



## Saints & Scholars

...so that Mercy may flourish

*The mission of the Catholic school is the integral formation of students so that they may be true to their condition as Christ's disciples and as such work effectively for the evangelization of culture and for the common good of society ~ Pope St. John Paul II*

### Calendar of Events

#### Friday, 4/6

9:00am - Formal Mass/FORMAL UNIFORMS - Easter Weekday (7th Grade hosting)  
6:00pm - Spring Soirée

#### Monday, 4/9

8:15am - Weekly School Mass

#### Tuesday, 4/10

11:00am - Benefits Fair

#### Wednesday, 4/11

12:00pm - Mock trial round one plaintiff  
2:45pm - Faculty Meeting

#### Monday, 4/16 – 4/20

Spring Vacation - No School

#### Tuesday, 4/24

7th Grade Biomes Field Trip

#### Wednesday, 4/25

School Assembly

#### Friday, 4/27

Dress Down Day  
Franciscan Sisters of the Apostolate



**Luke 24:6/7** “He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” Alleuia, the Lord is Risen indeed!! Happy Easter!!

### Principal’s Message

How are we doing? Are you satisfied with the school’s Catholic Identity? Have we invested wisely in technology? Are there enough extra-curricular activities and sports for your child? Feedback from you and our students on these and other issues are instrumental in assisting me, Father Healey, the PTG and the School Advisory Board in moving the school forward. As a believer in the concept of “continuous improvement” I welcome your input and ideas. Each spring now for three years, I’ve conducted Student and Parent Satisfaction Surveys. Please be on the lookout for this years’ survey. It will be sent to your email account in early May. Thanking you in advance for your participation and thoughtful responses.

### Father’s Corner

This may seem remarkable to us, but even today there are people in the world untouched by our present advances in medicine, technology, science and so on. These things have changed our lives tremendously, and yet for some people it is as if these advances never happened. The very same thing could be said about Christ’s resurrection. “Christus resurrexit!” “Resurrexit vere!” “Christ is Risen!” “Truly, He is Risen!” Traditionally during the fifty days of the Easter Season Christians would greet each other with these words (either in Latin or in English). It was in recognition of the earth shattering event that is the Resurrection. This event changed the world more than any present, or even possible, scientific, cultural, ethical, or technological advance. It is important to ask ourselves: do we live with the understanding that our lives have been so changed by the Resurrection? Do we find our lives animated with the desire to spread the message of the Gospel, “He is Risen!” to the world? Do we long to be with the Risen Christ by seeking Him at the Mass? Or, much like those untouched by our present technological and scientific advances, do we live as if the Resurrection never happened?

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### Parish

olmparish.org  
Daily Readings:  
uscc.org/readings  
Catechism of the  
Catholic Church  
usccb.org/catechism

### Web References

#### Academic ~ General

Khanacademy.com  
(online tutorials for  
many subjects)

#### Literacy

**Seussville** features  
Dr. Seuss's books,  
games and activities,  
videos and much,  
much more!

**Starfall** is an  
educational  
alternative to other  
entertainment  
choices for children."

#### Mathematics

**Fact Monster** - Fact  
Monster is a free  
reference site for  
students, teachers,  
and parents.

**Puzzle Maker** -  
Create your own  
content related  
puzzles.

**Art of Problem-  
Solving:** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
and up; videos are  
organized, clear and  
free!

**Art** - OLM artists are preparing to show off their beautiful artwork at the ART SHOW, Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please feel free to come view their masterpieces, enjoy refreshments and listen to our musicians. At the show you will observe student paintings, stitchery, crafts, sculptures, drawings, innovative movies and TV commercials and much more. Take a moment and look for the Imaginary Towers projects. All OLM students were assigned the same project and viewers can examine and interpret the development of artistic growth from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Elementary artists continue to focus on the basic understanding of art materials and techniques as well as applying the elements and principles of design in their work. In early April the Middle School artists will be presenting their at-home projects. The fundamental reasons behind these projects are to develop visual observation skills and analysis, practice using art vocabulary to justify their judgements regarding the aesthetics of the work, target the creative problem solving process and intrinsically feel proud of their accomplishments. Basically, what works, what doesn't, and why. Hopefully they can apply these straight forward concepts throughout their lives. The children are beautiful and so is their work. Hope to see you at the show.

**Library** - A great big thanks to The Campion Family for their generous donation to the library. We now have a 55 inch flat screen TV for use in library classes as well as for groups who share the space. We are gearing up for Reading Week, which will take place from April 9<sup>th</sup> - April 13<sup>th</sup>. Highlights for the week include visits from Mother Goose (PreK3 - K) and Huga Tuga (school wide). We hope students will participate in the home project of designing a t-shirt to showcase their favorite book or the theme "Reading Rocks." We will wear the shirts to the Huga Tuga assembly on 4/13. The stage will be decorated and students will be given the opportunity to recite a poem or tell a quick joke at "Open Mic" during all lunch periods that week. Students must have the approval sheet signed in order to participate. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders are finishing up their novel study of Charlotte's Web and will be hosting a "County Fair" for the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, complete will Readers' Theatre skits and county fair games. Thank you for encouraging reading at home and supporting of efforts to put reading first for the week of April 9<sup>th</sup>!

**Spanish** - March was an exciting time in Spanish class with grades 5-8 learning food and restaurant vocabulary and acting out restaurant scenes. Students had to check in with a reservation, practice conversation with their wait staff, and order several courses. Students took turns being the guest, the server and the chef. In addition I did my own version of a March Madness for the middle school but with music. The "Mania Musical" included a variety of popular songs from a variety of artists from different Spanish-speaking countries and each week students would hear two songs and vote on their favorite. Many themes in the songs were about believing in yourself, enjoying life, appreciating family and friends, and caring about others. The winning song was "Vivir Mi Vida" (Live My Life) by Marc Anthony who is from Puerto Rico! In April and May we will begin making different recipes and I told the students that the winning "Mania Musical" country would start us off on our culinary adventure! Puerto Rican cuisine has its roots in the cooking traditions and practices of Europe, Africa and the native Taínos. ¡Qué delicioso! Also, this month we will be starting some fun class activities learning fun and amazing facts about outer space! Hope all had a blessed Easter!

#### Spanish class "Restaurant Dining Room"



#### Living Stations of the Cross

