

Dates to Remember

May 2: Casual Day
May 4: May Crowning
Spring Fine Arts Night
May 6: First Communion
May 7-11: **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**
May 8: Spirit Day
4th-6th Band Concert
@Warsaw
May 9: May Birthday Day
May 10: Mississippi Valley
Regional Blood Center Drive
May 15: GPD \$1 Casual Day
May 17: School Picnic / Last
Day of School/Dismiss @noon
May 18: 6th grade
Graduation Mass
June 3: GPD Auction

MAY CROWNING: Weather permitting, we will begin Mass outside around the statue of Our Blessed Mother for our May Crowning this Friday, May 4 at 8:30 a.m. **Please send fresh flowers with your children if you have any blooming in your yard.** Join us if you can!



Spring Fine Arts Night

- this Friday, May 4 beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- All students will share their artwork and musical talents.
- Students should wear Friday Dress code

ACCELERATED READER will end on Friday, May 11 and all library books are also **due on Friday, May 11.**



First Communion... Please join us this Sunday, May 6, 8:00 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Church to celebrate our students' reception of their First Holy Communion. This is a very special day for our Church and for these young members of our Hancock County parishes.

Our First Communicants are Olivia Bendlage, Cole Boyles, Ian Carroll, Jared DiPrima, Grant Feikert, Emma Henson, Aubrey Huston, Isabella Newton, and Audrey Sullivan. Congratulations!

SPPS will be hosting a blood drive for the **Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center** on Thursday, May 10, 2-6 p.m. Please help us support our local communities with your donation of blood – call Karla Sullivan (309-221-5444) to schedule an appointment or register online. Please give if you can!

The Parent Committee to help with this event includes: Karla & Matt Sullivan, Erin Harris, Chad Blakewell, Marie & Brett Allen, Melissa & Scott Parker, Sara & JR Parn, and Nicole & Eric Wheatley.

GRADUATION MASS: Our final Mass for the 6th graders will be on Friday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. We will be celebrating with MaryKate Bendlage, Finley Juhasz, Cooper Kaminski, Julia Langford, Adriana Poppe, Clair Powelson, Nick Schaefer, Marybeth Scheetz, and Josh Walker.

GOOD LUCK IN 7TH GRADE!!

TUITION & LUNCH BALANCES: For end of the year balances, please call Susan Knipe, Business Manager, at 453-2428. Thank you for your prompt attention to this!

19th Annual God's Portion Day - Sunday, June 3

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!** (without GPD, tuition would be over \$3000!) Please consider how you/your family can help – time, talent, or treasure – and step up to help. Let's all synergize for a successful year!!

- Thank you to the GPD committee for your ongoing work throughout the year: Lindsey & David Henson, Kim Logan, Kelly & Keith Feikert, Jocelyn & Brandon Priebe, and Trisha & Josh Mitchell.
- **PENNY WARS** has begun and will end Friday, May 11. The students are ready to synergize!! Who will have the most pennies each week??
- **TUITION RAFFLE TICKETS** have been sent home – when you sell them, your family will have a chance to win (2) ½ year's tuition, 1 year free lunch, free book fee, or \$50 in uniform shirts - **this is a WIN-WIN situation for the students whose names are drawn and the school!** Ask family and friends to help you win and let us know if you need more tickets!

Book fees due TUESDAY, MAY 1

MAY BIRTHDAYS

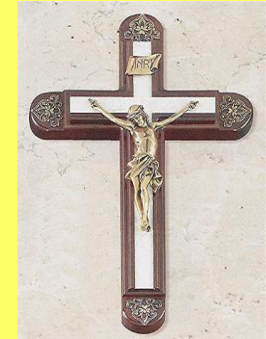
8 – Brody Priebe
 9 – Miles Huff
 10 – Elise Blakewell
 Anthony Evans
 14 – Scarlett Yuskis
 17 – Adelyn Wheatley
 19 – Jackson Painter
 21 – Sophia George
 22 – Haley Pilkington
 28 – Cora Hanks

Ms. Julie, Mrs. Knipe, Mrs. Hayes

Our **SCHOOL PICNIC** will be on **Thursday, May 17** at the Park District Park (east end of Nauvoo, off of Young St) starting about 10:00 a.m. (eat at 11:00). The students will walk or be bussed to the park with their class. If it rains, we will picnic in the gym. **Dismissal will be at noon.**

The committee is Jocelyn & Brandon Priebe, Sheila & Matt Poppe, Chelle & Todd Grotts, Nicole Wood, Sheena & Corey Ramsey, and Katie Hayes.

Students need to bring a sack lunch and a drink. Adults, you are welcome to join our potluck - please bring a dish, table service, and a drink!



**With the help of God's
 grace,
 we form the mind, body,
 and spirit
 of each child
 within our school family;
 we form children
 to be
 Leaders for Christ.**

Acts of Random Kindness

Students are encouraged to BE LEADERS FOR CHRIST every day - *a leader is someone who does the right thing even when no one is looking* – and we like to recognize those students with a weekly “ARK” drawing. Congratulations to our April recipients: **Robert Dempsey, Colton Schmitz, Julia Langford, Elise Blakewell, and Aubrey Huston.** They will be honored with an ARK t-shirt at Mass on Friday, May 4.