



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

MARCH 24, 2022

DATES FOR YOUR PLANNER

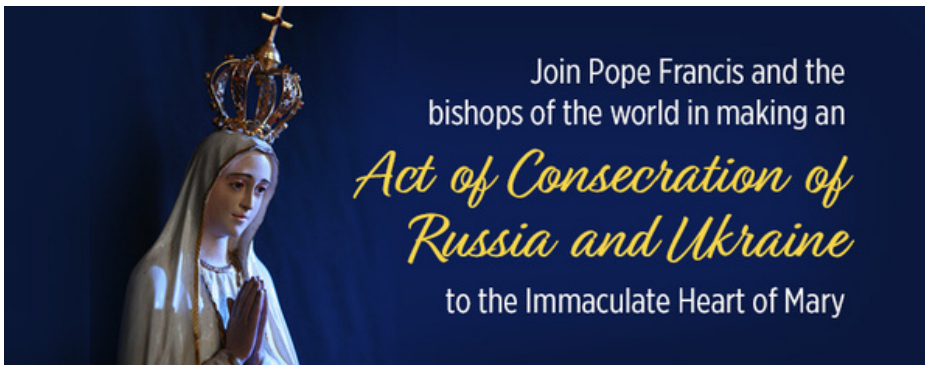
March 25 - Middle School Conferences; PK-5 attend school

March 28 - PK-5 Conferences; Middle School attend school

March 30 - Fun Run

March 31 - Mass, Dress Uniform

April 1 - 4th Grade Parade of States; Mother/Daughter



All,
Bishop Duca will join Pope Francis in praying an Act of Consecration to entrust Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at St. Joseph Cathedral Friday, March 25 (tomorrow), which is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Bishop Duca will lead the Rosary at 10:45 am before making the consecration at 11:00 am.

If you are able to recite the rosary at 10:45 am or at any time during the day, you are encouraged to do so. The following page has the words that Pope Francis will say for the Consecration.

May God bring peace to Russia, Ukraine, and the whole world.



FORWARD IN FITH

Families who purchased FREE DRESS for a week at the Auction:

Those students will receive a VOUCHER today or tomorrow to wear free dress in April.

Questions?
Email Penne at PLeier@mbsbr.org

Parents of students eligible for bus service must register now for bus service for the 2022-23 school year. Click [here](#) for the OPT-IN FORM.

Please read the letter from EBR Transportation emailed on 3/23 from Vonnie Chiasson

Deadline to register for bus service is March 31, 2022.



O Mary, Mother of God and our mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our mother, you love us and know us: No concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the prince of peace.

Yet we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars. We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples' dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns.

We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives, and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbor's keepers and stewards of our common home. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war, and by our sins, we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame, we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the church and for all humanity. By God's gracious will, you are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love.

We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: "Am I not here, I who am your Mother?" You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you, we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid.

That is what you did at Cana in Galilee when you interceded with Jesus and he worked the first of his signs. To preserve the joy of the wedding feast, you said to him: "They have no wine" (Jn 2:3). Now, O Mother, repeat those words and that prayer, for in our own day we have run out of the wine of hope, joy has fled, the fraternity has faded. We have forgotten our humanity and squandered the gift of peace. We opened our hearts to violence and destructiveness. How greatly we need your maternal help!

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer.

Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war.

Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation.

Queen of Heaven, restore God's peace to the world.

Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness.

Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons.

Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love.

Queen of the Human Family shows people the path of fraternity.

Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world.

O Mother, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your sorrowful heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside.

Holy Mother of God, as you stood beneath the cross, Jesus, seeing the disciple at your side, said: "Behold your son" (Jn 19:26). In this way, he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: "Behold, your Mother" (Jn 19:27). Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history.

At this hour, weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice, and poverty.

Therefore, Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the church, and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The "fiat" that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you, we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days? Our Lady of the "fiat," on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our "living fountain of hope," water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.

PELICAN FUN RUN

Contest Awards were given to:

Grades PK - 1: Anne-Claire Henderson @ \$2330

Grades 2-3: James Davis @ \$3350

Grades 4-5: Beau Henderson @ \$1610

Grades 6-8: Cassie Zecchel @ \$2330



Top Ten Participants:

1. James Davis
2. Anne-Claire Henderson
3. Cassie Zecchel
4. James Kidd
5. Beau Henderson
6. Layla Brown
7. Lexi LeBlanc
8. Lucas LeBlanc
9. Sutton Bowman
10. Jackson Martin

Class Rankings:

1. Boudreaux 3rd
2. Rinaudo K
3. Garrett 2nd
4. Watts 2nd
5. Doggett 3rd
6. Stewart 1st
7. Quintero 6th
8. Leger 5th
9. Chester 1st
10. Sulfsted PK

DETAILS

- Students can still donate and get individual prizes through the 30th. Prizes earned on the 30th will be delivered on the 31st.
- Fun Run will take place on Wednesday, March 30 on the football field. If it's raining, we will move into the gym.
- Credit Card donations will be entered and charged on 3/30.
- Students are invited to wear their Spirit Shirts with Uniform Bottoms.
- Questions? Reach out to Penne Leier at 225.266.2612.



Oh La La!

Madames &
Mademoiselles,
you are cordially
invited to the MBS

*Mother & Daughter
Parisian Spring Soirée*

FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST 7:00 PM

Say oui and dress très chic for a fabulous
Parisian affair with dancing,
light hors d'oeuvres, patisserie,
and much more!

