

# FAMILY BULLETIN

## Calendar

March 12: Grandparent's Club  
Bunco Nite, 7:00 PM, Cafeteria

March 14: End of Third  
Grading Period

March 14: Benilde Bash! 2:00  
PM, Cafeteria

March 14: Girls Cabbage Ball  
vs. OLDP @ SLKF, 5:15 PM

March 14-18: Spring Book Fair

March 15: Spring Picture Day,  
Students will dress UP for their  
pictures on this day!

March 15: Advisory Council  
Meeting, 7:00 PM

March 16: School Mass, 8:15  
AM, Church, **St. Joseph's Altar  
Donations Due**

March 16: Girls Cabbage Ball  
AWAY vs. SLKF, 4:00 PM

**March 17: Grade Reports  
Emailed Home**

March 17: Dress Green Day  
for Families Who Donate to the  
St. Joseph Altar.

March 18: Men's Club Fish Fry,  
5:30 - 8:00, Cafeteria

March 20: SBS Family Mass &  
Picnic, 11:00 AM, Church and  
Cafeteria



## Mercy

The virtue we are studying during the month of March is **Mercy**. Mercy is caring for those who suffer. Pope Francis has made this virtue central to his papacy, especially in this Holy Year of Mercy. Jesus came for all people, but especially those who suffer: the poor, the sick, the imprisoned, the dying, and those who live on the margins of society. While His ministry on Earth was always directed towards heaven, He sought to bring Heaven to those on Earth through the way he healed, comforted, and drove away demons. As members of His Church, we are called in our own ways to continue to bring His mercy to those who suffer today.

In class, your children will learn better how to do this by studying the lives of St. John Vianney, St. Faustina, and soon-to-be St. Teresa of Calcutta. You can teach your child by discussing ways to





### *Like Fish?*

The Second of the Men's Club Fish Fries is on **Friday, March 18**, 2016 starting at 5:30 PM in the school cafeteria. You can get your fish plate, fish and shrimp combo plate, soft shell crab plate, grilled redfish with shrimp cream sauce, crab & corn bisque, seafood gumbo, fish tacos, thai shrimp tacos, cheese pizza, and a variety of drinks!

Because of the high demand, we strongly recommend our families purchase their meals in advance. NOT ONLY do you get a discount, you also get to go straight to the front of the line with our special "advance purchase" line. Advance purchase order forms will go home on Monday with the "Youngest and Only" packets. A copy will also be placed on the school's website under "documents."

**The Fish Fry Date Was Changed From March 11 Due to Weather!**

live out the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy at home, or by taking food and clothing to local food pantries and homeless shelters. You can even have your family volunteer time at a soup kitchen.

In the end, the best way to learn how to be merciful is to be merciful. By encountering the poor and the marginalized, we are forced to become vulnerable and to look for the face of God in their faces. Then we can serve God by serving their needs before our own.

## The WLAE Tuition Auction

Have you ever thought about lowering your tuition cost for next year while ALSO benefitting a great organization? WLAE TV is one of only two PBS stations remaining in the country that is allowed to continue producing Catholic programming in addition to regular PBS programs. Each year, St. Benilde School participates in the Tuition Auction, which is the major fundraiser for WLAE. Here is how it works: St. Benilde School donates one tuition to WLAE each year. In exchange, WLAE produces a video that airs during the Tuition Auction broadcast on March 20. Families who attend each school can then bid on the tuition. Here's the math: **St. Benilde Tuition: \$5,557. Winning Tuition Auction Bid: \$3,000. Savings to Family: \$2,557. Donation to Preserve Catholic Television: \$3,000.**

The Auction starts this Sunday March 13 at 6:00 PM. Go to [WLAE.com](http://WLAE.com) to make your first bids. Then watch the broadcast next week on Sunday March 20. St. Benilde's video should air at approximately 6:10 PM!

## Come Celebrate Benilde

The third annual "Luck of the Irish Spring Gala" will take place on **Saturday April 9** from 7:30 - 10:30 at the Landmark Hotel in Metairie! At the Gala, you will enjoy an open bar (including house and call brands of liquor), finger foods, buffet dinner, dancing to the tunes of DJ Ice, and the silent auction. We also will award the annual Benilde Medals for Alumni Achievement and Service to Parish and School. It is the party of the year for St. Benilde School!

We have several new additions to this year's Gala we hope you

will enjoy!

