

# Classroom Times

## Our Studies

**Religion** - Cathedral Basilica; 6th grade retreat

**Reading** - Novel study of "Frightful's Mountain." Information will be sent home describing the "Wonderful Life" dioramas that will be on display at "A Wonderful Life Celebration."

**Math** - Geometry

**English** - Direct object review; chapter 12 test Friday

**Social Studies** - Students' choice!

**Vocabulary A - Z** - 6.4 due Thursday. Students may work on this over the weekend.

**Wish list:** Thin-lined Expo markers (black,) Clorox wipes, Kleenex cube style boxes

**Thursday, May 14** - "A Wonderful Life" banquet honoring the graduating classes from St. Mary School from the years 2020 - 2026, featuring guest speaker Bob Welch, author of "52 Little Lessons from It's a Wonderful Life." Bob is traveling all the way from Oregon to meet the kids who have touched his heart through virtual meets. Invitations were sent home last week. Doors open at 5:30 pm; dinner begins at 6:00 pm. Please contact Amanda Pickett at the parish office, (217)824-8178 if you are available to volunteer with setting up the banquet or with cleaning up afterwards.

## Important Events Ahead

Enjoy this [video](#) showcasing the highlights of our 6th grade year so far!

"A Wonderful Life" Celebration information is listed in the calendar below. For more information on the background of this event, please read this [article](#) published on Substack and written by author, Bob Welch.

**Baby bottles** - Please return all Loving Arms baby bottles, even if they are empty! We will use them again next year. Thank you to all who donated!

**Sunday, May 3** - Singing Saints at 11 am Mass

**Monday, May 4** - 6th grade retreat at Corpus Christi Priory in Springfield; bring sack lunches (**please avoid nut products**) and water bottles; uniform day. Late arrival (4:15 pm) back at school. Bus riders will not be able to ride the bus home. Please arrange alternate transportation.

**May 4 - 8** - Teacher appreciation week

**Wednesday, May 6** - 2:20 dismissal with bus service

**Thursday, May 7** - Muffins for Moms 7:15 - 8 am; Mother's Day Mass; 6th graders receive graduation ribbons.

**Friday, May 8** - Q & U wedding; 6th graders may dress up as a Letter Person for the day!

**Monday, May 11** - Wetlands Field trip. Non-uniform day; wear long pants, and hats; bring shoes or boots to change into. Sunscreen and insect repellent are advised. Bring a sack lunch (**no peanut products, please**) and a water bottle. Last Booster Club meeting at 6 pm followed by 6th grade reception

**Tuesday, May 12** - "It's a Wonderful Life" dioramas are due. These will be on display at "A Wonderful Life celebration." Students may bring them before this date if they wish.

**Wednesday, May 13** - **Bob Welch commencement address in the classroom at 8:30 a.m.** 2:20 Dismissal with bus service

**Thursday, May 14** - Kindergarten and 6th graders lead the Mass honoring our seniors; reception in the cafeteria for kindergarten, 6th graders, and seniors. Seniors will visit the classrooms. ["A Wonderful Life" banquet](#) in the evening honoring 6th grade students from 2020 - 2026, featuring Bob Welch as the speaker. Parents of these students are invited as well. Doors open at 5:30.

**Friday, May 15** - Field Day. Wear your field day shirt and comfortable shorts (please see non-uniform policy in the student handbook.)

**Monday, May 18** - 6th grade field trip to St. Louis; non-uniform; dress code will be sent with permission slip; sack lunches and drinks are needed. Late arrival home.

**Tuesday, May 19** - Awards Day 1:15 pm in the church

**Wednesday, May 20** - Last day of school! 11:30 dismissal; no bus service. Graduation Mass for 6th graders begins at 6:30 pm. Dress code and more information about graduation will be coming home soon.

**Check the weather! It fluctuates throughout the day. Please make sure your child is wearing a warm coat, gloves, & hat or hood each morning. We try to have outdoor recess as much as possible!**

**Coats and Outside:**

- 1. Students need to have a crew neck, hoodie, light jacket, 1/4 zip on for outside play if the temperature is 50 or below**
- 2. If the temperature is below 40 then students need to have a coat to play outside**
- 3. Temperatures above 50— students can decide if they want to wear a sweatshirt/jacket etc.**
- 4. Children without a proper coat will not be allowed to go to outdoor recess.**

**As the weather warms up, we've noticed our active students are working hard and staying busy during the day. To help keep everyone comfortable in the classroom, this is a great time to remind children about daily hygiene habits, including regular bathing and wearing deodorant. Thank you for your support in helping our classroom stay fresh and pleasant for learning!**

