



The Pelican Express

Let Go...Let God

MARCH 16, 2023

CALENDAR

March 17

- Report Cards emailed & available in FACTS.
- Middle School Bowling Field Trip - wear spirit shirts with uniform bottoms
- Parent/Teacher Conferences PK-5, No School for Grades PK-5
- Men's Club Lenten Dinner, Bishop Ott Center

March 20

- PK-5 Wear Green Shirts with Uniform Bottoms
- Parent/Teacher Conferences 6-8 Grade, No School for Grades 6-8
- ACRE (Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education) Test for 5th Grade. Click [here](#) for more info.

March 21

- ACRE (Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education) Test for 8th Grade. Click [here](#) for more info.

March 22

- Praise & Worship, 7:20am, St. Ursula, no breakfast, bring a rosary
- Spring Pictures/8th Grade Favorites, see page 6
- Coffee Talk with Principal, St. John Room of Church Office, 9-10am, see page 8.
- Jazz Band Performance, see page 7.

March 23

- School Mass 8:15am, dress uniforms required
- 3rd Quarter Awards after Mass
- 5th Grade Religion Bee, 1pm, St. Ursula

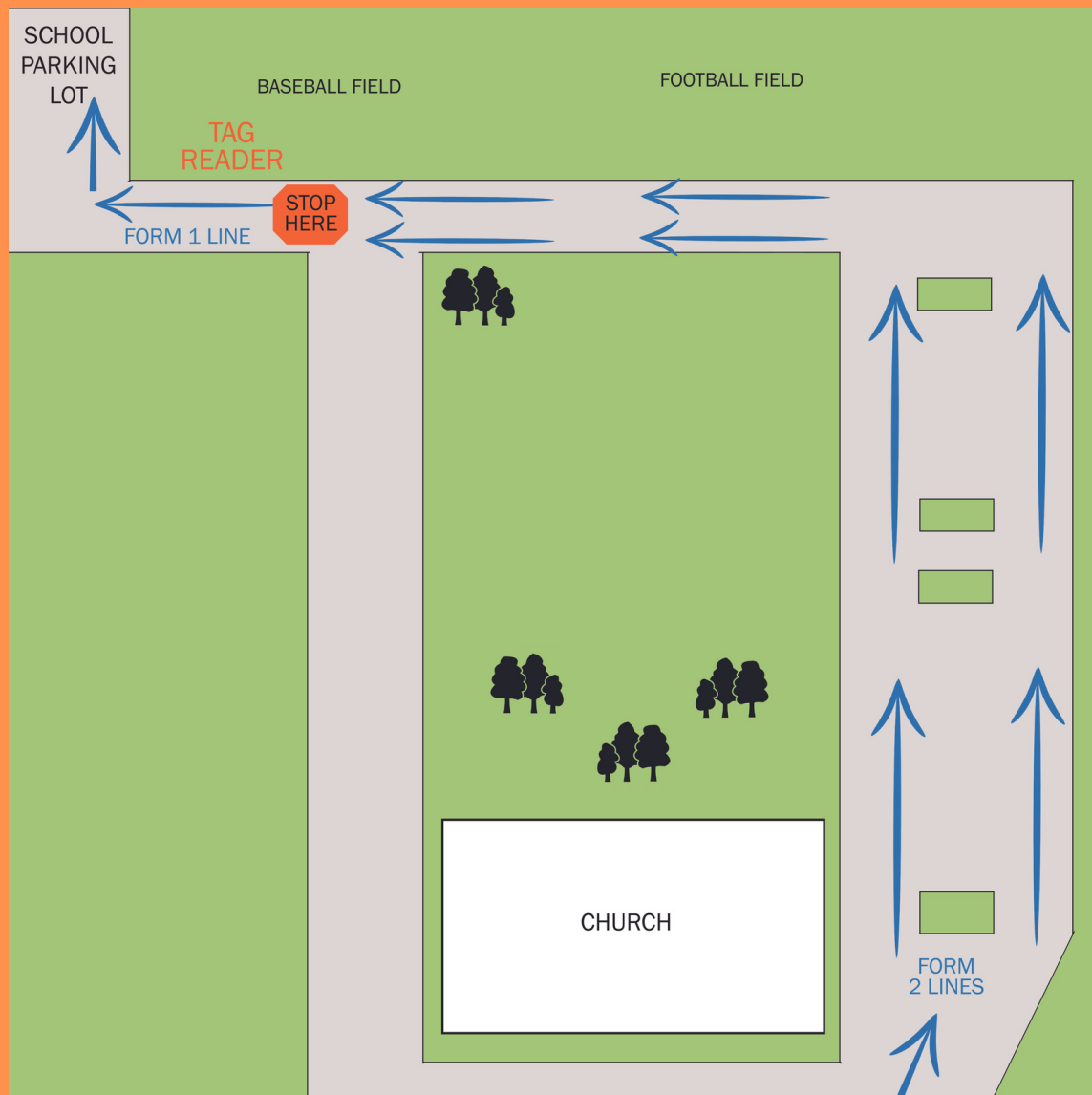
March 24

- Activities Shirt Day - with uniform bottoms
- Bowling Field Trip, Grades 2-5th, wear spirit shirts with uniform bottoms
- Men's Club Lenten Dinner, Bishop Ott Center

Looking Ahead:

- April 2 - Parish Easter Egg Hunt
- April 7-14 - Easter Break
- April 19 - Taste Fair
- April 21 - Pelican Games - signup in this newsletter
- May 4 - May Crowning
- May 18 - 8th Grade Graduation
- May 23 - End of 4th Nine Weeks; Last Day of School

CARPPOOL



Reminders:

- Two Lines should form until passing through the Car Rider Pro Reader, which is also where the construction forces cars to go into one lane. Not forming two lines causes traffic to back up onto Jefferson Hwy.
- Cars not ready to enter carpool lines should pull into a parking spot and not stop in the middle of the carpool lanes.
- Morning Carpool: 7:20-7:50. Tardy Students must be signed in the office by an adult.

Volunteerism

