place in co-ed relay

Claire Pavlu – 3rd place in long jump; 4th place in mile; 6th place in co-ed relay

Jonathan Shupak – 6th place in co-ed relay

The last track meet of the season will be held on Wednesday, March 24th at St. Philip School in El Campo. The meet begins at 2:00 p.m.

Lost and Found

The following items have been found:

- Large aqua-colored Arctic Zone lunch box
- Plastic clear and lime green sandwich container
- Light gray jacket with fleece lining by Collection by Justice, Size 10
- Gray, black and neon orange jacket by ZeroXposure, Size Large (14-16)
- Gray, black and neon yellow jacket by Russell, Size Large (10-12)
- Black long-sleeved shirt by Russell, Size Large (42-44)
- Black lined jacket by Place, Size XXL (16)
- Hooded sweatshirt w/ Texas A&M logo, Size 14 – 16
- SMCS Pullover Jacket, Size Adult Small
- Brown mask with dinosaurs

If any of these items belong to your child, please let us know.

***Have a blessed and safe
Spring Break!***