

# Wednesday e-Folder



## To Jesus through Mary

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER 4, 2017

### *To Pray and Ponder*

#### **To Jesus Through Mary**

#### **October Focus-Joyful Mysteries**

#### **October Virtue-Obedience**

Traditionally, October is dedicated to the Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary. As this month begins, our focus turns to the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. In these views from her life, Mary demonstrates the virtue of obedience. She conforms to the will of God. Her simple submission of personal desires to the greater glory that God has destined for her resulted in the gift of salvation for all people.

Obedience is a virtue that is sometimes misunderstood. Some people see it as a restriction on one's desires, opportunities, or freedoms. Our culture leads us to believe that anything that limits us in some way is threatening to our free will. That understanding couldn't be farther from the truth. True obedience is an opportunity to exercise our free will for the greater good. It serves as an invitation to expand our vision to more than what one could have imagined.

This week, let us look at moments of obedience to which we are called. What will happen in our lives if we acquiesce to the invitations?

### *Catholic Identity*

**Angels** – Angels are an important part of our spiritual heritage. In Scripture, we are told that angels have many roles. A few of them include being God's messengers and holy warriors, watching history unfold, praising and worshipping God, and being Guardian Angels – protecting and directing people on God's behalf. The bible tells us that God's angels are delivering messages, accompanying the lonely, granting protection, and even fighting His battles. Angels who were sent to deliver messages began their words saying "Do not be afraid," or "Do not fear." Most of the time, however, God's angels operate discretely and don't draw attention to themselves as they carry out the assignment given by God. We celebrate the memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels this week. A website to provide more information is <http://www.beliefnet.com/inspiration/angels/galleries/6-ways-angels-are-working-for-you.aspx?>

### *Calendar Information*

**Wednesday, 10/4**

4:00 pm Field hockey vs. The Country School-away

**Thursday, 10/5**

4:00 pm Soccer vs. Easton-home

**Friday, 10/6**

**NO SCHOOL!** Teacher Professional Development Day at St. Marks High School

**Monday, 10/9**

**NO SCHOOL!** Columbus Day Holiday (Parish and School Offices Closed)

**Tuesday, 10/10**

4:00 pm Soccer vs. Salisbury School-home

**Wednesday, 10/11**

4:00 pm Golf vs. Most Blessed Sacrament- away at Ocean Resorts Golf Club

**Thursday, 10/12**

4:00 pm Field Hockey vs. Holly Grove-home

4:00 pm Soccer vs. Most Blessed Sacrament-home

**Friday, 10/13**

4:00 pm Golf vs. Sts. Peter and Paul-away location TBA

## ***H.S.A. Notes***

**Uniform Swap**

We are still in need of uniform items, particularly smaller sizes. Make sure to hang on to your voucher certificates as you will now earn full value regardless of when the items are returned, instead of the previously issued 50% credit. Here is the list of our upcoming swap dates:

Return date (to bring in old items to earn credit only): 10/23 from 12:00-2:00.

Swap purchase date (to purchase or use your credit only): 10/27 from 12:00-2:00 & 10/29 from 11:00 – 1:00

If someone is in immediate need of uniform items, please email the committee at [sfdsuniforms@sfdscs.org](mailto:sfdsuniforms@sfdscs.org) so they try to accommodate your needs.

**Spirit Night**

Our first school Spirit Night is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at Texas Roadhouse. [Click Here](#) to print the flyer for the event.

**Designer Purse & Cash Bingo**

Our Purse & Cash Bingo is scheduled for Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00, doors open at 5:30, in the Parish Center. This is a fun, fast paced event filled with traditional bingo, Chinese auction plus special bingos. Tickets are \$20 if purchased early, \$25 at the door. Use the link below to purchase your tickets online.

<https://visitsfrancis.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities>

Food, soft drinks, beer & wine will be available for purchase. Below is the link if you would like to volunteer that night to

help us out. We will need help in many areas so please consider starting on your 30 hours by signing up to help at this fun event.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0945a4a72ba6fc1-designer>

[Click Here](#) to print out a flyer for this event.

