



ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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<i>St. Francis Principal's Newsletter</i>	<i>April 2022</i>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Blessed Easter</u></p> <p>We are only a few short weeks away from celebrating the resurrection of our Jesus Christ! Our students have been praying, fasting, and giving alms throughout Lent. Our students have been actively engaged in our Operation Rice Bowl, fasting in not selling snacks on Tuesday and Thursday, and praying the Rice Bowl prayer every day! Different classes have also done other Lenten school wide activities. Our students will be preparing for Holy Week as their teachers provide them lessons on this very important week in our Catholic Faith! In the link below you can find activities for Holy Week, https://www.catholicicing.com/holy-week-in-handprints/.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT DAY</u></p> <p>I count my blessings every day for these three amazing women; Ms. Ochoa, Mrs. Alma Lopez, and Sr. Mary Beth! The impact they have on our school can not be measured! They are the foundation in keeping things running smoothly, especially when I am out of the office! They are skilled in all they do to support students, parents, and staff and ALWAYS do it with a smile, kind word, and a Christ-like heart! We have been blessed three-fold with our office staff and I would like them to know how much I appreciate all they do for our school! Please take the time to jot down a little note or email letting these wonderful women know how they have supported your family!</p> <p>We celebrate them on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 for all they give to our school. We thank God for having them share their vocation at our school and we pray for them and their families. May God's grace and blessings be with them always! Thank you ladies!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>School Mass</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, April 8 9:00 a.m. Full Dress Uniform</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, April 13 9:00 a.m. Full Dress Uniform</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, April 22 9:00 a.m. Full Dress Uniform</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, April 27 9:00 a.m. Full Dress Uniform</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday All School Mass</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, April 24 11:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Free dress on Monday, April 25 for those students who attended Sunday's Mass</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Stations of the Cross</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, April 5, 2:40</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, April 12, 2:40</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Rosary</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, April 21 2:45 pm - Sorrowful Mysteries</p>

STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

A Faithful Catholic

- Prays daily and takes an active part in the liturgical services
- Values the sacredness of life and creation
- Has a basic knowledge of Catholic teachings and values
- Makes moral decisions based on the teachings of Jesus

February	Student of the Month	SLE(s) and Gospel Value
Prekindergarten	Gema Pelayo	Gema has shown much growth this year in Pre-K. She loves to lead us in prayer, and reminds us we are all friends of Jesus. We have witnessed Gema many times being genuine and loving to her classmates. When she sees any one of her peers being sad or discouraged, she is always right there to cheer them on and encourage them. She includes peers when she sees they are alone, and she is always the first to ask them to join her. Thank you, Gema for using your leadership skills by being a Faithful Catholic.
Kindergarten	Giselle Gonzales-Chapman	Giselle demonstrates a Faithful Catholic every day. She prays reverently during Mass and in the classroom. I can count on Giselle to be that role model that we need during prayer and religion class. She has such a loving, warming heart. She is kind, patient, responsible, dedicated, and such a hard worker. Thank you, Giselle, for being you, for sharing Jesus' love with others.
First Grade	Cece Schmidt	Cece models what it is to be a Faithful Catholic by her respect for God. Cece prays reverently every time she attends school Mass and participates in singing. She also demonstrates respect and love for Jesus in the classroom when she recites and displays understanding of her daily prayers. Cece continues to show love when she shows respect for her teacher and peers.

Reminders

The April calendar is now located in Parents Web and in the Brown Envelope and under the Calendars tab.

Student of the Month

Will be awarded on Friday, April 8, 2022 after the 9:00 Mass.

Mid Term

Mid Term grades will be ready to review on Monday, April 25. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your classroom teacher for a meeting.

NO SCHOOL

Easter Break will be from Holy Thursday, April 15 with a 12:05 dismissal - Monday, April 18. Students will return to school on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

		She is kind and helpful to everyone. Cece is a student who spreads the light in the world with her actions!
Second Grade	Bruno Discua	Bruno demonstrates initiative and relishes any chance that he can be a positive leader as a Faithful Catholic. Bruno shows reverence and pride when doing daily prayers, participation in school mass, and school rosary. It is with great pride to share that I also see him be an example to his younger sister during Sunday mass, clapping and singing along with the church band. Bruno's faith is ever growing and spreads through his example.
Third Grade	Luis Varela	Luis's faith drives every aspect of his day. He has a very deep appreciation for Jesus' death and resurrection, the forgiveness of sins, and an awareness of all of the angels and saints that are present with us in Mass. He asks for prayer, he prays for others, and looks to our saint, St. Francis, to pray for our class at the end of each day. Luis, know that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide you, pray with you, and give you comfort in the never-ending love He has for you.
Fourth Grade	Emily Freeman	Emily is an excellent example of a faithful catholic. She shows her faith by praying every day and being a role model to her classmates. She enjoys learning about her faith. Good Job!
Fifth Grade	Emma Thompson	Emma is an excellent example of a faithful Catholic. Being a faithful Catholic is more than just memorizing prayers and attending mass, it's actively living out what the Bible teaches us, which is to be kind, accepting, a good steward, and stand up for what she believes in. Emma demonstrates daily what it means to be a faithful Catholic, not only in her participation in Mass and other school events but also in her

