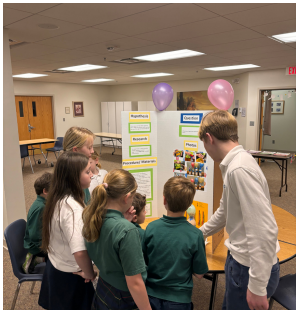


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**The Bulldog Bugle**

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## **S.T.E.M. Fair**



Eight of our Bulldogs from 4th, 5th, & 6th Grade participated in the St. Bart's STEM Fair today. The scientific method was put to great use and there are magnificent engineering minds among this crew. Congratulations to all of our participants and our winner!

## **Upcoming Events**

**Thursday, April 18 - 3rd Grade Wax Museum - @ 1:30**

**Wednesday, May 1 - Children's Mass 9 am - May Crowning**

**Wednesday, May 1 - Moms & Muffins**

**Wednesday, May 15 - Children's Mass 9 am - GRAND Day**

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## Welcome Father Bobby

New Associate Priest

St. Bart's is excited to announce that Fr. Robert Pish will join our team as an associate priest beginning Wednesday, April 17.

Father Bobby looks forward to working with Fr. Klockeman, whom he worked with at the St. Paul Seminary, and is eager to learn how the Holy Spirit has built St. Bartholomew into the parish that it is today and the way parishioners are being called to follow Christ into the future.

You can read more about Fr. Bobby here: <https://www.st-barts.org/news/associatepriest>

We will establish a time to give Fr. Bobby the full school tour as soon as possible in his first week so everyone can meet him!



## May Crowning

May 1, 2024

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God.

During Children's Mass on Wednesday, May 1 we will honor Mary with our May Crowning ceremony hosted by second grade!



## Moms & Muffins

May 1, 2024

**In tandem with Mary Crowning, we are inviting all moms and mother figures to join us for Mass on Wednesday, May 1 from 9-10:30 AM.**

All the women will receive a special blessing during Mass and are invited to the cafeteria afterward for muffins!

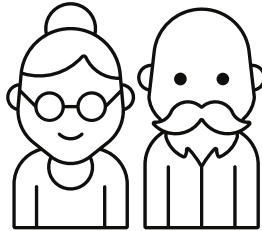


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## GRAND Day May 15, 2024

Our annual Grandparent's/ Grandfriend's Day is set for May 15, 2024. Formal invitations and information coming out next week!



## picture spotlight Teacher Treasure

One of our Bulldogs cashed in on her Teacher Treasure Prize from The Gathering this week. Principal Haller turned over her job to a student to be "Principal of the Day"! A "working lunch" in the office with classmate "colleagues" was a highlight.



## Phoenix Counseling Webinars April 16 & May 1

**St. Bart's partners, Phoenix Counseling, continues to provide free webinars for parents. Please take a look at the next two scheduled!**

April 16

Parents: Perfectionism and Motivation at Home. Learn the subtle and not-so-subtle we accidentally promote perfectionism at home as well as concrete alternative strategies.

<https://calendly.com/drjulesnolan/parents-perfectionism-and-motivation>

May 1

Gentle Parenting: Is it All it's Cracked Up to Be? Learn about a new "fad" in parenting and what behavioral research says is solid practice and what is not, regarding "Soft Parenting"

<https://calendly.com/drjulesnolan/gentle-parenting-is-it-really-good-for-kids>

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## ST. BART'S BACKYARD BASH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

May 18, 2024 | 6:00 – 10:00 pm

### FLOWER POWER!

Purchase flowers decorated by St. Bart's students for our Backyard Bash garden.



BUY FLOWERS & RSVP AT [ST-BARTS.ORG/EVENTS/BACKYARDBASH](http://ST-BARTS.ORG/EVENTS/BACKYARDBASH)

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# WINE TASTING

EVENT@ Haskell's Minnetonka

Thurs., April 25

6:00 - 7:30 PM

\$25/person

- Appetizers & socializing
- Wine tasting

REGISTER BY APRIL 23  
[st-barts.org/events](http://st-barts.org/events)



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## Incase you missed it from last week...

*Bulldog News from the Desk of Principal Haller*

Dear St. Bart's Parents,

Happy Easter! I pray that the hope and joy of the resurrection filled your hearts this week. In place of "The Bugle", I'm writing today with several updates including the progress of our principal search, teacher assignments for 2024-25, and more.

### Principal Search

The interview process for our next principal is well underway. The search committee has conducted interviews, and round two interviews were held this week. The team is feeling confident that your new leader will be named soon. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support for this process.

### Teaching Assignments

We will have some familiar faces returning to familiar places this fall. Ms. Emily Bilski is heading back to the second grade classroom and Mrs. Cathy Anderson will be moving back to third grade. With these changes, Ms. Hadden awaits the Lord's direction on her next assignment.

Ms. Bilski will step back into her previous placement after generously sharing her talent in the school office as Programs Director, a special assignment for this year. Ms. Bilski began her teaching career at St. Bart's in second grade and joyfully served in that role for nine years. She is eager to return.

Mrs. Anderson will "loop" to third grade, thus bringing her second graders with her. Looping is an educational term for spending two years in a row with a class and it has several benefits including: well established student/teacher relationships which make teaching and learning easier, especially in the second year. The familiarity of classroom routines and expectations in year two increases time for learning and academic growth.

### Additional Opportunities at St. Bart's

We are working toward bringing two outsourced programs back in-house this fall: [physical education](#) and [Clubhouse](#) (before *and* after school childcare). Applications are being accepted for these positions along with the [Programs Director](#). Interviewing is underway in all three areas. Please share these job postings with qualified candidates!

We are continuing to evaluate other staffing needs for 2024-25, including sixth grade. We will communicate decisions as they unfold.

### Bulldog Bonanza! (A Brief Bugle Recap)

With the busyness of spring break, Easter, and more, perhaps you have missed some of the exciting things happening for our St. Bart's Bulldogs. Here's a few items that have been in

recent editions of “The Bugle”. New sessions of [Chess Club](#) and [Run Club](#) are starting soon and registration for our [St. Bart’s Summer Camp](#) is underway. The STEM Fair (Gr 4-6) is coming next week (Friday, April 12). Anyone is welcome to visit from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Awards are at 2:30.

Lastly, plans are “sizzling” for a fun adult evening on May 18th for the [Backyard Bash!](#) Check out the link and plan to register for an evening of fun & fund-raising for St. Bart’s!

### Prayerful & Mindful

Last week, there was a Bugle spotlight on our school prayer service. The sixth graders led us boldly and solemnly through the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday. Our prayer was enhanced by our Children’s Choir who led us in song. We were blessed to have many others stop by to join us for this powerful time of prayer.

All grade levels have been enjoying the mindfulness lessons being presented by special guest, Jaime Pellegrine. I was blessed to join the second graders before Easter break during Jaime’s visit. Practicing the discipline of quieting our bodies, we were able to experience a heightened awareness through our senses, especially listening. Some students said they were able to hear the voice of Jesus during the stillness. What a gift we have to grow in faith and knowledge at school every day!

Peace & joy to you,

*Mrs. Haller*