

# The Pelican Express

August 7, 2025

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**MBS**  
Most Blessed Sacrament

Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School serves our Church, its families, and the community by nurturing Gospel values, academic excellence, and a lifetime of prayer and service.

## School Hours August - May

7:20 - Morning Carpool, office opens  
7:45 - School Assembly, Gym  
2:50 - Afternoon Carpool  
3:30 - Office Closes

## School Calendar

The school calendar is an active, live site. Click [here](#) for a full calendar.

## Social Media



## Attendance Reminders

- When a student is absent due to illness, parents are asked to verify the absence by either emailing the school office at [MBSabsent@mbsbr.org](mailto:MBSabsent@mbsbr.org) or calling the school office before 9:00am.
- Students who arrive at school after 7:45am must be walked into the school office by a guardian who will sign the student in. The student will be given a tardy slip to admit to class.
- Students who check out of school due to illness cannot return to school until they have been fever-free without medication for 24 hours. Children with a fever at school must be picked up immediately.
- Early check-out procedures are similar. Parent/guardian must report to the school office who will sign the student out. The latest time to check out a student is 2:15pm.

## Handbook Reminder (updated weekly)

**Grades** can be accessed via FACTS online and are provided in 1st through 8th grade. Parents are encouraged to review grades on a regular basis. Teachers are allowed seven calendar days from the assignment due date to post grades. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten student assessments are skills based. Parents will be informed of a student's progress through work papers and tests that are routinely sent home in all grades as well as FACTS Gradebook online. Progress reports for grades 1st - 8th will be posted to FACTS at the midpoint of each marking period.

Report cards will be issued to students in grades Pre-K - 8th grade at the end of the first three nine weeks. Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten will receive paper report cards. Students in 1st - 8th will receive them through FACTS. The fourth and final report card, for all grades, will be printed. Parents will be notified via email when progress reports and report cards have been completed and posted each marking period.

Conferences with teachers may be scheduled by request through written notes or e-mail. Parents requesting a conference with the principal or assistant principal may do so via e-mail or by calling the school office for an appointment. There are two scheduled conference days each year, one in the spring and one in the fall.

## Important Links

- [My School Bucks](#)
- [ClassLink](#)
- [Student Health](#)
- [Academic Support](#)
- [Tuition Policy](#)

## Time & Talent Opportunities

- See page 8-9 to show interest in this year's activities.
- Join the MBS Fair Committee. Inquiries: [mbspairishfair.com](http://mbspairishfair.com)

**This newsletter is the first weekly issue of the school year. The weekly Pelican Express is published on Thursdays and is posted on the website under "News."**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### August 7 & 8

- **PK & K Parent Meetings & Student Assessments** - information was mailed this week. Please scan the QR code on your letter to sign up for your meeting.
- **Staggered First Day of School For Grades 1-8.** Half of the students will attend on the 7th; the other half will attend on the 8th. To get your child's date, click [here](#).
- Buses will run on August 7 & 8
- Regular Office Hours Resume, 7:15-3:30

### August 11

- First Day of School for ALL students in Grades 1-8.

### August 11&12

- **Staggered First Day of School for PK & K.** Half of the students will attend on the 11th; the other half will attend on the 12th. The details were mailed over the summer. Parents are allowed to walk their students to their classroom on this day.

### August 13

- First Day of School for ALL students in PK & K. All students utilize Carpool or Bus. Please do not walk your child to the classroom/gate. This halts carpool progress and creates unsafe situations.

### August 14

- Student Individual Pictures - dress uniform required for pictures
- Back to School Night for Parents only
- "Give Back to MBS" at Five Guys, 11am-9pm at the Village Market Location

### August 15

- Handbook forms are due to your homeroom teacher. Print from the back of the Handbook on the Website.
- Classroom Coordinator applications are due. see page 5
- First School Mass, 8:15 - Assumption of Mary - Dress Uniforms not required until October 1.

