

Catholic Schools Week: January 30 – February 4, 2022

St. Mary's School, Sleepy Eye, MN

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Saturday, January 29/Sunday, January 30

Weekend Liturgies with CSW guest speaker
9:30 a.m. – Mass with MS / HS *Schola Cantorum*

Monday, January 31

Comfy/Cozy Day

7:20-8:00 a.m. – Drive-by Doughnuts for Parents
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Classes attend Adoration/Exposition
in Church

Tuesday, February 1

Charity Non-Uniform Day

School Service Projects
2:30 p.m. – Prayer Service at church
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Benefit: Fr. Bruno's India water project
Middle / High – \$3.00 Grade School – \$1.00

Wednesday, February 2

Dress-up Day

8:15 a.m. – All- School Mass
St. Blaise blessing of the throats
5:00-7:00 p.m. – Family Fun Night – Everyone welcome!

Thursday, February 3

Color Day

Business Appreciation Day
Staff delivers cookies to businesses
Shared games time with Elementary/MS-HS

Friday, February 4

Spirit Day

1:45 p.m. – Variety Show in the auditorium
Open to the public



St. Mary's Catholic Schools Week Family Fun Night

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Food

The concession stand will be open to purchase food and beverages, including hot dogs, pretzels, chips, candy, cookies and more!

All food will be the regular concession stand prices with the proceeds benefitting the Athletic Department and the After Prom Party. There will be **FREE POPCORN** all night!

*There will NOT be a meal served in the cafeteria as in previous years!

Fun & Games for the entire Family!

Cafeteria
BINGO

Field House
Obstacle Courses

Elem. Library
Escape Room

Gym
**Dodgeball
Tournament**
(High School)

**STEM Challenges
for all ages**

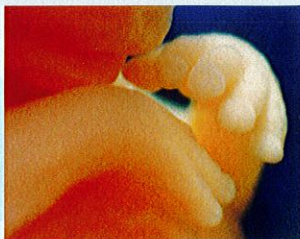
Auditorium
**Doctor Doctor
3 on 3 Basketball**
(Middle School)

All are Invited!

Do you wonder what you looked like when you were in your mom's womb? Here are some pictures of some very young babies who probably looked a lot like you before you were born!



6 week (8 weeks LMP) old baby shown in the amniotic sac
(Photo by Robert Wolfe)



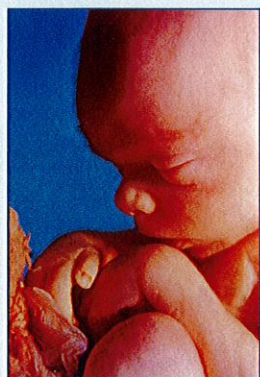
7 week old baby - about 49 days! (9 weeks LMP)



8 week old baby - about 56 days! (10 weeks LMP)



14 week old baby (16 weeks LMP) - about 112 days old!



4 month old baby (18 weeks LMP) - about 126 days old!



5 month old baby (22 weeks LMP) - about 154 days old!

264-270 days after your life began, you were born!

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Age in this brochure is given two ways: 1) days after fertilization or days from conception given by the top red number, and 2) days from last menstrual period, or LMP for short, given by the lower red number. Doctors use "LMP" because it is hard to know just when conception occurred. Here, we emphasize the age of the new life as it unfolds. Add 14 days to post-fertilization days to convert to the LMP days.

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Estimates vary for when the heart begins to beat: 21-22 days, Moore, K. and Persaud, T., p. 77; at least by 23 days from transvaginal ultrasound results, O'Rahilly, R. and Muller, F., p. 183; 21-22 days, Carlson, B., p. 117; 18 days, Tanner, J. and Taylor, G. and the editors of Time-Life Books, Growth, New York: Life Science Library, 1965, p. 64 (a 40 year old source).

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Moore, K. and Persaud, T., p. 259.

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Moore, K. and Persaud, T., p. 236-242. Tsiaras, A. and Werth, B., p. 88.

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O'Rahilly, R. and Muller, F., p. 88-92. Birth occurs at about 38 weeks post-fertilization or 40 weeks LMP. The

average from ovulation to parturition is about 264-270 days and the range about 250-285.

Measurements and weights from: O'Rahilly, R. and Muller, F., p. 491. Lengths of the baby are given in GL or

Greatest Length, which excludes the limbs. GL closely follows CR or crown to rump measurements, but

can also be used for very young embryos. GL is also the measurement used in ultrasonography.

