Thursday Thoughts

17th April, 2025



Virtue of the Month

Justice

Being fair and giving everyone a chance.

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and love mercily and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8



Important Dates

April

18th: No School (Good Friday)
21st: No School (Easter Monday)
22nd: Casual for Christ
30th: Early Release @ 1:30pm

Happy Easter!-

April Mass Schedule

23rd: 3rd Grade **30th:** NO Mass

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Regis Catholic Schools is dedicated to educating students of all faiths in a Catholic, Christ-centered environment. We are united by Our Core Values of *Living* Faith, *Accepting* Responsibility, *Promoting* Teamwork, *Achieving* Excellence, and *Inspiring* Leadership.





Important Numbers Student Transit (Bus) 715-839-5116 After School Care 507-259-2135 St. James Office 715-830-2277

Uniform Expectations

As the weather warms up (hopefully soon!), we want to take a moment to remind everyone of our dress code policy. Shorts may be worn starting May 1st. In April, they are **only** permitted if the forecasted temperature is above 70 degrees. Please ensure that shorts are worn under dresses and skirts. Additionally, open-toed shoes are not allowed. Your child should be in uniform everyday unless it's their birthday, a casual for Christ day, or a classroom celebration.

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Casual for Christ Addition

RCS grieves for the loss of Ann Seidl. Mother, educator, running enthusiast, and friend. Ann made a difference wherever she went. She was a substitute teacher and theology instructor at Regis for many years and is also the mother of our beloved MS teacher, Mitchel Abts. She was an adamant supporter of her community.

To support her family, the whole **Regis** system will have an additional Casual for Christ day on **April 22**nd. Proceeds will go to her family. You can either make a direct donation online or your child can bring in cash if they chose to participate in Casual for Christ. Please follow this link to learn more about Ann's wonderful life and the lives she impacted.

https://everloved.com/life-of/ann-seidl/

We extend our love and support to Ann's family during this difficult time.











Delong Middle School Evacuation 4/23

In the event of an emergency, SJ students would relocate to Delong Middle School. To ensure we are prepared, we will conduct a practice evacuation drill on Wednesday, April 23rd.

During the drill, students will walk under staff supervision to the auditorium at Delong MS. No permission slips are necessary, as this will be a walking event.

Scenarios that may require relocation to Delong include situations such as a gas leak, fire, bomb threat, or the need to use Delong as a reunification site.

Practicing this procedure is an important step in maintaining a safe and prepared school environment for all students. Please let your child's teacher or SJ principal know of any concerns or questions.



3RD GRADERS ARE GOING WEST!

In order to complete a special project, we are asking for help!

WANTED:

Any materials you would otherwise recycle

Please make sure all items are 'clean' -For example, wash yogurt cups, juice containers, etc.

Thank you so much!

*items can be dropped off in the office or the third grade classroom





For Girls Entering 1st, 2^{nd,} or 3rd Grade

Join us for a fun- filled basketball camp designed just for young athletes looking to build their skills and confidence on the court! What to expect: Fun and energetic basketball drills, skill building activities made for beginners, and encouragement from current Lady Ramblers players and coaches.

When: Monday, June 30th Tuesday, July 1st Wednesday, July 2nd	Contact: Teddy Joas with any questions <u>tjoas@regiscatholicschools.com</u>				
Where: Regis High School 9:00-10:00 AM	Mail Forms + Checks: Teddy Joas 2557 105th St				
Cost: \$50- Checks written out to "Regis Girls Basketball" OR pay via Venmo! Scan the QR code on your phone "RegisGirlsBasketball"	Eau Claire WI, 54703 Google Form: Complete the google form if you wish not to mail in registration! Registration Deadline: Friday, May 23rd				
Camp Registration					
Student Name2	025-2026 grade level: 1 2 3				
Student Address					
Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	T-Shirt Size : YS YM YL S M L				
Fmail(s)	Phone				

Parent Waiver: Regis High School and any camp coach will not be liable for any injuries that occur during the Skills Camp. I hereby authorize the coaches and teachers of the Skills Camp to act with their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention. Additionally, Regis Catholic Schools and any camp coach will not be responsible for any damages or losses that may occur to anything my child chooses to bring to the camp.

