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# For Your Information

SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

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May 2, 2025



## April/May 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30 Book	May 1	2 9am Mass-K 6:30pm Home and School Movie Night	3
4	5	6 Free Dress Native American Story Teller to grades K-7	7 Pizza Day 10:15 All School Adoration	8 8:10-11:30 6/7 Field Trip to Buddhist and Hindu Temples	9 9am Ribbon Mass-8th H&S Change Over Dinner	10
11	12 Saint Mary Golf Tournament	13 8:15 8th Science Fair Presentations in Gym 6:30 Advisory Council Meeting	14 8th to New Life Ranch	15 2pm Awards Assembly 7pm 8th Grade Graduation	16 9am Mass– 1st	17
18	19 6th Grade Boot Camp for 5th Grade	20 2-3pm All School Living Rosary	21 9am Mass-6th 9:45 Mary Crowning	22 Last Day of School Field Day 1pm Dismissal No ASC	23	24

Awards Assembly

If your child has received recognition for excellence in academics, arts or athletics outside of school, we would like to recognize them at the school Awards Assembly. Please write a brief description of the award and send it to the school office no later than Monday, May 12th. The Awards Assembly will be held Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### Cafeteria Workers

Parents are asked to work 10 hours per semester in the cafeteria. Missing cafeteria hours are billed at \$15 per missing hour at the end of each semester. Families will be billed for missed cafeteria hours the end of each semester.

## **Bishop Invites Diocese to Pray for College of Cardinals**

Each Vicariate to Host Mass in Anticipation of the Conclave at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 6

BROKEN ARROW — In anticipation of the conclave to select a new Pope beginning on Wednesday, May 7, each vicariate within the Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma will host a "Mass for the Election of a New Pope" on Tuesday, May 6 to pray for the College of Cardinals as they seek to discern the will of, and be led by, the Holy Spirit.

"I would like to invite all of the faithful of the Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma to take part in one of these masses being offered on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, to pray for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit among the College of Cardinals as they call forth our next Holy Father," said Bishop David Konderla in announcing the masses. "This sacred conclave is a testimony to how the Holy Spirit continues to guide the work of the Church. Please join your pastors and other Catholics from across eastern Oklahoma to pray for a fruitful conclave."

Each vicariate will host "Mass for the Election of a New Pope" at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, at the following parish locations:

Western Vicariate: Mass at St. Francis Xavier in Stillwater

Celebrant: Fr. Brian O'Brien

• Southern Vicariate: Mass at St. John in McAlester

Celebrant: Fr. Jovita Okonkwo

Eastern Vicariate: Mass at Holy Cross in Wagoner

Celebrant: Fr. Leo Ahanotu

• Tulsa South Vicariate: Mass at St. Bernard's in Tulsa

Celebrant: Fr. Jack Gleason

• Tulsa North Vicariate: Mass at Church of the Madalene in Tulsa

Celebrant: Fr. Desmond Okpogba

• Northern Vicariate: Mass at St. John Before the Latin Gate in Bartlesville

Celebrant: Fr. David Carvajal

In addition to the six vicariate locations, the 6 p.m. Mass will also be celebrated in Spanish at St. Thomas More and St. Francis Xavier parishes in Tulsa:

• Spanish Mass: St. Francis Xavier in Tulsa

Celebrant: Fr. Elmer Rodriguez

• Spanish Mass: St. Thomas More in Tulsa

Celebrant: Fr. Jose Maria Briones

The Holy See released a declaration on Wednesday in which the Cardinals preparing for the upcoming conclave asked Catholics everywhere to pray for them. The Cardinals said they felt "the need to be supported by the prayers of all the faithful," because they are aware of their responsibility in choosing the next Successor of Peter.

"The College of Cardinals gathered in Rome, engaged in the General Congregations in preparation for the Conclave, wishes to invite the People of God to live this ecclesial moment as an event of grace and spiritual discernment, listening to the will of God," read the statement.

"Faced with the enormity of the task ahead and the urgency of the present time," said the Cardinals, "It is first of all necessary to make ourselves humble instruments of the infinite wisdom and providence of our Heavenly Father, in docility to the action of the Holy Spirit."



### **Saint Mary Golf Tournament**

Join us on Monday, May 12, 2025 for the Saint Mary Golf Tournament at the Tulsa Country Club! This tournament will be a team scramble with teams of 4 players. The Tournament supports the School of Saint Mary. The day begins with check-in and a cook out buffet at 11:30 a.m.; the shotgun start is at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Dustin Cates (918-779-9968, dcates@tttownresources.com) or Jonathan Gabel (918-798-6147, titleistjg@hotmail.com).



May 1, 2025

Dear Families,

I'm excited to invite you to enroll your rising  $4^{\text{th}}$ - $6^{\text{th}}$  grade students in Confirmation preparation at the Church of Saint Mary for the 2025-2026 school year.

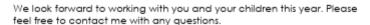
Because the Diocese of Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma is moving to a Restored Order model for administering the Sacraments of Initiation, children now prepare to receive both Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the same Mass, during their 3rd grade year. However, this diocesan shift also impacts children who have received their First Communion but have not yet been confirmed—this includes your child(ren).

Last year, our parish prepared over 150 children and teens in grades 6 through 12 for Confirmation. For the 2025-2026 school year, we're excited to work with students in grades 4 through 6.

Following the directives of Bishop Konderla, the Church of Saint Mary will use a family catechesis model for Confirmation preparation. Once a month, students and **at least one parent** will meet for formation and discussion. Families will also be provided with additional activities to complete between the monthly sessions

Sessions will begin on Sunday, September 28 and continue monthly, generally on the 4th Sunday of the month. All sessions will begin at 3:30 pm and end at 4:45 pm to allow families to attend the 5pm Sunday Mass. A complete schedule is on the reverse page. Confirmation Mass with Bishop Konderla is scheduled for Sunday, April 19 at 12:30 pm.

Registration for Confirmation preparation is now available on the parish website. To access, scan the QR code or visit https://www.tickettailor.com/events/churchofsaintmary/1681426

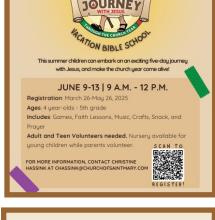


In Christ,

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