		actions and her interactions with everyone she encounters. Emma, God bless you and know that all the good you do is seen even when you don't think anyone is watching.
Sixth Grade	Enrique Garibaldi	Enrique is a faithful Catholic. He displays faithfulness to God, demonstrated by his enthusiasm for learning about faith and is a role model to his classmates. Enrique follows in the footsteps of Christ in his desires to serve others. He is an active altar server and offers each week to participate in the mass in service to God. I want you to know that I recognize your leadership in our faith. Thank you Enrique for being the best version of yourself. God bless you.
Seventh Grade	Carlos Guzman	Carlos is a faithful Catholic even outside the classroom. He is seen in the church community participating in Masses and engaging in ministry with his family. He is a role model to his classmates during school rosaries, stations of the Cross, and Masses. Carlos continues to demonstrate his knowledge of his Faith to those around him. May you stay on this faithful and religious path Carlos. God Bless!
Eighth Grade	Lizandra Sanchez	Lizandra has demonstrated being a Faithful Catholic. She prays daily with our class and takes part in Mass by praying solemnly and singing along. She puts forth excellent effort in her religion class and knows all of her prayers. Thank you for being a great example to your peers. Keep up the great work!
Library	Diego Ontiveros	Diego is a young man who seeks goodness and isn't afraid to roll up his sleeves to lend a helping hand. He is generous, kind, flexible and upbeat. Diego always tries to follow Jesus. He doesn't bother about the complications of the world but focuses on what is in

		front of him and what he has the ability to positively affect here and now. He seeks to be the best version of himself, and his ways inspire others to do the same. From his cheerful greetings in the morning, kind words throughout the day and his bright disposition as he heads home in the afternoon, there is a sense of peace that lets those around him know that everything will be okay if we trust in the Lord. God bless you, Diego.
Music	McKenzie Avelar Pilkington	McKenzie is a sweet person. She would join Mrs. Slater's Sacramental Class voluntarily just to learn more about her faith. To see her want to know about her Catholic faith is exciting. She truly wants to grow in her faith and find her way in her spiritual journey. McKenzie is very kind; she makes an effort to greet you whenever she sees you. I appreciate you McKenzie and God Bless.
Music	Emilee Ramirez Hidalgo	Emilee brings a life to music. Emilee always smiles and enjoys singing. Emilee is always working at being a Christ like example and is a testament to her faith when encouraging others to be their best as well.
Physical Education	Chloe Dammeyer	Chloe is always an example of steadfast faith. She is consistent in everything she does and with her positive attitude and encouraging leadership skills others enjoy being around her. Chloe enjoys sports and is a focal point of games as she competes at a very high level in class.

We have so many fun activities coming up this month! Our annual student Walk-a-thon is April 29th, more information will be going home with your student soon. We are looking for 10 volunteers to help out from 8 am to 12 pm. If you're interested in volunteering please see our link.

<https://signup.com/go/QAqqMen>

The invitations for the Benefit for the Children have gone out and RSVPs are due Friday, April 1. Please use the link for your RSVP!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSi8WdeN4OT0sTUR97RN3Rb01WeB6vg28kZnYxW3mhssracQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

We are offering something new this year, for \$400 you can reserve a table for you and 3 other St. Francis couples! Please email hsa@stfrancisyuma.com if you're interested in purchasing a reserved table for you and your friends!

DADS' CLUB

THANK YOU DADS' CLUB! We are so grateful for all the hard work that Dads' Club has done to get our new age appropriate prekindergarten and kindergarten playground equipment up and ready to use! Their work was laborious to take down and we appreciate the dedication of Maxx Builders and D and H Electric in the use of their employees and machinery!



We would also like to thank our sponsors of the Dads' Club Poker Tournament who helped make the poker tournament one of the best ones yet! A VERY HUGE thank you to Chef Alex Trujillo, who has blessed the Dads' Club in sponsoring the event and provided delicious food for our players! We appreciate what Chef and his family sacrifice and generously donate for this event! May God bless you abundantly!