I understand all terms and agreements on this registration form.

Parent/Guardian signature_

Date:



with the Regis High School Girls Basketball Team!

Regis Girls Basketball Skills Camp is a 3-session course, in learning the fundamentals and some advanced skills of playing and competing in the sport of basketball! The camp will focus on a different individual skill set every day. The camp is open to all students entering 4th - 7th grade in the upcoming 2025-2026 school year.

When: June 30th - Ball Handling July 1st - Shooting July 2nd - Team Drills/Defense Where:	Contact: Teddy Joas with any questions <u>tjoas@regiscatholicschools.com</u> Mail Forms + Checks:
Regis High School	Teddy Joas
10:30-11:30 AM	2557 105th St
Cost:	Eau Claire WI, 54703
\$50- Checks written out to	Google Form:
"Regis Girls Basketball" OR pay	Complete the google form if you wish
via Venmo!	not to mail in registration!
Scan the QR code on your phone	Registration Deadline:
"RegisGirlsBasketball"	Friday, May 23rd

Camp Registration

Student Name	2025-2026 grade level: 4 5 6 7
Student Address	
Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	T-Shirt Size : YM YL S M L XL
Email(s)	Phone
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Date:

Join us for Earth Day crafts

Hello! Our names are Eva Wesolowski and Grace Market and we will be hosting an Earth Day event filled with dirt cup making and crafts day! All kids in elementary or middle school are welcome to join and they do not need to be a part of the Regis school system.

Date: April 22nd 2025 Time: 6:00-7:30 pm Place: Regis high school cafeteria Cost: \$5.00 per person (all proceeds will be donated to the Ronald Mcdonald House)

If you would like your child to attend please fill out this form: <u>https://forms.gle/7trPHhzGaAgwoSTD9</u> by April 19th.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact <u>wesoleva@regiscatholicschools.com</u> or <u>markegra@regiscatholicschools.com</u>.

Note: We will have parent volunteers at the event, however if you are not comfortable leaving your child you are welcome to stay for the event.



April/May Events + Activities

SJ Families – below is a list of our planned events for April and May. While not all events may apply to your child, we want to keep you informed about the activities happening across all grade levels. Additional events will be added, so please stay tuned for updates!

<u>April 22nd:</u> Beaver Creek Field Trip (2nd Grade)

<u>April 22nd:</u> Water Safety Presentation @ SJ (5th Grade)

<u>April 22nd:</u> EMS Safety Presentation @ SJ (4th Grade)

<u>April 22nd:</u> Earth Day presentation @ SJ (4K, K, 1, 3)

<u>April 23rd:</u> Evacuation Drill @ Delong MS. (ALL students + staff)

<u>April 25th:</u> Finding Nemo Play @ The Pablo Center (4K-3rd)

<u>May 2nd:</u> Walk for Virtues @ Regis HS (All Staff + Students)

May 14th: Sports Day @ Regis HS (4th & 5th)

WALK FOR VIRTUES

WFV is underway! This year, the funds we raise will go toward purchasing **new school lunch tables**, **updating office flooring**, **and adding an outdoor shed to store our recess equipment**.

Our students love getting involved in the WFV fundraiser, and there are many exciting prizes to motivate them along the way. A prize sheet is located in your child's envelope.

We're thrilled to work together toward our school-wide goal of \$12,000! We encourage you to support and inspire your child to participate. Envelopes are due May, 9th 2025.





REGIS HIGH SCHOOL GYM APRIL 26TH, 2025

JOIN US FOR A FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE AT REGIS HIGH SCHOOL!