- In order to volunteer on school or church campus, you must go through the Office of Child Protection to update your credentials.
- Upcoming Events where volunteers are needed:
 - Grade-level retreats - ongoing
 - Cafeteria Helpers - ongoing
 - Pelican Games - April 21
 - May Crowning - May 4
- Monitor the Newsletter for opportunities as they arise.

OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION

According to the Safe Environment Policy promulgated by the USCCB and 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. 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.



2022-2023 Chaperone and Volunteer Agreement

All volunteers with active files must complete and submit this school year's Chaperone and Volunteer Requirements Agreement and the Code of Ethics Acknowledgement Form (page 5 of CoE document). Please find the **agreement** [here](#) and **Code of Ethics** [here](#). Please scan/email the completed paperwork to childprotection@mbsbr.org. One service hour may be counted in FACTS for updating the agreement and CoE.

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 once the child protection process is completed.

Volunteer Opportunities are posted here weekly.

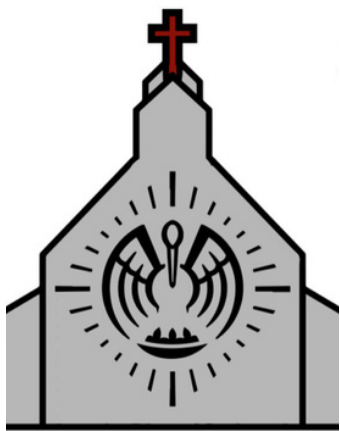
VOLUNTEER
opportunities



Pelican Games Volunteers

Cafeteria Volunteers





Office of...

Living Stations of the Cross

As part of MBS tradition, the Eighth Grade students will host the Living Stations of the Cross. Parents and parishioners are invited to attend this very solemn and prayerful presentation as they walk the journey of Jesus Christ in His final days. This reverent presentation will be held in St. Ursula at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 5th.



St. Ursula, MBS School Campus
Wednesday, April 5
7:00pm

Christian Formation

Time & Talent (Service Hours)

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.

MBS LENTEN DINNERS

FRIDAYS
MAR 3 - MAR 31
5:00 - 7:00

NEW THIS YEAR

NO DRIVE-THRU
FRIED SHRIMP IS BACK

Due to construction, we will go back to selling dinners inside the Ott Center (next to the gym).