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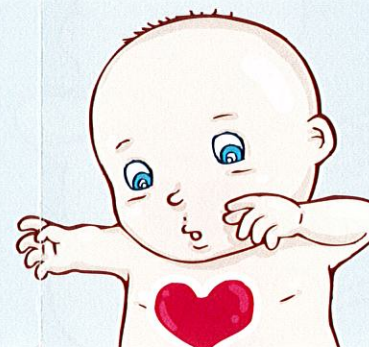
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Your Amazing Journey!

The amazing things that happened to you when you were growing in your mom's tummy.

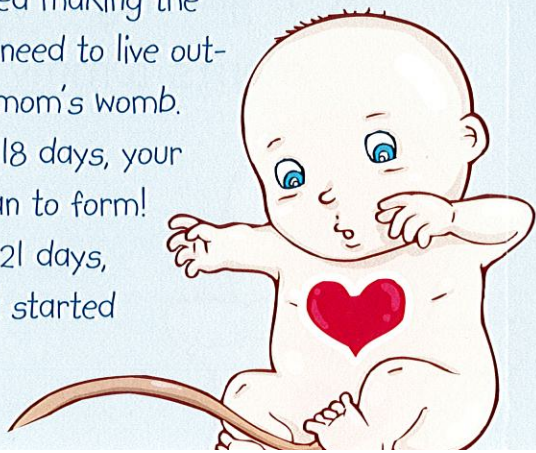


Before you were born, you lived in your mommy's tummy, called the womb, for 9 months. During these 9 months, you did many amazing things! You were alive, and you were growing, and you were wonderful, even before your day of birth!



On the first day, you were only two tiny cells,

one from your mommy and one from your daddy. But you grew VERY quickly! The two little cells became many cells, and they started making the parts you need to live outside your mom's womb. After just 18 days, your brain began to form! After just 21 days, your heart started beating!

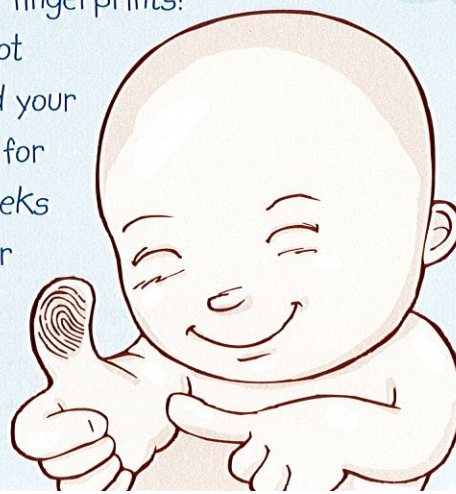


Just 26 days after you began growing, your lungs started to be made, and after 28-32 days your little arms and legs began to grow. Then, after 36 days, your eyes showed what color they would be when you were born!



Starting on day 52, and for the next 4 weeks, you learned how to move around in your mom's womb. In this short time, you figured out how to frown, make kissy lips, move your arms and legs, turn your head, touch your face, breathe (without air), open your mouth, yawn, squint and hiccup.

At about 70 days, your fingers started to grow tiny little fingerprints! Your fingers got fingernails and your eyelids closed for the next 14 weeks to protect your delicate eyes.

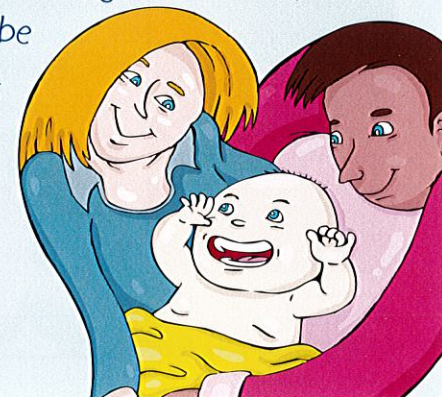
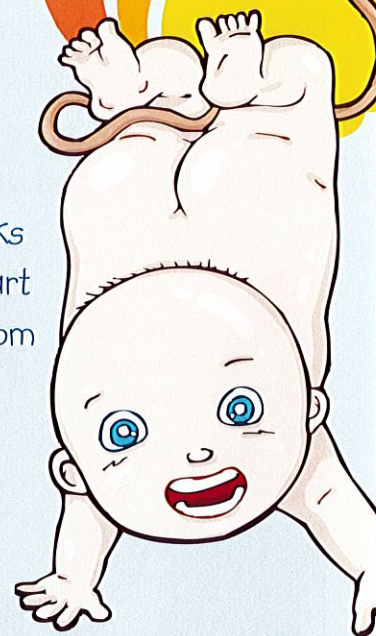


After 11 weeks (77 days) in your mom, you were first able to smile! Not only that, but at 13 weeks your face might start looking like your mom and dad's!