### August 18

- Altar Server forms due to Christian Formation (email was sent on 7/31)
- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym

### August 19

- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym
- JV Cheer/Dance Practice - Ursula

### August 20

- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym
- JV Cheer/Dance Practice - Ursula
- Pelibots - Ursula
- Pep Squad Practice - HFH

### August 21

- Mass 8:15, Bible Blessing for new middle school students and 6<sup>th</sup> graders
- Varsity Cheer - Ursula
- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym
- Room Coordinator Meeting, 6pm

### August 25

- Buddy Activity
- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym

### August 26

- Girls Basketball Practice - Gym
- JV Cheer/Dance Practice - Ursula

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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### **MBS Tithing - IOG**

We are half-way to December. Please make sure to use your envelopes when tithing at weekly MBS Mass. These donations go towards your \$325 required annual contributions. See Tuition Policy on first page or the “Parents’ Commitment to Church & School” on the page 5.

### **Classroom Coordinator**

If you would like to serve as a Classroom Coordinator for your homeroom teacher or your grade level, please complete the following [form](#) by Friday, August 15.

### **Handbook Forms**

The last three pages of the handbook are agreements that must be printed, signed, and returned to your homeroom teacher. They are due to your teacher Friday, August 15.

### **Bus Transportation**

As of this morning, we still have not heard from EBR Transportation regarding Bus Rosters. If you have any questions regarding your bus route, please [email](#) Miss Vonnie.

### **Envision Your Library Update**

Some of the new library furnishings had to be custom made due to the color choices. This has caused a delay in the delivery. The library update is expected to be completed by Labor Day.

### **Child Nutrition - Allergies**

To better serve our students with special diet needs, all dietary orders will need to be renewed EACH SCHOOL YEAR. Dietary requests will be valid only for the school year in which they are written and will expire at the end of the school year. Current dietary requests will expire on the last day of school of this current school year. If you have not submitted a form for this school year, please submit a [form](#) to your Café Manager and school nurse on a current Louisiana Special dietary order form. As with new dietary requests, signature from a physician or other recognized medical authority is required. The cafeteria must have the completed form before we can make any accommodations.

### **School Mass Days**

Please take note of the school Mass days on the calendar. Our first school Mass is on Friday, August 15, as it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please be sure to get your children to school on time so the classes are not late to Mass. Dress uniforms are not required until October. Since it is a Holy Day of Obligation our School Office will be closed to allow our office employees the opportunity to attend Mass.

