

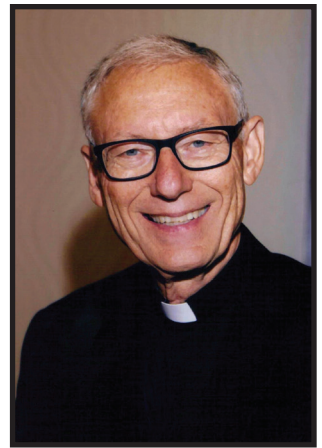
Immaculata

.....from our parish family to yours



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Lent and Conversion



Lent is a means for growth in Christian freedom and the perfection of the Christian life.

What is Christian Freedom?

Freedom is usually defined as having the ability to choose. But is that what St. Paul speaks about when he talks about the Freedom of the Sons and Daughters of God or “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom,” (2 Cor. 3:17) or “For Freedom Christ has set us free.” St. James calls the law of Christianity a “law of liberty.” (James 2: 12.) Or St. John who says in the oft repeated verse, “The truth will set you free.” (John 8:32)

Is Christian Freedom merely the ability to decide or is there more?

Bishop Barron, the great evangelizer, continually speaks about Christian Freedom as Freedom for Excellence. Excellence is found in man when he obtains the full stature of Christ and walks in the footsteps of the master and ultimately that is to live a life of love. Jesus is love made visible and we are called to live a life of love. St. Catherine of Siena says that man cannot live without loving. We were made for love because we were made for God who is love. And there is not love without freedom. Any love that is based in self-interest, constraint or merely the fulfillment of our needs is not worthy of the name love. (Interior Freedom, Philippe)

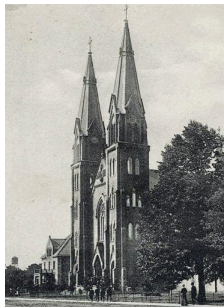
True love exists when in imitation of Jesus we freely give ourselves to one another. In the definition of love by St. Thomas we find the same idea. “Love is willing the good of the other as other.” It is being for the other. In that we find our ultimate happiness and consequently our salvation.

Freedom is a precondition for love. So how do we obtain that kind of freedom? Freedom for the Christian is not like it is often portrayed in modern society as living without any constraints or obligations. Freedom for the Christian is found in a union with God, not in an independence from Him. So the more we open ourselves up to God, the more He will give us the gift of His Spirit and the greater will be the gift of freedom that He bestows on us. This will be a freedom that will blossom into a life of concern for others as we reach out to help those in need.

We could use this precious time called Lent best by making ourselves available to God. The best way we do that is in prayer. Deep heartfelt prayer is essential. In prayer we open ourselves up to Him and allow Him to fill us with His love and that will help us to grow in authentic freedom. If we concentrate on prayer this Lent, we will be setting up the condition for God to fill us with His gift of freedom.

Lent is a time of grace. I pray that it will be a graced time to grow in authentic Christian freedom so that we will truly experience more fully the Love of God and bring that love to our neighbors.

Msgr. Eugene Lozinski, Pastor



A Piece of St. Mary's History

This section is dedicated to the history of St. Mary's Parish.

By: Josh Sellner



St. Mary's Church Confessionals

With the holy season of Lent upon us, it is good to reflect on the turning away from sin and the confessional, and more specifically, the confessionals in St. Mary's Church.

On Monday, April 7, 1902, members of the church building committee, consisting of Rev. W.M. Stulz, Anton Steffen, and E.P. Bertrand, made the following resolution:

"...Agreed further, that Contract be made with Aegidius Hackner of La Crosse, Wisconsin [the E. Hackner Altar Co.] for furnishing and putting in place complete in said new church: church pews, two confessionals and Communion railing according to plans, sample, and illustrations at the rectory for the sum of two thousand (\$2000.00) Dollars." [The sum of \$2000 in 1902 would be the equivalent of about \$58,000 today.]

Older parishioners will recall that until the mid-1950s, the confessionals stood directly beneath the large north and south rose windows in the church nave, as shown in the accompanying photo, which was taken in the 1940s. They were moved to their current locations nearer the front of the church in 1956, when the north and south entrances into the church were made in the walls under the rose windows. These entrances were made to bring the church up to fire code, as well as giving better ventilation of the church during the hot summer months.