Tickets are \$25 each couple and
\$10 each additional daughter

To purchase tickets, [click here](#)

To donate items/volunteer, [click here](#)

PJ Girl's Night Out
April 9, 6-9pm

We will have pizza, play games, sing & dance while parents enjoy a Night Out.
\$20*/child

*money supports the Cheer/Dance/Pep Squad



April 5, 2022
Picture Day

Spring Pictures: Students are invited to dress in their appropriate outfits for the camera.

Sports Pictures: Volleyball, Track, Dance please bring uniforms to take pictures after school. They cannot be dropped off in the office.

8th Grade Favorites: 8th Graders should dress in their appropriate outfits for these yearbook pictures.



Third Grade sponsors the TASTE FAIR in April. Please sign up to help with this event that is part of MBS tradition. Volunteers need to be cleared by the Office of Child Protection.

St. Michael High School

SUMMER CAMPS

Register today at www.smhsbr.org or scan the QR code below.



Contact summer camp director, Drew Hart at dhart@smhsbr.org for questions.



Miss Wendy for a Day



Thanks to the MBS Auction, Vivian Foreman served as "Miss Wendy for a Day" on March 10. She completed all of the duties that Miss Wendy would: She did attendance, took messages, ate in the faculty lounge, and helped with dismissal.

Most of all, Vivian SMILED the entire day just like our Miss Wendy does!

**Strategies for Success:
A Summer Boot Camp
for Middle School
Students will be held
July 18-22.**

Click [here](#) to register by March 31.

FYI for parents of little ones: There's a new Disney/Pixar movie that was released last week called Turning Red. It appears to be a "usual" (aka "safe") Disney movie, but you may want to preview it before you blindly dive in to watch it with your children or allow them to watch it on their own.

It's rated PG because the themes revolve around puberty, rebellion, and other such content that may be too much for our younger Pelicans. The suggested viewing age, per Common Sense Media, is 10/11+.



COUNSELOR'S

CORNER

Time & Talent Update

Parent's Commitment to Church and School One of the requirements for enrollment and/or retention at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School is a commitment to the following agreement.

- In addition to daily prayer at home, the Catholic members of our family will attend Mass every weekend and on Holy Days of Obligation.
- Twenty (20) hours of Time and Talent will be given to the school and/or Church each year. Hours must be completed between January 1 and December 31 to receive the in-parish tuition rate. These hours are reviewed each year.
- A minimum amount of \$325.00 will be donated to the Church to support the stewardship program as an Identified Offertory Giver (IOG). IOGs will receive in-parish tuition. Donations will be verified by December 15 unless otherwise authorized by the Pastor. Any offerings thereafter will count towards the following school year.

Definition of an Hour

One (1) hour is defined as an actual hour of volunteer work or donation purchases of \$10.

New Students Clause

Time and Talent hours are prorated for new students. However, new families must still meet the IOG requirement of \$325.00 to receive in-parish tuition.

Log your Service Hours into FACTS.

Go to Family > Family Home. You will see "Service Hours" in the middle of the screen. Click "add" to add the hours. You must type in a description. Select "type a custom value," and then type your description.

Sending Items to School

Please label your items that you send to school from a SignUp Genius:

- **Parent Name (signed up on the SUG)**
- **Name of item**
- **Title of Sign Up (ex: 5th Grade Auction Basket)**

This helps us match your hours in FACTS.

Pelican Games will be April 29. This is an all-day "field day" for the students. Parents will be asked to help volunteer for this event. If you want to volunteer, you must be Cleared by the Office of Child Protection by April 8.

OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION



According to the Safe Environment Policy promulgated by the Diocese of Baton Rouge, all parish and school ministry volunteers/chaperones must complete a mandatory background check and child protection training. Please note that MBS School child protection requirements are not the same as MBS Church Parish. Therefore, if you are compliant for one, you are not automatically compliant for the other.

The Diocese of Baton Rouge conducted a sweep of the child protection database in March 2021. If your child protection file was not updated prior to the sweep, then your file was closed. Please email Mrs. Landry at childprotection@mbsbr.org to check the status of your file and/or receive the required paperwork to activate your file.

Child Protection credentials allow the holder of these credentials the opportunity to chaperone/volunteer. All credentialed adults must abide by the sign-up and confirmation process for each event.

New Volunteer Applications are being accepted at this time. Anyone that has not completed the child protection process for MBS School previously, please email your volunteer request to childprotection@mbsbr.org. Please note that five hours may be entered in FACTS for "Time and Talent" service hours for completing the child protection process.

2021-2022 Chaperone and Volunteer Agreement

All volunteers with updated, active files must complete and submit this school year's Chaperone and Volunteer Requirements Agreement. Please find the agreement [here](#) and scan/email the completed agreement to childprotection@mbsbr.org.

Do you shop on Amazon?

By adding Most Blessed Sacrament as your "Charity of Choice," a portion of your shopping total goes to MBS.

- Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>
- Save ^^^ that link as the URL to shop on
- Items with AmazonSmile Logo qualify.
- Your prices don't change and 0.5% of your price goes to MBS
- **\$2048** has been donated to MBS through 2021.
- Click [here](#) for more information.

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YOUTH LEG

Our 8th Graders attended two days of Youth Legislature at the Old State Capitol. Three bills passed: Bella Bravata & Caroline Fauveau's Rehab and Rehome Bill, Reese Ourso & Ella Hebert's Two for One Bill, and Maxwell Johnson & Clara Yarborough's Be Ready. Be Alert. Bill. Fifteen students were inducted into the Hall of Fame based on their teacher recommendation & legislative participation.



5th Grade Religion Bee



The MBS 5th Graders participated in the annual Religion Bee. This year's winners are:

- Grade Prize - Mason Juneau
- 1st Place - Carter Fuller
- 2nd Place - John Meliet