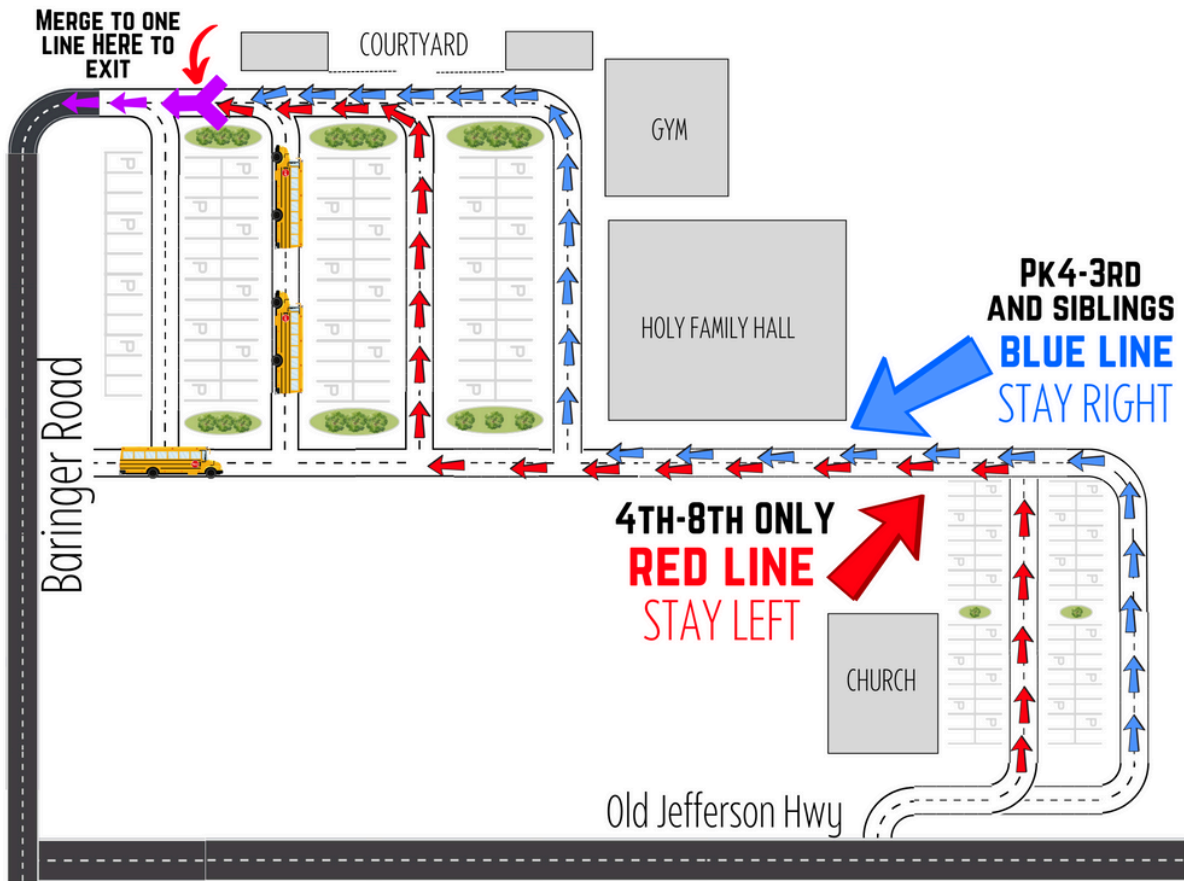
### **School Pictures**

Thursday, August 14 is our day for Barberito to visit our campus and take individual school pictures. STUDENTS MUST WEAR DRESS UNIFORM SHIRTS. You will receive an email from Barberito to order your child’s picture.