Growing up on a family farm with six brothers and three sisters, Irene Schwartz had what seems to have been an ideal childhood. Running barefoot through the fields, along with having enough siblings to make two teams to play baseball and tip the can, a child couldn't have asked for much more.

Martin and Clara Mohr knew a Catholic education was important for their children and even though they started with country school, they all attended the Catholic school in New Ulm. After graduation, Irene attended the Minneapolis School of Business. After working in the Cities for a short time she realized that living in a large city was not for her. During a visit home she went to see her dentist Dr. Lloyd Schwartz. He offered her a job at his business and Irene happily moved back to the area.

It was while working for Dr. Schwartz that Irene met his brother Jim. He would come in and visit and eventually asked her out. Jim was the son of Hertha and Frank Schwartz and grew up on a family farm with two sisters and three brothers. "I remember the day of our first date. It was March 12th and we went to a movie at the Pix Theatre. It was also the Feast Day of St. Gregory the Great. We named our first son Gregory." While dating, Jim and Irene often went to dances on Sunday evenings at the New Ulm ballroom. While they were dating, Jim decided to go to radar school in Chicago. Jim had been a radar operator in the Navy from 1943 to 1945. It was during this time that he also decided to convert to Catholicism. When he returned from Chicago, his parents asked him to come back to farm again.

Jim and Irene were wed on Saturday, February 3, 1951, at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm. "It was a beautiful day, around 40 to 50 degrees. We started with brunch at my brother and sister-in-law's home and after the wedding we had a dinner and reception at Eibner's Willamie Room in New Ulm. We finished the day having an evening meal at my Aunt and Uncle's. It was a beautiful day and we missed the snowstorm that happened the very next day."



After their marriage they moved to the Schwartz home place, where they began to build their life together. Jim and Irene were blessed with nine children: Gretchen, Gregory, Joseph, John, Mark, Michael, Mary, Katie and Anna. In 1965, the family was heartbroken over the death of Greg at the age of 12. The family continued to grow. They eventually outgrew their home and moved across the road to where Joe and Judy now live. "It was a bigger house and so much better suited to our family."

Jim and Irene carried the same value in Catholic education as her parents and all their children are graduates of St. Mary's School. "The best investment you can make is in your children's Catholic education, if it's possible. We have also been blessed with 25 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren." Through the years, the Schwartz family stayed busy in farming. Jim farmed land and had dairy until his retirement in the mid-80s. In the late 1970s the boys began farming together and then added pork production. Their business has grown through the years and is now known as Schwartz Farms, Inc.

Through the years, Jim and Irene stayed busy with volunteer work that reflected their values. Irene was involved with the Board of Education, CCW, Christian Mothers, funeral helper, the Nex-Tu-Nu II store, St. Rita Study Club, a perpetual adorer since it started and she has been supportive of the Schoenstatt Movement. Jim was very involved in the Knights of Columbus and Meals On Wheels, along with other various volunteer projects for the church and school. On Christ-

mas Eve 2005, the family grieved the loss of Jim. "It was a hard time but we were blessed that the entire family could be together at that time."

Irene continues to stay active in volunteering and helping whenever possible. She also attends daily Mass as much as possible. Family and faith have always been and continue to be the center of Irene's life. "Having a strong faith is very important and passing on that faith to our family is equally important."

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Divine Mercy AFC Lenten Schedule for 2019