> THERE WILL BE SNACKS PROVIDED!

AT THE REGIS HIGH SCHOOL GYM 2PM-5PM

\$10 PER FATHER DAUGHTER DUO

ALL MONEY WILL BE GOING TO ST. JUDE'S CHILDREN HOSPITAL FOR RILEY JOHNSON'S NHS PROJECT

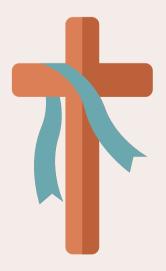
Stations of the Resurrection - Fridays @ 220PM

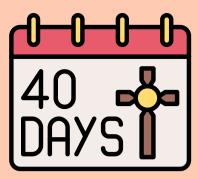
Friday, April 25th 5th Grade Leads/4th Grade Walks

Friday, May 2nd 4th Grade Leads/5th Grade Walks

Friday, May 16th 5th Grade Leads/4th Grade Walks

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Family Lent Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lent is the liturgical season of fo	rty days which begins with Ash Wedr y (Easter Triduum). Lent is the prima the forty days Jesus spent in the dea h).	ry penitential season in the	5 Ash Wednesday Go to Mass and receive the cross of ashes.	6 Help children choose simple, but meaningful penances.	7 Make a Lenten home altar. Decorate a table with purple cloth, a Bible, Crucifix, and candles.	8 Bury the "Alleluiah." Write the word "Halleluia" on a piece o paper, put it in a bag, and bur it in the yard. "Resurrect" it a Easter.
9 Stay after Mass to pray for a spiritually fruitful Lent.	10 Set out an empty jar and fill it with loose change. When it's full, empty it into the poor box.	11 Tonight, go around the table, and have everyone offer a compliment to the person on their right.	12 Enjoy pretzels — a traditional Lenten snack. The crossed "arms" reminded monks of someone at prayer.	13 Use only kind words to everyone you encounter today.	Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy together. Find it here: www. uscob.org/prayers.	15 Email the parish office and ask there are any upcomir events that need your family help.
16 After Mass, light a candle for those who have no one else to pray for them.	17 St. Patrick's Day Offer extra prayers for those who sacrifice to spread the Gospel.	18 Practice patience — a true act of charity.	19 St. Joseph's Day Happy Solemnity! Entrust fathers (including priests) to St. Joseph's care.	20 Agree that each person should perform an extra chore today, and offer the effort for the souls in Purgatory.	21 Attend a parish meatless meal together.	22 Before bed, pray an Our Fath a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be together for everyone's pray intentions.
23 After Mass, explain Father's homily in terms children can understand.	24 Encourage children to give up a favorite toy or game, just for today, just for God.	25 <u>The Annunciation</u> We celebrate Mary's 'Yesi' to God. Pray three Hail Marys to ask for help to be faithful to God's plan.	26 Get up 15 minutes early to pray as a family.	27 Check out Catholic Relief Services and see if you can help support any of their projects at: https://www.crs.org.	28 Family Night Turn off the TV and phone screens. Relax, order pizza and play board games.	29 Give up an hour of scree time tonight (no phones, eithe and spend it in prayer, readin Scripture, or doing a family activity.
30 Laetare Sunday It's the halfway point of Lent. Have a special dessert after Mass to celebrate.	31 Encourage everyone to refresh their Lenten resolutions.	7 April Each day remaining in Lent, put a jellybean in a jar whenever someone does a good deed. Enjoy the results at Easter!	2 Go to Confession together and experience God's mercy. Have a treat afterward to celebrate.	3 Put out a box for gently used clothes that are no longer needed. When it's full, take it to a shelter or thrift store.	4 Pray the Stations of the Cross or visit the Blessed Sacrament together to console Jesus' Sacred Heart.	5 Pray a Rosary together, in hor of Mary's Immaculate Heart
6 Q Read today's Gospel (John 8:1-11), and talk about Jesus' important message.	7 At dinner, have everyone name two blessings for which they are thankful and something they'd like to improve.	8 0000 Holy Week and Easter are busy times for parishes. Offer prayers for the priests and parish staff.	9 Read Luke 22:39-46. Talk about the need to trust God when doing His will is difficult.	10 Go for a walk together and look for signs of Spring.	77 To prepare for Holy Week, set a family screen fast from 12:00pm to 3:00pm, the time Jesus hung on the Cross.	The King is coming! Tidy up th house to welcome Him.
13 Palm Sunday Place palms around the images of Jesus in your home to mark the start of Holy Week.	14 Offer extra prayers for those entering the Church at Easter.	15 At dinner, share one way God showed His love to each of you today.	16 Forgive someone who hurt you. Ask forgiveness of anyone you may have hurt.	17 Holy Thursday Read John 13:1-11. What would you say if Jesus offered to wash your feet?	18 Good Friday Pray the Stations of the Cross at church or at home. Thank Jesus for His sacrifice of love.	19 Holy Saturday Light a candle and renew yo baptismal vows together as family.