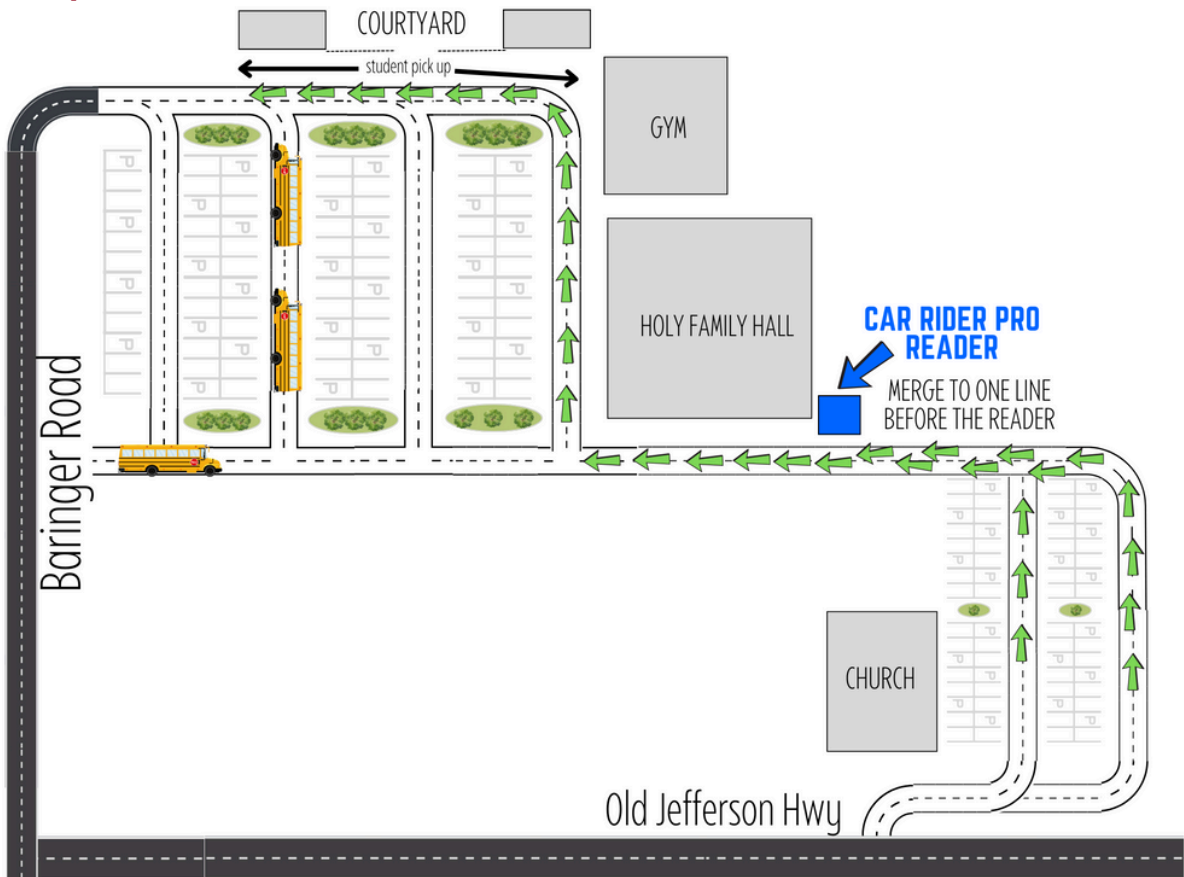
### **Carpool Tag**

If you need to order additional carpool tags, please complete the following [form](#) and return it to the office with \$10 per tag.

Morning Carpool Map



Afternoon Carpool Map



## Carpool Procedures

- Morning carpool begins at 7:20am and ends at 7:45.
- All carpool traffic will enter the school campus through the Church parking lot located at 15655 Jefferson Hwy.
- Cars enter the parking lot on the right side of the church and form two lines.
  - The line on the left is for those students in grades 4-8.
  - The line on the right side is for PK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- Both lines proceed through the gate.
- The line on the right will proceed along the buildings and children will be escorted out of their vehicles. The safety patrol students and faculty on duty will open the car doors for you. Thus, all students must be on the passenger side of the vehicle.
- The left line will proceed to the second parking lane. There are no safety patrol or faculty to escort your children from the car. They are to exit the car on their own and proceed to the crosswalk in front of the gym doors.
- Afternoon carpool begins at 2:50 and ends at 3:15. Students remaining will be sent to extended care for a fee.
- No traffic should enter the front parking lot after 2:15pm.
- Cars enter the parking lot on the right side of the church and form two lines. The lines merge into one at the Car Rider Pro Reader at the back of Holy Family Hall.
- Official MBS hang tags with student's carpool number boldly printed on it must be prominently displayed during carpool.
- Proceed to the line along the buildings and children will be standing at cones to be picked up.
- If you need to assist your child with buckling into the seat, please pull into the gravel parking lot on Baringer to do that.

## OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION

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According to the Safe Environment Policy promulgated by the Diocese of Baton Rouge, **all parish and school ministry volunteers/chaperones must complete a mandatory background check and child protection training**. Child Protection credentials allow the holder of these credentials the opportunity to chaperone/volunteer. All credentialed adults must abide by the sign-up and confirmation process for each event.

### New Volunteer Credentialing for the 2025-2026 School Year

New Volunteer Applications for parents/guardians are being accepted now. Please email your volunteer request to [childprotection@mbsbr.org](mailto:childprotection@mbsbr.org) to get the process started.