<u>ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES</u>		
Ash Wednesday, Mar. 6	7:15am; 8:30am School; 7:00pm 8:30am School; 5:30pm 6:00pm 8:00pm	Sleepy Eye Morgan Comfrey Leavenworth
<u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u>		
Wednesdays	7:00pm (Check parish bulletin weekly)	Leavenworth, Comfrey
Fridays	6:00pm (Check parish bulletin weekly for school station times) Following the 5:00pm Mass	Sleepy Eye Morgan
<u>LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES in DEANERY 1</u>		
Sunday, Mar. 17	4:00pm	Redwood Falls
Sunday, Mar. 31	4:00pm	Springfield
Sunday, Apr. 7	4:00pm	Sleepy Eye
<u>INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION TIMES</u>		
Fridays	After 5:00pm Mass & Stations of the Cross	<u>Morgan</u>
Saturdays	4:00-5:00pm	Sleepy Eye
Wednesdays	6:00-6:30pm	Sleepy Eye
Friday, Apr. 5 & 12	After 6:00pm Stations of the Cross	Sleepy Eye
Mon.-Wed., Apr. 15, 16, 17	11am-noon & 6:00-7:00pm	Sleepy Eye
Holy Thursday, Apr. 18	Confessions after 7:00pm Mass	Sleepy Eye
Good Friday, Apr. 19	1:00-2:00pm	Sleepy Eye
Holy Saturday, Apr. 20	1:30-2:30pm	Sleepy Eye
<u>CHRISM MASS</u>		
Thursday, Apr. 11	7:00pm	Olivia
<u>PALM SUNDAY MASS TIMES</u>		
Saturday, Apr. 13	5:30pm 8:00pm	Sleepy Eye Leavenworth
Sunday, Apr. 14	8:30am 7:30am; 9:45am; 11:30 (Latin) 10:30am	Morgan Sleepy Eye Comfrey
<u>HOLY THURSDAY MASS TIMES</u>		
Holy Thursday, Apr. 18	5:30pm 7:00pm/Confessions after Mass/Adoration until night prayers at 10:30pm 8:00pm Mass at Comfrey/Adoration after Mass until 10:30pm	Morgan Sleepy Eye Comfrey
<u>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE TIMES</u>		
Good Friday, Apr. 19	12:00pm (Good Friday Service); 7:00pm (Chaplet & Stations) 8:30pm (Tenebrae) 12:00pm 5:30pm 6:00pm	Sleepy Eye Leavenworth Morgan Comfrey
<u>HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL</u>		
Holy Saturday, Apr. 20	8:30pm 8:30pm	Sleepy Eye Leavenworth
<u>EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES</u>		
Easter Sunday, Apr. 21	7:30am; 9:45am; 11:30am (Latin) 8:30am 10:30am	Sleepy Eye Morgan Comfrey

*Dates/Times subject to change.

MUSIC NOTES

By: Sean Connolly



There are a lot of exciting opportunities to be involved in the music here at St. Mary's! Remember, the more people join the choir, the less each individual voice is heard, and so the less need anyone has to be self-conscious. We are always in need of and grateful for new members in all voice parts, but, specifically, a large, ringing soprano section would really fill out the sound of the Caecilian Choir, which has very strong sections in the alto, tenor, and bass. Ladies who can carry a tune and blend are all that we need to make that happen! We rehearse Wednesdays from 8 to 9 p.m., and warm up on Sundays at 9:15 prior to the 9:45 a.m. Mass. Please contact me to be added to the mailing list and join the choir – there's still time to join for Easter.

Please consider registering for this summer's nation-wide Sacred Music Retreat, which St. Mary's is hosting this August 16-20. The retreat master will be Fr. Garrett Ahlers, with Dr. Christopher Berry and Mr. Jeffrey Morse as musical directors. This is a national event, the second of its kind, and these presenters are world-class choral musicians and educators. Retreatants will lodge at Schoenstatt, and the liturgies of the retreat will take place at St. Mary's. For information on registration, please contact me. The liturgies sung by the choir of retreatants will be open to the public, and should be very beautiful. Consider, if you don't have the time to commit to attending the retreat, availing yourself of this opportunity to experience sung liturgy at the highest level in our very worthy space.

This season, remember to mark your calendars for the Lenten Service of Sacred Music on Sunday, March 31, at 2:00 p.m., sung by the combined choirs of St. Mary's. This is always a very moving reflection on the season. Also, don't forget the Holy Week liturgies during the Triduum, and especially the service of Tenebrae at dark on Good Friday. Your friends and neighbors who sing with the choirs of our parish put in a lot of time and love to make these services spiritually fruitful, and it would be wonderful to see even more parishioners availing themselves of these opportunities for worship and prayer during the Lenten fast.

