



MBS Sunday Message – March 15, 2026



From the Principal's Desk

Last Friday, I had the privilege of traveling to Shreveport to assist with judging the Diocese of Louisiana Student of the Year Program. Students from all seven dioceses in Louisiana, representing grades five, eight and twelve gathered for a day of interviews and written essays. These students had already been selected as the top representatives from their schools, making the experience both inspiring and humbling.

Along with many other judges, my role was to review and score student portfolios and evaluate their written essays. As we read about their accomplishments and listened to their stories, several common threads became very clear. No matter their grade level or where they came from, these remarkable young people consistently demonstrated the same qualities. They were:

- Spiritually grounded in our Catholic faith
- Academically excellent
- Actively engaged in service to their communities
- Guided by strong moral compasses
- Leaders within their schools
- Respectful, compassionate, and thoughtful toward others

It was truly uplifting to see how deeply these students value their faith, their education, and their responsibility to serve others. They represent the very best of Catholic education and remind us that the future is in good hands.

As I returned home, I couldn't help but reflect on how these same qualities are present right here at Most Blessed Sacrament. Every day, our students strive to grow in faith, work towards academic excellence and serve others with generous hearts. These are the values that shape not only strong students, but faithful leaders for tomorrow.

We are truly blessed to be part of a community that nurtures these gifts and encourages our students to live out their faith in meaningful ways. Seeing these qualities reflected across our Louisiana dioceses and within our own school fills me with great pride and even greater hope for the future.

In Christ,
Mrs. Cheri Gioe

Kindness 101 Persistence – Persistence – Boy Who Walked Six Miles to Middle School Graduation Gets a College Scholarship - <https://youtu.be/DreDid-yAPk>

Discussion Questions:

- In the video, how did Xavier Jones show he was persistent?
- Why did the University President offer a scholarship to Xavier?
- How do others help you persist when you are facing a challenge?

Pelican Express Newsletter Link – [March 12, 2026](#) – Visit the Pelican Express for upcoming events and information.

Announcements

- We have been having issues with backpack key chains and adornments. Some of the issues are that they have been lost or taken causing distress and conflicts and another is that they are distraction. Starting tomorrow, students are allowed to have one backpack key chain or adornment. This week, the students will be asked to remove them and put them in their

backpacks to bring home. After this week, students will receive conduct point deductions.

- Men's Club Lenten Dinners - Fridays - February 27 - March 27 - Dine-in or To-Go available in Holy Family Hall from 5pm - 7pm - Menu: Fried Fish and Fried Shrimp Dinners (\$12) and Crawfish Pies (\$4)
 - Weekly Entree Choices
 - March 20 - Shrimp Pasta
 - March 27 – Crawfish Etouffee
- The MBS Home and School Association is looking for volunteers for the Executive Board – Secretary - Elect and President - Elect
- The school supply link is live for the 2026-2027 school year - <https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/gs/44561>, Please let families know. The bulk items ordered will not show up on these lists, for example paper towels, wipes, etc.
- School Dates - 2026-2027
 - August 2 - 6 - Teacher In-service Days
 - August 7 - First Day of School - Staggered Start Day One
 - August 10 - First Day of School - Staggered Start Day Two
 - August 10-11 - PK/K Parent Meetings with their Student
 - August 12-13 - PK/K Staggered Start
 - August 14 - All PK/K students attend
 - September 7 - Labor Day
 - November 23-27 - Thanksgiving Break
 - December 21-January 4 - Christmas Break
 - January 18 - MLK Observance
 - February 8-12 - Mardi Gras Break
 - March 26-April 2 - Easter Break May 19 -
 - Last Day of School/Report Card Day

Save the Date

- Pelican Classic Golf Tournament - March 16 - [Registration Link is live](#) and Men's Club Golf Cart Raffle
- Professional Development Day - No School
 - March 20 - Middle School DOES NOT Attend - PK - 5th Attends
 - March 23 - PK-5th DOES NOT Attend - Middle School Attends
- MBS Concert Choir to Sing at LSU Baseball Game - March 20

- Raising Body Confident Kids - A Presentation for Parents - 6pm - Diocese of Baton Rouge Tracy Center Ballroom (free of charge)
- "Game On" - MBS Mother/Son Event - March 27 - 6-9pm
- Passion Play – Wednesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 2
- Men's ACTS Retreat - April 9
- MBS Fair - October 23-25, 2026