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APRIL LUNCH MENU

		REGIS Catholic Schools			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 🙀	Thursday	Friday 7
*		Grab n Go Cereal Bowls or Breakfast bar Combo Kits and Fresh Fruit Lunch Beef Nacho Bar Lettuce/Tomato/Salsa Black Bean Salad Mixed Fruit/Orange Wedges	Grab n Go Cereal Bowls or Breakfast bar Combo Kits and Fresh Fruit Lunch Pizza Hut Pizza Cheese or Pepperoni Tossed Green Salad Cherry Tomatoes/Green Peas Chilled Peaches/Fresh Apple	Grab n Go Cereal Bowls or Breakfast bar Combo Kits and Fresh Fruit Lunch Chicken Smackers Baked Beans Cucumber Slices Cantaloupe Wedges/ Chilled Pears	Grab n Go Cereal Bowls or Breakfast bar Combo Kits and Fresh Fruit Lunch Mac & Cheese w/ Breadstick Whole Kernel Corn Baby Carrots Seedless Grapes/Pineapple Tidbits
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Milk is offered with all meals & includes a choice of Skim or Chocolate.

Director of Food Service: Alexis Toledo - 715-830-2276 ext. 2005

or email at atoledo@regiscatholicschools.com



Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

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St. Catherine of Siena Born in 1347, St. Catherine of Siena experienced divine visions from a young age. Rejecting marriage over her mother's objections,



she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic and embraced a life of poverty, prayer, and charity. Known for her wisdom, she became a sought-after advisor and peacemaker. Her theological contributions and spiritual writings earned her the title of Doctor of the Church, recognizing her lasting influence on Catholic doctrine and devotion.

PACT — prayers on the go

If you have just a few minutes to pray as a family, focus on the four essential forms of prayer: Petition, Adoration, Contrition, and Thanksgiving. Entrust all your concerns to God, reflect on His goodness and love, seek His forgiveness in areas where you have fallen short, and express gratitude for His many gifts - especially His mercy. Amen!

"In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the

world!" (John

16:33).

Sunday Mass: a sacred invitation – will you accept?

If a friend invited your family to dinner and told you Jesus would be there, wouldn't you do whatever it took to attend, knowing the immeasurable blessing of being in His presence? Each time Mass is celebrated, Jesus is truly present. Do whatever it takes to attend every Sunday Mass so your family is blessed by:

Nourishment for the Soul - Just as parents ensure their children eat well to grow strong and healthy, Jesus provides the spiritual food we need to strengthen our souls. The Eucharist is not just symbolic; it sustains and transforms us.

Obedience to God - He explicitly calls us to keep the Sabbath holy. Bringing children to Mass teaches them to prioritize God's law, reinforcing the importance of obedience in all aspects of life.