Tenebrae at St. Marys, Sleepy Eye

Good Friday, April 19 at 8:30 PM

Sung Tenebrae will be held on Good Friday at 8:30 PM at St. Marys, Sleepy Eye. Tenebrae is a brief meditation on Christ's suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ's passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. As the candlelight is gradually extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death; through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory. Plan on attending this powerful opportunity for prayer!

Born into God's Family

November 18, 2018 - February 10, 2019

Peyton Andrew Pelzel, son of Andrew & Barbara Pelzel

John Ambrose Losleben, son of Kevin & Mary Kate Losleben

Amilya Edith Rose Moldan, daughter
of Emanuel Moldan & Ashley Lopez

Jacob Gary Krzmarzick, son of Shawn & Emily Krzmarzick

Alex Joseph Braulick, son of Daniel & Lacey Braulick

Theodore Baruch Docter, son of Andrew & Abeni Docter

Calvin Lawrence Mathiowetz, son of Sean & Karlie Mathiowetz

River Grace Hose, daughter of Christopher & Danielle Hose

Luke David Fischer, son of David & Jennifer Fischer



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, Oh Lord...

November 18, 2018 - February 10, 2019

Robert J. Novotny 11/21/2018

Edmund "Buddy" Schroepfer
11/22/2018

Elizabeth "Betty" Heymans
12/1/2018

Florence Helget 12/3/2018

Cecelia Wersal 12/6/2018

Linus Braun 12/9/2018

Dorothy Klein 12/27/2018

Joseph Neid 1/6/2019

Sylvia Moran 1/17/2019

Virginia Mickelson 1/18/2019

John Riederer 1/30/2019

Leon Brey 1/31/2019

Armin Losleben 2/6/2019

David Ludewig 2/10/2019



Bequests - Remembering St. Mary's Church in your will is the ultimate demonstration of commitment to this institution and the values it represents. Continuing the good works you support on earth, beyond your lifetime, is the ultimate form of good stewardship.



**Welcome
To Our Parish**

Ron and Ramona Current



*Holy Matrimony
at St. Mary's*

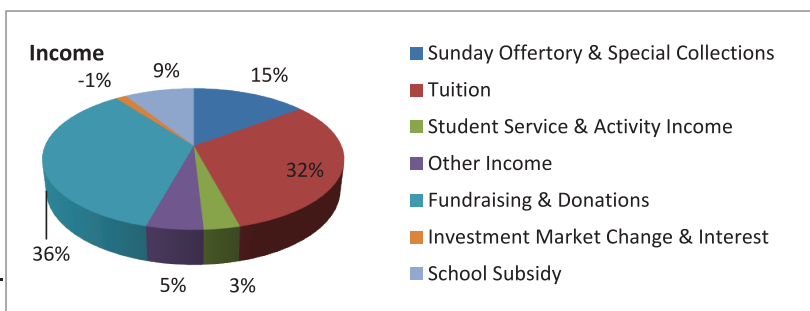
Nathan Kral & Jordan Phillips 2/23/19

St. Mary's Catholic Church Consolidated Financial Statement

For the Six Months Ending December 31, 2018

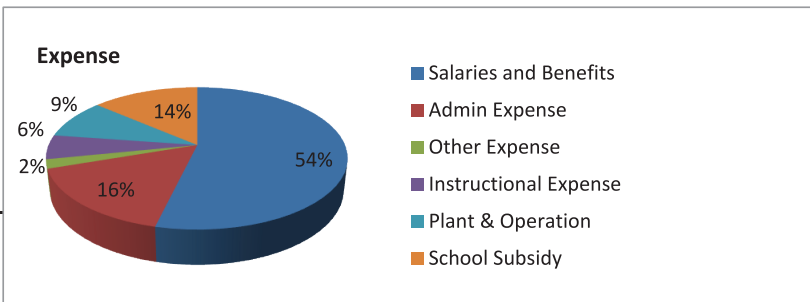
INCOME

Sunday Offertory & Special Collections	15%	\$ 447,690.62
Tuition	32%	\$ 944,619.71
Student Service & Activity Income	3%	\$ 98,289.28
Other Income	5%	\$ 155,024.43
Fundraising & Donations	36%	\$ 1,076,761.67
Investment Market Change & Interest	-1%	\$ (40,765.44)
School Subsidy	9%	\$ 270,562.18
Total Income		\$ 2,952,182.45



EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	54%	\$ 1,053,520.88
Admin Expense	16%	\$ 313,765.43
Other Expense	2%	\$ 40,565.19
Instructional Expense	6%	\$ 108,219.62
Plant & Operation	9%	\$ 177,235.77
School Subsidy	14%	\$ 267,522.18
Total Expense		\$ 1,960,829.07
Net Income		\$ 991,353.38
Budgeted Net Income		\$ 464,154.89



Our budget is going well six months into the fiscal year. We are very fortunate to have such caring generous parishioners and parents here at St. Mary's. We recently received a large estate gift of \$514,035.49. This is noted in the above financial statement under fundraising and donations. Gifts like these are vitally important to carry on the mission at St. Mary's. This gift was deposited into our general investment account at Christian Brothers Investment Services. This money will help increase our interest income we receive each month and increase our cash reserves for future building upgrades. Also included in this year's budget is \$126,500.00 from Caribbean Knights. This money was used to keep tuition increases at 5%. If this Caribbean Knights money was not available, the \$126,500.00 would need to be generated from another source, tuition increases would average around 18% or cuts would have to be made. We are truly blessed to have such a profitable fundraiser to help our school and it's needs.

Divine Mercy Sunday April 28, 2019

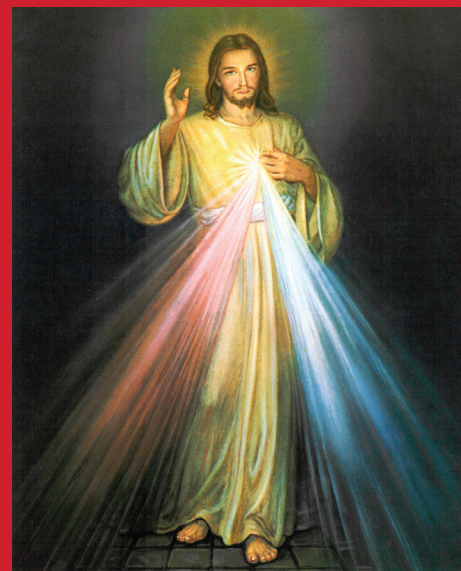
The parishes in our Area Faith Community take turns hosting the Divine Mercy Sunday and this year it will be held at Japanese Martyrs in Leavenworth. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2:00-3:00pm in the church, along with the priests available to hear confessions one hour prior to the Hour of Mercy, 3:00pm, when Jesus died on the cross. At 3:00pm we will have the opportunity to take part in the beautiful Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Sunday, April 28, 2019

2:00 pm: Exposition

2:00-3:00 pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions

3:00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction



Council of Catholic Women
Deanery 1 Spring Gathering
Thursday, March 21 St. George Church, West Newton

SEX TRAFFICKING IN SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

Speakers to include:

Danielle Freitag – Sexual Exploitation Survivor
Jeff Hohensee - Sex Trafficking Investigation Leader
Allan Bakke – Safe Harbor Regional Navigator

Registration: 5:30 pm
Mass: 6:00 pm
Meal: 6:45 pm
Speakers: 7:30 pm

Registration fee \$10.00

*Contact your parish CCW President or Parish Office
for more information*

New Ulm Diocesan **CCW CONVENTION 2019** **April 27, 2019** **St. Anastasia, Hutchinson, MN**



Kathy Bonner

Kathy Bonner is an international motivational speaker with over 36 years of experience. She has spoken in Great Britain, Mexico, Canada and throughout the U.S. Ms. Bonner is a convention keynote speaker and brings a myriad of expertise with a diverse leadership background.