DINE-IN or TO-GO

FISH DINNER \$10
SHRIMP DINNER \$10
WEEKLY ENTREE \$10
CRAWFISH PIE \$3

WEEKLY SPECIALTY ENTREE

MAR 3 Shrimp & Corn Soup
MAR 10 Shrimp Stew
MAR 17 Crawfish Etouffee
MAR 24 Crawfish Casserole
MAR 31 Shrimp Fettuccine

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Cash, Checks, &
Cards Accepted

Dinners begin the 2nd
week of Lent (March 3)



- REGISTRATION IS OPENED.
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- **TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED**

*Spring
Pictures*

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- Picture Day: 3/22/23
- Online Code: MBSSPR23
- Picture packages will only be produced for children who have PRE-PAID
- Ordering options: physical order form (sent home 3/15) or online ordering.
- Online ordering will expire 48 hours before picture day to ensure we have an accurate list of student participating. If you do not make that deadline, you can still turn in a physical order form.
 - Visit BarberitoPhotographers.com
 - Click on "Order Spring Portraits"
 - Enter event code (MBSSPR23) and email address
- Students are allowed to dress in their Spring attire.

Upcoming Jazz Band Events

March 22, 6:00pm-7:30pm

- Siegen Lane Community Coffee House
- 6971 Siegen Lane
- MBS Jazz Band & MBS Jazz Combo will perform

March 31, 10:30am-11:15am

- Bill Evans Jazz Festival at Southeastern in Hammond
- Pottle Hall
- MBS Jazz Band will perform

All are invited to attend



2023-24 Dates

Save the Date:
MBS Parish Easter
Egg Hunt
Palm Sunday
April 2
2:00pm
Church Grounds
for babies - 3rd Grade



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THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FOR VBS
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SATURDAY APRIL 29TH 9:00AM-2:00PM



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2023-24

Extended Care
Registration is open!

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here to Register.



**LAST CALL FOR
COMMUNITY COFFEE
LABELS...
SEND TO OFFICE BY
MARCH 24.**

Coffee Talk with Principal

Come on in and chat with Mrs. Gioe and
get updates on school happenings and
coming events!

March 22, 9:00-10:00 am

April 5, 12:00-1:00pm



St. John Room of
Church Office
15615
Jefferson Hwy

RSVP:

225.266.2162

From Fr. Todd~

In Christ,

In the Roman Missal (the red book instructing the priest on liturgy) the following rubric is given on the Fifth Sunday of Lent: In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. This veiling of statues and images is an old custom in the Church.

When this tradition started is not very clear. It goes back at least to the medieval period. In the 9th century there was a custom called the "hunger cloth" which was a violet cloth that hung between the sanctuary and the nave (where the people sit) so that the whole altar was out of view of the people. This was to force a "fast of the eyes". We not only were fasting of certain foods, but even of seeing things in church. And as the name suggests, it was meant to cause a hunger for what was to come; the unveiling of the sanctuary. But this kind of hunger is not supposed to be merely for seeing the statues, images, and altar of church, but ultimately a hunger to see the angels, saints, and Jesus himself, unveiled in heaven. Apparently over time the one large veil covering everything turned into smaller veils.

Lent, especially as we move closer to the memorial of the Lord's Passion, is a time for dying to this world and looking forward to the next. Jesus' true identity was veiled from the eyes of men during his time on earth; and no time more so than when he was being crucified. For this reason, it is appropriate that holy statues and images be veiled from our sight during this time. Some older commentaries of the Roman Missal saw the veiling of crosses and other images as a way to remind us of Jesus' humiliation, and force us to imprint the image of his cross more deeply in our hearts, since we cannot see it with our eyes.

For the next two weeks our crucifix and statues will be veiled in church. While this short period can be odd and challenging, it is a helpful reminder that, really, our eyes are always veiled. We are never able to really see the full truth in church. The Lord's presence in the Eucharist is real and true, but our eyes cannot see it. The Holy Spirit's presence in church as we gather for worship and prayer is real, but we cannot see him. The angels and saints gather with us at every Mass, even though we cannot see them. Even when we look at each other we do not see the whole person with our eyes; there is more to you and me than what we see, veiled and unseen by our physical eyes.

Why can we not see everything fully? Because, we are on this side of the veil of death. We benefit from Christ's Passion right now, but we are still affected by sin and imperfection. Once we have died and, God willing, been purified of all effects of sin, we will see God face to face, and the angels and saints and each other more clearly than we can see anything right now (cf. 1 Cor. 13:12). The veil will be completely lifted. The light of Christ will shine perfectly. His passion, death, and resurrection will have its perfect and complete effect on us. But we are not there yet.

