

St. Michael Swords News

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

St. Michael Spring Festival

The St. Michael Spring Festival is almost here! The festival takes place on April 30, 2023. Even though this is considered a “parish” festival, SMCS receives a large percentage of the profit in the form of parish subsidy. St. Michael Parish gives at least \$120,000 in subsidy each year, keeping your tuition cost low. As in all parishes, they could use our help.

Items are needed for the Country Store. These can include plants, homemade goods, handmade items, etc. Surprise packages are also needed. These are small children’s items with a value between \$1 and \$5. The items should be wrapped individually and labeled if they are specific to a boy or a girl. Also, items are needed for the Live Auction. Contact Brittney Herzik if you have something to donate. Lastly, workers are always needed. This includes both adults and students. Contact Kim Brandt if you are available to help. Classes have chosen game booths to work. You can also be on the lookout that day to see if there is a need somewhere.

Thank you to those teachers and staff members who have volunteered to fill in openings. Thank you also to the students who have volunteered to work that Sunday. Many of the students will be helping their parents with the meal and also working one of the games. Here is what has been selected:

Pre-K and Kinder – Train Ride and Bouncey House (adults needed)

1st Grade – Plinko

2nd Grade – Basketball Hoop

3rd Grade – Duck Pond

4th Grade – Fish Pond

5th-6th Grade – Country Store

7th – 8th Grade – Gold Fish Pong

***Progress Reports are going home today.
Please sign these and return them tomorrow.***

***Bishop Cahill visits our school on
Friday, April 21st. He will celebrate the mass with
us that morning and then visit the classrooms.***

***We have Early Dismissal on
Friday, April 28th.
There is no after-school care that day.***

***Friday, May 5th, is NOT
an Early Dismissal day.***

***The final STAR testing of the school year
begins on Tuesday, April 25th for
some classes. Results will be sent home
in the end-of-year packet.***

HSA Corner 4/20

Crawfish Boil – thank you everyone for making this event a huge success! Results will be shared in a couple of weeks.

Golf Tournament – there are several working shifts available for parents. Sponsorships are still being accepted, and a few open slots for teams are available for our avid golfers!

Gedenke Festival – on May 13th, SMCS will be selling tickets for the various kids’ activities, including a bounce house, laser tag, and mechanical bull. Several working shifts will be available, and the sign up genius for these spots will go out this evening.

Everyone is invited to join us for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each Thursday during the Easter season at 2:40 p.m.

Service Hours

Students in grades 1-7 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. Those working at the Spring Festival may count those hours.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion is considered one of the holiest and most important occasions in a Roman Catholic person's life. It is the first time that a person receives the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which is the eating of consecrated bread and drinking of consecrated wine. The First Communion of a child is basically one of the first steps they take during their early Catholic years. It is a way for them to continue living under the guidance of their beliefs and will further cement their Catholic faith in Christ, the Eucharist, and the Church.

Our second graders will receive their First Holy Communion this Sunday, April 23rd, at the 10:30 Mass.

Second graders: As you celebrate your First Holy Communion, remember that God's love will always be there to comfort you, guide you, and bless you.

Altar Servers

Altar servers this Friday are Tucker Janak, Wyatt Janecka, Dawson Brandt, and Isabelle Marek.

Altar servers on Saturday are Tucker Janak, Olivia Elstner, and Cade Wessels.

Altar servers on Sunday at 7:30 are Emma Koeth, Kole Fogelman, and Dawson Brandt.

Altar servers on Sunday at 10:30 are Hunter Shupak and Hayes Kloesel.

SMCS Sports

Last Saturday the boys' softball teams participated in their final tournament of the season in Hallettsville. The older boys fought hard in both games but came up short. The younger boys had some very close games and ended up finishing 3rd in their bracket. Trevor Bentley and Wyatt Janecka shined on the field with their impressive play. Thank you to Mr. Klam, Mr. Morgan, and Ms. Moore for helping coach softball this year!

The soccer team played St. Anthony on Wednesday at Cardinal Field. They lost a close match but showed that they know how to take shots at the goal. Dayson Mace, Emma Koeth, and Trey Silcox were the players of the game. The soccer team travels to Victoria on Saturday for a tournament. Their first game is at 8:00 at the UHV Soccer Field against St. Joseph. Good luck to the soccer team!

Last week the tennis team had a tennis meet in Weimar. They brought home a total of 15 wins with some tennis players not losing a match. The tennis team is scheduled to play at the Weimar Courts again today at 3:45, weather permitting. They will have two tennis meets next week with one taking place on Tuesday in Victoria at 4:00 and then one in Hallettsville on Wednesday at 4:00. Good luck to our tennis team!

Softball, tennis, and soccer pictures are scheduled for May 8th during school.

Splashway

A form concerning this year's Splashway trip on May 16th was sent home last week. Please be sure to return the form by **May 1st**.

***Saturday, April 22nd is Earth Day!
SMCS will celebrate on Monday, April 24th!***

***April 24th – 28th is National Library Week!
What a great time to read a book!***