*Contact your CCW President or Parish Office for a registration form.
\$35 if registered before April 10 ~ \$40 postmarked after April 10*

"Proclaim the Gospel to ALL"
Mark 16:15



Amanda Sieling

Amanda Sieling is currently teaching in the field of Criminal Justice at SMSU in Marshall, MN. She comes to us as an experienced and knowledgeable speaker on delinquency, abuse and neglect cases and had dealt with the effects of these activities everyday when she was serving as Assistant County Attorney.

2019 BISHOP LUCKER LECTURE

Monday
March 11
7:00 p.m.

Church of
St. Catherine
900 E Flynn Street
Redwood Falls, MN

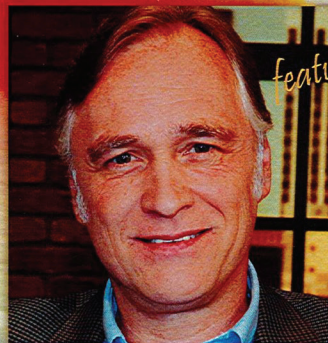
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The New Pentecost *Receiving the Fullness of the Holy Spirit*

Since the Second Vatican Council, our beloved popes have called upon the faithful to join them in praying for the outpouring of the grace of a New Pentecost. What exactly are we asking for in this prayer? What are the visible signs indicating that this grace is at work in the Church today? And finally, how can each one of us respond personally to this moment of grace?



featuring **Peter Herbeck**
from  **RENEWAL**
MINISTRIES

Peter Herbeck is a native of New Ulm and is the vice president and director of missions for Renewal Ministries. He is co-host of EWTN's *The Choices We Face* and *Crossing the Goal*. He is an author, speaker, and hosts the daily radio show *Fire on the Earth*. Peter and his wife Debbie have four children and reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Annual KC Auction

Sunday, April 7, 2019

at noon at the Sleepy Eye Arena



Cadillac Dinner

April 14, 2019



Contact Wayne Pelzel, 507-794-7719 for tickets.

Chrism Mass 2019

All are invited to attend the Diocesan Chrism Mass which will be held at St. Aloysius in Olivia, this year.

“The Chrism Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the Bishop’s Priesthood and signifies the close unity of the Priests with him. During the Mass, which he celebrates with Priests from various sections of the diocese, the Bishop consecrates the Chrism and blesses the other oils. The newly baptized are anointed and confirmed with the Chrism consecrated by the Bishop. Catechumens are prepared and disposed for Baptism with the second oil. And the sick are anointed in their illness with the third oil.”

- Excerpt from the Roman Pontifical



Thursday, April 11, 2019

Mass is at 7:00pm

St. Aloysius

in Olivia, Minnesota

Upcoming Events...

March

- 1 World Day of Prayer
at Japanese Martyrs,
Leavenworth
- 3 Men’s Sausage Dinner
- 6 Ash Wednesday
- 10 Daylight Savings Time
- 10 AFC Confirmation
- 11 Bishop Lucker Lecture,
St. Catherine’s,
Redwood Falls
- 15 KC Fish Fry, Servicemen’s
Club, Sleepy Eye
- 16 God’s Plan for a Joy-Filled
Marriage
- 21 CCW Deanery 1 Spring
Gathering, St. George,
West Newton
- 22-24 St. Mary’s Musical

- 24 Brunch with the Bishop,
Holy Redeemer, Marshall
- 25 CCW Sister’s Shower
at Divine Providence,
Sleepy Eye

April

- 7 KC Auction
- 11 Chrism Mass
at St. Aloysius, Olivia
- 13/14 CCW Bake Sale
- 14 Palm Sunday
- 14 KC Cadillac Dinner
- 18 Holy Thursday
- 19 Good Friday
- 20 Holy Saturday
- 21 Easter
- 27 NUDCCW Convention
St. Anastasia, Hutchinson

- 28 Divine Mercy Sunday
at Japanese Martyrs,
Leavenworth

May

- 5 1st Holy Communion
- 10 May Crowning
& Grandparents Day
- 11 Baccalaureate
- 12 Mother’s Day /
May Crowning
- 17 Sleepy Public School
Graduation
- 26 St. Mary’s Graduation
- 27 Memorial Day

June

- 2 The Ascension of the Lord
- 10-14 Totus Tuus

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