Hearing God's Word - In a world full of distractions, children must learn to listen to God above all else. At Mass, they hear Scripture proclaimed, forming a habit of recognizing and responding to His voice. Belonging to a family - Every

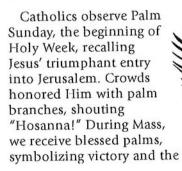
> Catholic, young and old, belongs to God's family,

the Church. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Children bless others simply by being active members.

Regular Mass attendance isn't just a duty-it's a gift that helps children become spiritually strong.



Why do Catholics commemorate Palm Sunday?



fleeting nature of human praise. The liturgy includes the reading of Christ's Passion, shifting from joy to solemnity, preparing us for His suffering and sacrifice.

> This day calls for solemn and thoughtful preparation for the most solemn week of the year and the joy of Easter.

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Make Easter joy last all year

Easter joy isn't meant for just one morning-it's meant

to be lived every Sunday. As Pope John Paul II reminded us, "Sunday recalls the day of Christ's Resurrection. It is Easter which returns week by week, celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death" (Dies Domini). Keep that joy alive by making every Sunday a "little Easter."

Joy follows sacrifice. Just as darkness precedes the dawn, atonement for sin prepares us to fully experience Easter's triumph. Make Fridays penitential in your home—share meatless meals, fast from entertainment, go to Confession, serve others through acts of charity.

Rejoice in second chances. Jesus knows our good intentions don't always hold, so He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Go as a family at least once a month. When children see you seeking God's mercy, they'll know it's there for them too.

Immerse yourself in the Mass. It's not meant to be observed but lived. Read the Scriptures beforehand, sing wholeheartedly, and pray with

intention. Celebrate the Resurrection with true joy.



John 20:19-31, Mercy triumphs over doubt

Poor Thomas! Despite his years of faithful discipleship, he will forever be known as "the Doubter." Even after witnessing Jesus' miracles firsthand for several years, he struggled to believe in the Resurrection. Not even the testimony

of multiple eyewitnesses could convince him that his Lord had returned.

Yet Jesus, in His mercy, met Thomas in his doubt. A week later, Jesus appeared to him, offering the proof Thomas needed—even inviting him to touch His wounds. Thomas hesitated, but when confronted with the Truth, he embraced it.

What can a parent do? Remind



April 7 – St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle (1719). St. John was born at Rheims, France, to a noble family, and was ordained a priest in 1678. He taught groups of poor and rich children together – which was unusual for that time. He formed the Brothers of the Christian School, a successful community of educators.

April 13 – Palm Sunday. This Sunday recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem when He was greeted by crowds waving palms. It marks the beginning of Holy Week.

April 23 - St. Adalbert of Prague

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struggling—please help me." As we grow in

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Church, guided by the Holy Spirit. St. Thomas' journey of doubt ultimately led him into deeper intimacy with Christ. The same can be true for us if we are willing to seek and trust.

(997). St. Adalbert was bishop of Prague, but his evangelizing activities earned him enemies and he was forced to leave. He was later invited by the Duke of Poland to evangelize Pomerania and Hungary and was martyred.

April 28 – St. Peter Chanel (1841). St. Peter Chanel entered the Society of Mary and was sent to evangelize the

Marshall Islands. He baptized a few natives, including the chieftain's son. The entire island converted two years after his martyrdom.



For more than a week, Tessa came home upset about the environment in her classroom. The way Tessa told it,

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the teacher had little control over the class, nor any idea of what the kids were up to when her back was turned. When it continued into the next week, I decided to

email the teacher to tell her I wasn't happy.

As I started typing, I realized I wasn't being fair. What if Tessa wasn't giving me the whole story? Shouldn't I be helpful rather than critical?

My email instead asked for a meeting and the teacher responded immediately. When we met, she acknowledged that there were issues in class but detailed the excellent steps she was taking to get on top of them. Further, she had suggestions for how I could support her at home.

This experience convinced me to be a partner rather than a critic.



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