- ✦ **The Sunset on Pontchartrain Patron Party** will run from 6:30 - 7:30 the night of the gala up in the Benson Tower overlooking Lake Pontchartrain. In addition to hors d'oeuvres and an open bar, patrons will be treated to a performance by the St. Benilde School Choir and stunning views of the sun setting on Lake Pontchartrain. Patrons who purchase tickets as Gold Sponsors and above receive admission into the Patron Party.
- ✦ **Interactive Silent Auction!** St. Benilde School is partnering with 501 Auctions to take the silent auction to another level. All silent auction items will now be able to be viewed online through our new gala website ([501auctions.com/sbsgala](http://501auctions.com/sbsgala)) prior to the gala (some items can already be previewed now). The auction itself will open one week prior to the gala, so if you see something you just gotta have, you can place your bid early. You can then direct the system to automatically make new bids up to a specific amount if someone outbids you, or the system can alert you with a text message when you are outbid. This way, you can spend more time dancing and less time checking and rechecking your bids. We will even have leaderboards displayed in the gala hall so you can check out who is winning for each auction item. Finally, the system will automatically charge your credit or debit card at the end of the night, so you don't need to wait in a long checkout line! And if you cannot make it to the gala, you can still bid on items from wherever you are!
- ✦ **Three Ways to Purchase Tickets:**
  1. The Old Fashioned Way: Ticket order forms go home Monday. Pick your sponsorship with the number of tickets you want, and send in a check to school. You will still need to register your phone or device on the night of the gala to make silent auction bids.
  2. Through the School's Website: <https://stbenilde.com/sites.ecatholic.com/irish-spring> has everything you need to sign up today, but you will still need to register your phone or device on the night of the gala to make silent auction bids.
  3. Through [501auctions.com/sbsgala](http://501auctions.com/sbsgala): You can purchase your sponsorships and tickets here... the added bonus? Your device will already be registered, allowing you to preview auction items and begin bidding early!

## St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Altar

On March 16, 2016, please send in the below food items, which will be offered at offertory during mass by the students. All students with food items will then have a **Dress Green Day on March 17** in honor of St. Patrick's Day. All food items will be used to make our St. Joseph Altar successful and beautiful. The food items from the altar will be brought to Ozanam Inn. Be sure to also visit the altar on Saturday March 19!

The following are the food items per class:

**Loreto Center Children** - Italian Bread or Cookies

**PK2** - Stuffed Artichokes

**PK3** - Fresh Vegetables (artichokes, eggplants, bell peppers, zucchini, etc.)

**PK4** - Nonperishable pies (apple, cherry, pecan, etc.)

**K** - Italian Breads(loaves and traditional Italian shaped breads)

**1st** - Fresh Vegetables (artichokes, eggplants, bell peppers, zucchini, etc.)

**2nd** - Fresh Fruit (bags of apples, oranges, pears, pineapples, bananas, etc.)

**3rd** - Small green plants

**4th** - Italian Cookies (fig, anise, seed)

**5th** - Fresh Fruit (bags of apples, oranges, pears, pineapples, bananas, etc.)

**6th** - Italian Cookies (fig, anise, seed)

**7th** - St. Joseph Cakes (red and green decorated, lambs, heart shaped cakes, cross cakes, etc.)

## SBS Family Mass & Picnic

Plan to join us on Sunday March 20 for the SBS Family Mass & Picnic. Palm Sunday Mass led by student readers and our choir begins at 11:00 AM. After Mass, we will head over to the cabbage ball courts for the picnic. Home and School will provide the fun for the kids which includes a foam pit, velcro wall, a bounce house, and plenty of games and prizes. We will also have music provided by DJ Ice and the food will be provided by the Men's Club. Hope everyone will come out for a fun and beautiful day.

## Men's Club Golf Open

All golfers! Please put on your calendar the 23rd annual Men's Club Golf Open to benefit St. Benilde School & the Monsignor J. Carter Richaud Endowment Fund. The tournament is **Sunday, April 17th (New Date!)** at the Riverlands Golf Course in LaPlace with a 12:00 PM shotgun start. The tournament is a 4 man scramble with an entry fee of \$75/player. Entry fee includes greens fee, golf cart, range balls, ditty bag, beer, soft drinks, and food. There are prizes for flight winners, closest to the hole, longest drive, money hole, and plenty of door prizes. Space is limited. Copies of the sign up sheet can be printed from the school's website. Hole sponsorships are also available.

## Father/Son Night

Please Join us for the Father/ Son Night out that will be scheduled for Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm- 10pm. This will be a very fun event for everyone. The cost is 10.00 per family. This includes food, snacks, drinks and plenty of laughs. This event is a fun competition for the father/Sson team to battle against others. All families will need to choose a song, practice and bring any props with you to the event. Music will be provided by Jeff Scott Aka DJ Ice. If you have questions, please contact [stbenildehomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:stbenildehomeandschool@gmail.com) or text 504-261-1529

## Home & School Meeting Rescheduled

Due to a series of conflicts, the Home & School Meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday April 19th starting at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria.

## A Big Benilde Bash Thank You

Thank you to the following companies who donated items towards the Benilde Bash on Monday!

Adventure Quest Laser Tag

Bookoo Bounce

Airline Skate Center

Posh Paint

AMC All Star Bowling Lanes

Smoothie King

## Congratulations Giovanni

Congratulations to school geography bee winner Giovanni Rodriguez (Class of 2017), who qualified to take place in the 28th Louisiana State Geographic Bee on April 1, 2016 at the Catholic Life Center in Baton Rouge!