### Update Your Volunteer File for 2025-2026

Please note that the [Code of Ethics](#) and the [Chaperone and Volunteer Requirements Agreement](#) must be reviewed by all volunteers of MBS School annually as required by the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Please complete and submit the Code of Ethics Acknowledgement form, page 5, and the Agreement form to the MBS Office of Child Protection to update your file.

For your convenience, you may scan and email the forms to [childprotection@mbsbr.org](mailto:childprotection@mbsbr.org).

## PARENTS' COMMITMENT TO CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Enrollment and/or continued enrollment at Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School requires a commitment to ALL of the following:

- **Prayer and Mass** – Families must commit to daily prayer at home. Catholic families must attend weekly, Sunday, Mass on Holy Days of Obligation. Non-Catholic families must attend Sunday services at their home church.
- **Service** – Twenty (20) hours of Time and Talent given to the school and/or Church each year. Hours must be completed between January 1 and December 31 *to receive the in-parish tuition rate*. These hours are reviewed each year. Definition of an hour of Time and Talent: an actual hour of volunteer work or donation purchases of \$10
- **Weekly Church Offering** – A minimum amount of \$325 will be donated to the Church to support the stewardship program as an Identified Offertory Giver (IOG). Those donations must be made through weekly use of MBS church envelopes, automatic church deductions, or online giving through the church website. Church members who meet the *IOG requirement will receive the in-parish tuition*. Donations will be verified by December 15 unless otherwise authorized by the Pastor/Principal. Any offerings thereafter will count towards the following year.

Families meeting these requirements will receive the in-parish tuition rate. Any families who have not met the stewardship commitment requirements will receive either the Catholic Out-of-Parish tuition or Non-Catholic rates.

### New Students

Time and Talent hours are prorated for new students. However, new families must still meet the IOG requirement of \$325.00 to receive in-parish tuition.

#### Log your Service Hours into FACTS.

**Go to Family > Family Home. You will see "Service Hours" in the middle of the screen. Click "add" to add the hours. You must type in a description. Select "type a custom value," and then type your description.**

#### Sending Items to School

**Please label your items that you send to school from a SignUp Genius:**

- **Parent Name** (signed up on the **SUG**)
- **Name of item**
- **Title of Sign Up** (ex: 5th Grade Auction Basket)

**This helps us match your hours in FACTS.**

Tennis Team Registration is Open: Boys & Girls Grade 5 thru 8!

Coach Morgan Rentz

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/dlG4QOjd>

Swim Team Registration is Open: Boys & Girls Grade 5 thru 8!

Coaches are Monica Braud & Natalie Godso

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/lce8OnTD>

Cross Country Registration is Open: Boys & Girls Grade 3 thru 8!

Coaches are Katie Bouey & Jennifer Russo

<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/DkFOrvOD>

Parish Sports Flag Football, Grades PreK thru 2 nd , Boys & Girls – Coming Soon!!

HOME CSAA Football Playing Dates are Sunday Oct 5 & Sunday Nov 2

Football Schedules are on the school website, “athletics” tab.

Go Pelicans!

Athletics can be an important part of a young person's life. It teaches discipline and self- pride while helping one realize the importance of cooperation. Athletics are a component of, and interact with, the spiritual, social and academic components of the overall school program. MBS recognizes that support from the administration, faculty, staff, coaches, parents and fans are necessary in providing a positive Catholic athletic experience for the student-athlete. Athletes, parents, and fans are a direct reflection of MBS and should adhere to the philosophy of the school by always acting in a dignified manner.

Go Pelicans!

Tommy Krysan, Athletic Director

MBS Athletics

[tkrysan@mbsbr.org](mailto:tkrysan@mbsbr.org)





In December, The Catholic Church worldwide, has been celebrating a special time of Grace, filled with opportunities for renewal during this Jubilee Year of Hope. To celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, MBS has chosen this year's theme as "Hope is the Anchor of the Soul," Hebrews 6:19. We are excited to begin the school year through this special lens of hope.

