

# There are LOTS of good reasons to buy tickets for March 23<sup>rd</sup> Dinner/Auction

Sometimes it's good to dedicate time for community fun!

*"It is requisite for the relaxation of the mind that we make use, from time to time, of playful deeds and jokes."*  
Thomas Aquinas

*"One filled with joy preaches without preaching"* Mother Teresa

*"Serve the Lord with laughter."* Padre Pio

The Catholic School System is a very busy world. Even during the summer there are buildings that open at 6 a.m. and don't shut down until 10 p.m. We're a reflection of the crazy schedules that drive many of our parents!

That's why sometimes we should choose to take a little time off from all the running and gunning and



spend it celebrating our community. We're thrilled that the Dinner/Auction also raises money for the school system PTO, but we hope you'll use it as an opportunity to call up some friends in the community and reunite for an evening of fun and games. The PTO has worked really hard to add some new twists to the evening this year that you will find even more engaging. Call 270-686-8896 for ticket information (\$40 ea.). The price of a ticket also gives you some great bidding opportunities on trips, golf packages and if you're bidding on dinner packages, The Tom Lilly special includes a pretty mean steak! But then you may be more interested in the Magic Johnson autographed jersey! To see the list of auction items, get your credit card registered with: <http://bidpal.net/acesnightout2019>. Bidding opens a day before the event! So get your tickets and be ready.

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**THE FIRST FREE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MARCH 31.** There is no fee for the initial registration but beginning April 1 there is a \$200 fee to register online for the Owensboro

Catholic School System for returning families. If you need help, we are scheduling people throughout the day and we would be glad to provide you with some assistance.

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**PUT HOLY WEEK DATES ON CALENDAR.** Hopefully we are using this time during Lent to reflect and sacrifice. The Diocesan Chrism Mass is April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the SportsCenter. It's an opportunity to worship with the Catholic Community throughout all of western Kentucky. Then circle April 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> for Holy Week activities in your parish. All Catholic School families are encouraged to fully engage and participate in their Diocesan and parish communities. Holy Week is the most significant series of liturgies of the year.

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**PARTICIPATE IN YOUR PARISH.** Parishes are putting more emphasis on holding Catholic School Families accountable for their voucher. And this is a good thing. The subsidies parishes invest in the Catholic School System is to help grow the relationship between the Church and the Family. Families who do NOT actively participate in their parishes should not receive the subsidy. Many parishes are reviewing Mass attendance and participation to qualify families for their voucher. The Parish community invests \$3 million to make Catholic Schools more affordable for families. We need to acknowledge and demonstrate our appreciation for this support by being active in the Church. How can schools make faith a priority for students if parents are not prioritizing prayer and church activity at home? Use this Lenten season to evaluate and renew our commitments to parish activities.

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**WHEN YOU ARE ASKED WHY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS?** All of the local, state and national data point to higher test scores in the Catholic School System. This is true in every grade level and becomes even more distinguished at older grade levels. That's true from the MAP testing at grade school levels to the ACT scores in high school.

There's even more recent data that also indicates that Catholic School children make better employees, have better attitudes in the work place, and are more engaged with their families.

We have good public schools. But there is something very powerful about a school system that is wrapped in daily prayer that adds weekly activities that revolve around establishing a child's self-worth and importance to God and the world, but in a way that reflects joy and fun. You have a powerful impact on a life when you can connect the tenets of faith to daily choices. Catholic Schools also provide a measure of insulation for children that attempts to preserve their innocence longer. We still employ humans and make mistakes, but it's this holistic approach to a child's humanity and soul that distinguishes our efforts.

In addition, we also stay on the cutting edge of education's professional development efforts. We use the most contemporary forms of "data proven" academic successes in the classroom. And that's true at

every grade level. It's an amazing stat that last year's senior class was offered \$4 million in college scholarships, and soon, Catholic High students have an expanded selection of concurrent classes that count for high school AND college, and they never have to leave the campus.