### **Trunk or Treat**

Save the Date!! Trunk or Treat is right around the corner. Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30 pm. We still need families or classes to sign up to decorate a trunk. If you would like to enter your trunk, please let Will Braxton know by emailing him at [William\\_braxton@comcast.net](mailto:William_braxton@comcast.net)

### **HSA DUES**

If you haven't paid your dues yet for the year, please send in your check to the school. The dues are set at \$15/child this year and the money goes directly to our homeroom moms to use for class activities and the auction project. Please make all checks payable to SFDS HSA. We will also be collecting at afternoon pickups on Fridays and during all our school events.

### **Penguin Patron tickets**

As you begin to consider your support for our HSA events, please consider saving some time and money by purchasing a Penguin Patron Ticket. The cost is \$200 and includes the following: 2 tickets to Bingo, 2 tickets to Auction, 2 tickets to Casino Night, a \$25 voucher for spirit wear, a \$25 voucher for a scrip card and a yearbook. These tickets will be on sale until 10/11/17.

## ***Cafeteria News***

Have you heard? We are now serving several ice cream treats for dessert. All options are \$1.00 and most are peanut-free. So far, the Italian Ice has been a big hit!

## ***Parish Community Partnership***

**\*YOUTH MINISTRY** Students in grade 7-12

Director Liza Alvarado [lalvarado@visitstfrancis.org](mailto:lalvarado@visitstfrancis.org)

Download our free registration.

[http://visitstfrancis.org/images/Annual\\_Consent\\_and\\_Release.pdf](http://visitstfrancis.org/images/Annual_Consent_and_Release.pdf)

**\*Carriage House News-You can find a large assortment of Halloween Costumes for purchase in the Carriage House. Stop by on Saturday mornings to check them out.**

**\*The Parish will be sponsoring the Russian vocal group LYRA on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Have dinner at the Texas Roadhouse before the show to raise funds for school. Go to the Parish web site for more information.**

<http://visitstfrancis.org/upcomingevents.html>

## ***Volunteering***

As part of expectations for enrollment each family is required to complete at least 30 hours of volunteering. In keeping with the Diocesan For the Sake of God's Children Program, all volunteers must

complete the Volunteer Covenant (form can be found on school Website) and a Background check. Laurel DiPirro in the school office can give you the link and an access code once you pay the \$30 fee.

## ***Teacher Web pages and information***

The former site that the school has used for teacher web pages called "Teacher Web" is being discontinued by the host. We are transitioning to Google Sites for this communication piece for families. Students in grade 5-8 will find their pertinent information on Google Classroom. For grades PreK-4, please contact your child's teacher to find the best way to connect to their web pages. Most are working toward the Google Site format, but some are still using Teacher Web as they transition.

## ***SCHOOL UNIFORMS***

Please make sure you read the section of the student handbook regarding your child's grade level. There are slight differences. For example: Middle schoolers have additional options for shoes compared with the younger students.

## ***Used Uniforms***

An important update from the Used Uniform Committee:

We are still in need of uniform items, particularly smaller sizes.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES: In order to facilitate our needs for more inventory, we have attached a credit sheet you can print, fill out, and send in with your uniform items. Doing it this way will cut down on the length of the check out line during swap and sale events significantly.

RETURNS: If you have items to bring in and would like to use a credit for the upcoming sale, we ask that by Monday, October 23, you send in your items for credit along with your completed credit sheet. Your items will be checked out by the committee volunteers and your credit voucher verified. During our next swap Friday, October 27, from 12:00-2:00 we will have your credits vouchers ready for use and/or pick up.

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**\*We will no longer issue credits during a swap and sale event.**

[Click Here](#) to print the new Credit Voucher.

Questions? E-mail us [sfduniforms@sfdscs.org](mailto:sfdsuniforms@sfdscs.org)

## ***Cotillion***

The Salisbury Junior Cotillion will begin classes this Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. This wonderful activity for our Middle School students will take place in the school hall from 6:30pm -8:00pm. For more information, call 443-736-6245 or [sjcotillion@gmail.com](mailto:sjcotillion@gmail.com) Students learn basic ballroom steps, manners and etiquette. Bring a friend!

[Click Here](#) to print a flyer for this activity.

## ***Magi Choir***

Some of our students will be participating in this year's Magi Concert to benefit the Joseph House and the Christian Shelter. Please see Ms. Upshaw or the link for details. Come out and support this worthwhile cause.

<http://www.magifund.com/aboutmagi/>