Also, please read the names below and pay patronage to their business in the form of a THANK YOU for supporting our poker tournament!

SAVE THE DATE

Father/ Daughter Dance is scheduled for Friday, May 6, 2022
from 6:00-9:00 in the Parish Hall!

Prizes	Dads' Club Keist Plumbing Harrison Trucking Best Buy On Track OVERhead Doors RDO Fairway Mortgage Joel/Laura Chavez Family Manuel Arvizu Family ACe 84 Lumber Tcg_goon Master Exterminators
Royal Flush Donors	3:10 Auto D&H Electric Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Keist Plumbing Yuma Carpets and Tile
Straight Flush Donors	Helena
Four of a Kind Donors	Desert Valley Mortuary Doorway Home Loans Farmers Insurance Harrison Farms Jimmy Dees Bar Maxx Builders Vega & Vega Engineering Eduardo's Mexican Food
Full House Donors	84 Lumber Exit Realty Rascon Trucking Yuma Pest

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Sports Banquet is scheduled for Friday, May 11, 2022
from 6:00-7:00 in the Parish Hall!

WE ARE CURRENTLY RECRUITING A SECRETARY FOR THE BOOSTER CLUB. MEETINGS ARE HELD ONCE A WEEK FOR ABOUT AN HOUR (HOURS CAN BE COUNTED TOWARD YOUR SERVICE HOUR COMMITMENT). IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL THE FRONT OFFICE AND LEAVE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER.

STUDENT COUNCIL



The Student Council will be hosting the April Spirit Day, Pastel Colors on Tuesday, April 26. Envelopes will be going home on Tuesday, April 19, \$2 per child, \$5 per family of 3 or more. They are **due back into the office** on Monday, April 25. **Please meet the deadline to avoid your child not being in the uniform of the day, resulting in a detention.** All funds will be donated to Operation Rice Bowl!



Student Council will be hosting their annual 7-8 grade All School Dance (SF, IC, Yuma Lutheran, and Southwest Christian) on Friday, April 22, 2022. The Hawaiian themed dance will last from 6:00-9:00 pm in the Parish Hall. You will need to sign your child in and out and provide information if someone other than yourself is going to pick your child up. Entrance fee will be \$3 and one non-perishable food item and \$5 with no Hawaiian outfit.

School Dress code Applies

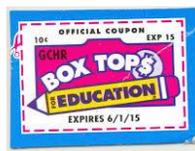
No short shorts, No spaghetti straps, sleeveless shirts need to be three fingers wide, and dresses or skirts need to be 3 inches above the knee. Girls can wear light make-up.

ST. FRANCIS PARENT CLUB MEETINGS

Please join us at any of our meetings and see what we are all about! We always need new and more members. Your attendance can be counted toward your volunteer hours!

Home and School	April 20	5:30	Via Zoom
Booster Club	April 7	6:15	Teachers' Lounge
Advisory Council	April 7	5:00	Teachers' Lounge
Dads' Club	April 7	7:00	TBD

Box Tops App



Donating Box Tops to Saint Francis School will now be easier than ever! Please download the Box Tops App on your Smartphone. Box Tops will be transitioning from the physical Box Tops to digital only. All you will need to do is scan your grocery receipt into the app and all your Box Top

donation money will automatically transfer to St. Francis School! If you have any questions, please contact Nerissa Freeman, (602) 402-1964.

DIOCESEAN COMPLIANCE

In order to be a volunteer at St. Francis School you will need to make sure that you have applied for clearance through the Diocese of Tucson. It is Diocesan Policy that everyone is cleared to work around St. Francis students. If you have not completed the proper paperwork OR your clearance has expired, please see the Diocesan Volunteer Screening Process Sheet located on our website (About Us, Volunteer/Partnership)..

If you have completed the application and the fingerprint process you will need to call Eve Villegas at the parish office to verify that you have been cleared. If you are still not cleared she will let you know the reasons why you still have not been cleared to volunteer at the school. Here are a few reasons she has listed as to why our families are not cleared. **Please make contact with Eve Villegas, St. Francis compliance officer, to determine if you are cleared to volunteer, 782-1875.**

1. Wrong phone numbers for some of the references listed on the application.
2. References not responding to our calls
3. References not wanting to answer our questions until they clear it first with the applicant.
3. Applicants failed to electronically sign the PTO Form within the 7-day period.
4. Some background checks expired and need to be resubmitted.