Our MBS Faculty, Staff, and Home and School Association have been busy. Our campus and classrooms are gleaming, ready to greet our students and families.

- Friday, our faculty joined over one thousand Diocesan educators at the Diocesan Educators' Gathering, hosted by Most Blessed Sacrament.
- Also on Friday, twenty-five of our faculty members participated in a training called "Stop the Bleed." They learned how to apply a tourniquet, pack a wound, administer Narcan, perform Compression CPR, and how to use an AED.
- Monday, faculty and staff created "Portraits of an MBS Graduate." These portraits shared the characteristics students possess when they leave MBS. Faculty also worked on curriculum scope and sequence for the upcoming year.
- Also on Monday, we installed and learned about an APP called the RAVE Panic Button on our phones. This safety APP allows for anyone on campus to contact emergency responders from anywhere on campus with the touch of a button.
- We ended Monday with a presentation of Artificial Intelligence and a review of the Technology Acceptable Use Policy.
- Tuesday we prayerfully discussed our Catholicity and the MBS Religion Program, had a brief session on the social emotional services provided by MBS, reviewed our health policies and procedures, and reviewed our handbooks.
- Wednesday, we enjoyed a morning at Cypress Springs Mercedarian Center where we celebrated Mass, enjoyed breakfast with the Mercedarian Sisters, had our spirits fed with a retreat led by the sisters and ended the morning with a time for beautiful adoration.

Throughout these days we were able to hear from several people: Bishop Duca, Jason Anquentte, Father Todd, Mother Jeanette, and Sister Trinity. While the messages were different, they all held a central message. We must all make time to let Jesus COME into our life, fill our hearts, and listen to His message so that we can GO and minister to our students and families.

The beginning of each school year is filled with hope and excitement, and we look forward to working with your children and you, their families. As I begin my tenth year as the principal of MBS, I also wanted to take this opportunity to share a few statistics about the upcoming year.

- MBS will begin their 45th year as a school. What an accomplishment!
- We have forty academic teachers on faculty.
- Fourteen of our academic faculty have master's degrees.
- Combined our teaching faculty has an average of 17 years of experience. Our shortest serving teacher has one year of experience and longest serving teacher has 36 years of experience.
- Mrs. Vonnie will begin her 45th year as an MBS staff member.
- Our teaching faculty has a combined average of 9.7 years at MBS.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Gioe



# MBS DRAMA CLUB

## FOR FUN IN THE THEATER

6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS ARE INVITED TO  
JOIN THE MBS DRAMA CLUB  
CONTACT LISA ALBANO FOR MORE  
INFORMATION:  
ALBANOLISA1966@GMAIL.COM

COST: \$25.00  
CHARGED TO YOUR FACTS ACCOUNT

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN ST.  
URSULA HALL ON MONDAYS - 9/15,  
9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 12/1, 12/15,  
1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, 4/6,  
4/20, 5/4



STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME AND PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGIES: \_\_\_\_\_

# CALLING VOLUNTEERS!

## MOTHER/SON EVENT

Dance Committee

**MAR  
27**

**APR  
15**

## MUFFINS WITH MOM

Class Coordinator Committee

## PELICAN GAMES/FUN RUN

Pelican Games & Fun Run Committees

**APR  
17**

**MAY  
4-8**

## FACULTY/STAFF TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Executive Board

## MAY CROWNING

May Crowning Committee

**MAY  
7**

AT THIS TIME WE ARE ASKING FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR CERTAIN EVENTS TO LET US KNOW! AS EVENTS APPROACH, THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS WILL REACH OUT ABOUT VOLUNTEERING NEEDS!

**SIGN UP** →



# CALLING VOLUNTEERS!

## HOME & SCHOOL EVENTS 2025-2026

SAVE THE DATE!