At 120 days (4 months), you were able to suck your thumb, turn somersaults and grip with your hand. You even started to sleep at certain times and wake up at others.

After about 6 months (180 days) you were starting to hear and you would stretch anytime you woke up from sleeping.

You grew so fast, that things started to become very tight in your mom's womb. After about 264-270 days, most babies are born. Your mom gave birth to you and you could be seen by everyone; but you had been alive and growing for 9 months!



A LITANY FOR LIFE

Love is patient.

Give to the mother who is tempted to abort her child the patience to endure the suffering that will bring forth new life.

Love is kind.

Give to the new father whose friends tell him to abort his child the gentleness, compassion and courage to support his wife and child, protect them from all that could harm them, and sustain them against selfishness and hate.

Love is not jealous.

Remove from all human hearts the temptation to trade human life for advantage, convenience or personal benefit. Deliver us from the expediency that values personal gain and pleasure over the dignity of human life.

Love is not pompous.

Deliver us from the arrogance that sees our needs or wants as superior to the rights of others. Help us to see all our brothers and sisters as worthy of all of our love.

Love is not inflated.

Grant us a share in the humility of your Son, who sought not to be served, but to serve. Help us to see in every human life, rich or poor, young or old, guilty or innocent, a reflection of your image and likeness.

Love is not rude.

Implant a spirit of gentle compassion in the hearts of each of your sons and daughters, Lord, that no person may ever be treated as less than the child of God which you have made them, through the Paschal Death and Resurrection of your only-begotten Son.

Love does not seek its own interests.

Give to all who govern us, Lord, a generous spirit, that our country may not so much seek to be great as to be good, to be rich in possessions as to be rich in mercy, or to be renowned as to be renowned for justice and truth for all.

Love is not quick-tempered.

Grant that by our prudence and patience we might learn to live that sacrificial love by which your Son died for us on the Cross, that all men and women might know our kindness and willingness to love them unto death after the model of our Lord and Savior.

Love does not brood over injury.

Give us the grace of mercy, Lord, that like your Son we might forgive those who sin against us, seeking only their redemption and eternal happiness. Forgive the abortionist who takes the life of an unborn child. Move his heart, grant him the grace of repentance, and give us a full share in your mercy.

Love does not rejoice over wrongdoing.

Help us to seek only the redemption of wrongdoers, Lord, and remove from our hearts all desire for vengeance and hate. Help us to desire not revenge, even for the horrors of abortion, but the repentance and happiness of all your children.

Love rejoices with the truth.

Implant deep within our hearts a sense of the joy of the Gospel of Life, and make us joy-filled evangelists of your great gift of life.

Love bears all things.

When we are insulted or reviled for the sake of the Gospel of Life, give us the courage and the innocence of the children of God. Help us, Lord, to suffer for the sake of your truth, and never to seek our own good, even in the good work we do.

Love believes all things

Deliver us from every temptation to despair, Lord. When we are discouraged, give us the grace to trust in your mercy and to know that your love is ever victorious, even in the face of darkness, death, and hate.

Love hopes all things.

As we trust in your infinite love, O Lord, give us the trust that comes from the Gospel, and help us to cling to that sure and certain hope that for those who love God all things come to good.

Love endures all things.

In the face of death, destruction, and a culture of death, never let us lose sight of the beauty of the face of your only-begotten Son, Our Lord, who suffered the torments of his Passion and Death for the sake of our sins. Let us trust that through his Passion we will have the strength to do your will and to carry each cross that comes our way for the glory of God and the love of his little ones.

Love never fails.

When the crusade for life seems unending and our latest initiatives have failed, when our hearts are filled with sadness or anger or fear, come to our aid, O Lord, and give us the assurance that you are ever with us, that your mercies will not end, and that you, our Creator and our God, will bring victory to all who seek to love as you have commanded them.

PRAYERS for LIFE

