



KidMail

March 27, 2024

This week MGC celebrates Holy Week. It's been wonderful to see students learning about the experiences of Jesus and his persecution by practicing Stations of the Cross. Students have been embracing this Lenten season through almsgiving and prayer, and reflecting inward as to how to use our faith to shape our spirits. This is a time where we seek a special kind of closeness to God as we recognize our own misgivings. We recognize that part of our spiritual "work" is to forgive others as we seek to forgive, and to understand that the Lord died for our sins. I often tell the children that we must seek and tell the truth in order to be able to learn from our mistakes and be forgiven.

Just a quick reminder that Holy Thursday, March 28 is an early dismissal day, and on March 29, Good Friday, begins Easter Break. Our return date is Monday, April 8, 2024. I also invite you to pray and celebrate Mass with us on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 at 10:00a.m. or at our Bilingual Mass at 12:00p.m.

I wish everyone a Happy Easter, and a wonderful break spent with loved ones.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (414) 442-7600 extension 119 or at johnston@mgcparish.org.

In Faith,
Rachel Johnston
Principal

Dates of Importance

March 18-April 26 Forward Testing
March 28 11:30 Dismissal, Easter Vacation begins
April 8 Classes resume



Holy Week and Easter

Click on the link below to see the schedule for Masses during Holy Week and Easter
<https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/e411a490148911bb6ee16beaa6f794a437b3bc9d/Church/2024%20Holy%20Week%20%20Easter.png>

April Menus

Here is the link to the menus for April
<https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/e411a490148911bb6ee16beaa6f794a437b3bc9d/LunchMenu/23-24/April%202024%20menus.pdf>

Lenten Prayer for Holy Week

Your Word reveals to us a simple truth,
that sin entered this world
through human folly
in believing we could be like you,
and permeated history
through envy, selfishness and greed.
Yet sin, which holds us tight
within its grasp
cannot resist a heart that is touched

by your grace through Jesus Christ,
cannot contend with Living Water
pouring into hearts and souls.
Your Word reveals to us a simple truth,
that sin is defeated
and we can become
the people we were always meant to be,
by your grace through Jesus Christ.

Where in the Mall is MGC mentioned?

Walk around Mayfair Mall and see if you can find where MGC is mentioned. If you find the ad for MGC, take a picture and send it to Mrs. Berthold – berthold@mgcparish.org and get a prize!

Yearbooks

School year books may be purchased on line at VIPs website. You may use this link <https://www.vipis.com/group/0f4fc677/mother-of-good-counsel> or go to the School News page of the MGC website. Yearbooks are \$12. This link will be available until April 14 and then it will be gone.

Forward Testing



All students in grades 3-8 will participate in the 2024 Forward Exams. Testing began on Monday, March 18. It is important that parents talk to their children in advance and encourage them to do their very best on these exams. These results can be one of the factors taken into consideration for advancement from one grade to the next. **Parents are asked to be extra attentive to having their children present in school every day and on time.** Forward Testing time is March 18 – April 26.

At this time 213 of the 730 tests are complete!

Next Year???

Yes, believe it or not, it's almost time to start registration for the 2024-2025 school year! School Choice is closed. **It will open again April 1.** Parents, please keep a copy of your March WE bill, cable bill, or a pay stub dated in March. You will need to log in to your DPI account in and register and then send us your proof of address – using one of the documents listed above. Let's try to have all returning students re-registered in February. <https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>

School Committee Meeting Minutes

You may find the approved February School Committee Meeting Minutes online on the School News page or follow this link <https://www.mgcparish.org/school-news> to the page.

Kids Heart Challenge



We have kicked off the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge on March 19. Students will learn heart-healthy habits, such as being active, sleeping more, and helping others-all while raising live-saving funds for people with special hearts! The challenge will finish the week of April 8. All donations are due April 10. Find out more on the School News Page <https://www.mgcparish.org/school-news> and click on Kid's Heart Challenge.

Calendar Changes

Because of the snow days we had in January, we will be adding days to our calendar. May 10 will be a half-day and June 7 will also be a half-day. Previously these were Professional Development days.

Birthday Club

Celebrate your child's birthday the MGC way! For \$20.00 you get all that is in the picture and their name on the sign outside the school. The link has been updated.



<https://uploads.weconnect.com/mce/e411a490148911bb6ee16beaa6f794a437b3bc9d/School/Birthday%20Club.pdf>

Volunteers Needed



We are looking for people to join the following committees: **School Committee, Athletic Board and Home & School Association.** It's a great way to make a difference! If interested, please contact me at johnston@mgpcparish.org, or contact the school secretary Mrs. Barb Berthold at (414) 442-7600 extension 118.

Like us on Facebook and Instagram



We hope you will "like and follow" us on Facebook! We post MGC School news, pictures, updates and more on the page so be sure to "follow" us.

<https://www.facebook.com/MGCMilwaukeeWI>

On Instagram we are @mgcparish

MGC's Website

Have you checked-out MGC's website (www.mgcparish.org)? If not, please do so. You'll find a great deal of information about our church and school. The hot lunch menu is posted there so you don't have to worry about losing yours. Current and past editions of KidMail are also posted there. There are also many great student resources available through the library page. Don't miss this great resource!



MGC School Calendar 2023-2024

ALL students are expected to arrive on time and to be picked up on time.
Students may start arriving at 7:35 AM



18 – April 26 - Forward Testing
28 - 11:30 Dismissal, Easter vacation begins

8 - Classes resume
9 - School Committee Meeting
17 - Wear Be Kind shirt and uniform bottoms
26 - End of Forward testing

Full calendar may be found on the School News page
<https://www.mgcparish.org/school-news>

Parents/guardians are encouraged to check KidMail each week for regular updates.

MGC's Extended Care Program is fully licensed. Children must be registered with all completed paperwork turned in. ECP is open on school days and for summer camp, but children must be pre-registered. Parents/guardians are responsible for all ECP fees; failure to pay may result in dismissal from the program.

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serving, learning, loving, and living lives of integrity as Christ did.*