OUR COMMITTEE CHAIRS WORK HARD TO MAKE THESE EVENTS GREAT AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!! PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

## MBS PARISH FAIR

mbsparishfair@gmail.com

**OCT  
17-19**

**NOV  
21**

## GRANDPARENTS DAY

Hospitality Committee

## TEACHER SHOPPING DAYS

Class Coordinator Committee

**DEC  
5 & 12**

**JAN  
29**

## PALS LUNCHEON

PALS Committee

## DONUTS WITH DAD

Class Coordinator Committee

**MAR  
18**



## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**AUG  
14**

BACK TO  
SCHOOL NIGHT

**OCT  
17-19**

MBS PARISH FAIR

**OCT**

BOYS BASKETBALL  
MBS HOME GAMES

**NOV  
21**

GRANDPARENTS  
DAY

SPIRIT STORE WILL BE OPEN AT ALL LISTED EVENTS.  
\*\*STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION\*\*



**blaze**

All 6th & 7th grade girls are invited  
to join us for BLAZE Bible Study!

Sundays at 4:00 pm

Begins September 7th

Moms are welcome to be a part of  
BLAZE with their daughters.

Priority Registration ends August 22nd!

REGISTER  
HERE!



For more information contact

Sarah Rico - BLAZEatMBS@gmail.com

<https://forms.gle/LvpUWZfoiqaPwGVL8>

**MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH**



# 1ST 9 WEEKS GIVE BACK NIGHT

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT  
THURSDAY, 8/14/2025**



## **FIVE GUYS® COMMUNITY ..... EVENT**



**JOIN  
US!**

at the **VILLAGE MARKET FIVE GUYS**  
14640 Village Market Street  
**FIVE GUYS** will donate 15% of your purchase to  
**MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL**  
Please identify yourself as part of Most Blessed Sacrament School.



**\*\*SAVE AND TURN IN YOUR RECEIPTS TO CLASS ON 8/15!\*\***

**THE CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST PARTICIPATION WILL GET A CLASS TREAT! -  
DON'T FORGET TO WRITE YOUR KIDS NAME(S) AND HOMEROOM(S) ON THE  
RECEIPT!**

**PLEASE TRY AND PLACE YOUR ORDERS IN THE STORE (DINE IN  
OR TO GO) IF POSSIBLE TO MAXIMIZE THE AMOUNT GIVEN BACK  
TO MBS!**



BACK TO  
SCHOOL NIGHT

GOT THE SPIRIT? WE WANT TO HEAR IT!



**Join us on August 14, 2025**

**NEW  
MERCH  
COMING  
SOON!**

**GET ALL OF YOUR  
SPIRIT GAME WEAR  
TO CHEER ON YOUR  
LITTLE PELICANS!!!!**





## THAT MAN IS YOU!

is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.



# THY KINGDOM COME

FEATURING NEW, DYNAMIC PRESENTERS

### DISCOVER:

- How to confront the worldly kingdoms and spiritual evils of our day.
- What it takes to overthrow an empire and inherit the kingdom of God.
- A new way and a new perspective on this life and the next.
- How to wrestle with the mysteries of a kingdom "not of this world" yet simultaneously "within you."
- God's transforming power through personal testimonies that will touch the hardest of hearts.
- The God of mercy and experience His superabundant compassion and love.
- Jesus Christ present as the true King of your heart and claim your royal inheritance.
- How to live with an eternal perspective.
- How to become the man we need to rebuild the kingdom!

### SPEAKERS:



### PROGRAM INFORMATION

Friday Mornings  
Starts 12 September 2025  
Most Blessed Sacrament  
Our Lady of the Eucharist

### SCHEDULE

5:30 AM Rosary (optional)  
6:00 AM Breakfast  
6:15 AM Video Presentation  
6:45 AM Small Group Breakout  
7:15 AM Dismissal

### REGISTRATION

Scan the QR Code to register.

For more information, email:  
mbstmiy@gmail.com