The temporary veils in church at this time remind us of these truths. As we approach the celebrating of the Cross and Resurrection, we are acknowledging our inability to see clearly due to the stigmatism of sin and the opaqueness of this world. On Holy Saturday night, however, in the dark, our eyes will be slowly opened again as the light of the paschal candle, the light of Christ, is spread throughout the church. As our sight becomes clearer with the dawn of Christ's Resurrection, we will be able to see again, without veils, our Lord and the saints in the church. This is all a reminder of what is still to come for us at the end of this life and the beginning of the next, thanks to what we celebrate on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Totus Tuus,

Fr. Todd Lloyd



8th Grade Favorites Class of 2023

Most Intelligent

Olivia Sterken
Henry Dang

Most Faith-filled

Claire Wicker
Noah Huff

Most Athletic

Camille Kinchen
Maddox Watson

Kindest

Sophie Rhodes
Alex Templet

Most Humorous

Ryann Ourso
Dyer Chambers

Best All-Around

Mackenzie Chuilli
Ethan Nguyen

Most Talented

Charlie Gautreau
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Knox, 2nd grade

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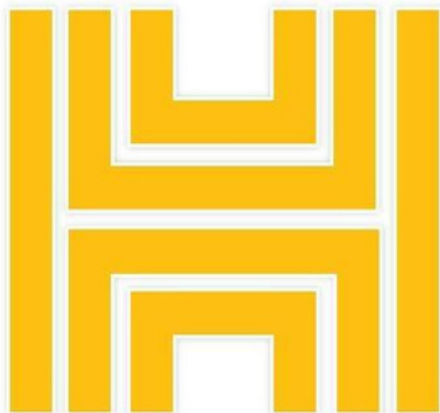
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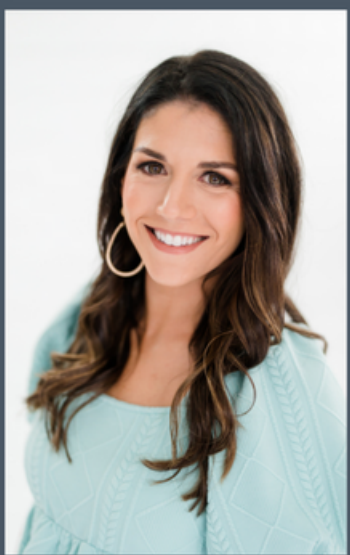
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MBS Children:

James Davis -

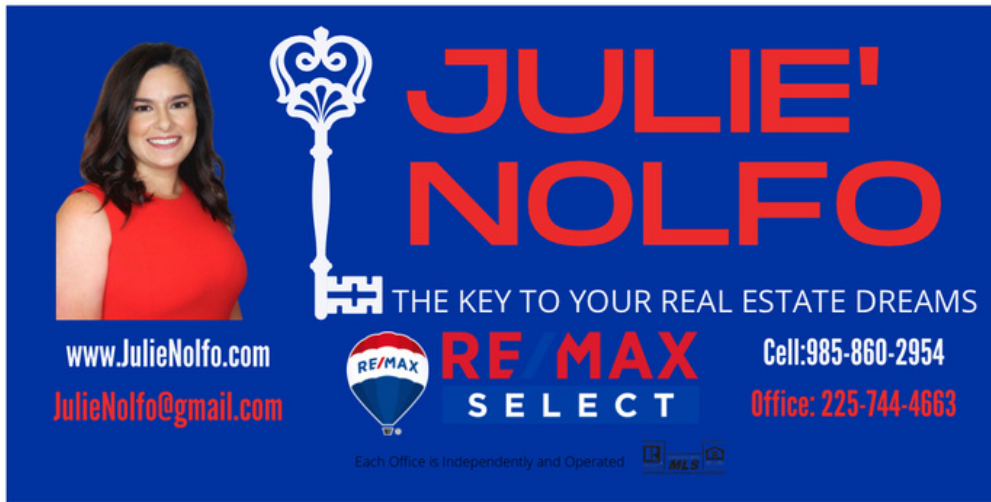
4th grade

Luke Davis - ELC, 3YO

MBS Children: Luke - 2nd grade;

Drew - ELC, 3YO

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Kylie Ostrander ALUM
Jerry Ostrander ALUM

MBS Children:

Tristan - 8th grade, Paisley - PK

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Addison - Alum '22



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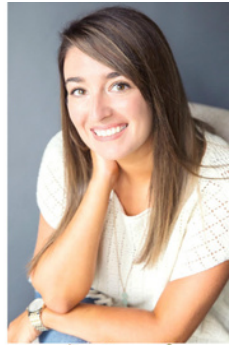


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Marilyn - 3rd grade
Gwendolyn - K