



Dear Parents,

On Monday evening, May 7 at 6 p.m., we will hold our annual outdoor prayer service, May Crowning. At this time we will pray the rosary, and the statue of Mary will be crowned with a wreath of flowers to remind us of Mary's special relationship to Jesus.

Our ceremony will begin with the student body walking in procession from the classrooms and cafeteria. The choir and congregation will sing traditional Marian hymns. We will continue singing until the last student has reached his place before the statue of our Lady. We will provide flowers for the eighth grade and rose petals for the second grade girls. The seventh grade students will not need to bring a flower as they will be carrying items in the procession. Please do not send a bunch of flowers. A simple flower with **a stem no longer than 6 inches** from your garden is all that is necessary.

All students should report to their classrooms or to their designated places by **5:30 p.m.** and wear Sunday church clothes. Second graders will wear First Communion clothing. Students with a game or dance class on this night may wear their sports or dance attire. We want all our students to attend and participate in this celebration. Please see that students bring a rosary to use.

The students will be provided seating. Parents, Grandparents and any special guests will want to bring a lawn chair on which to sit for the prayer service. The entire celebration should last about forty-five minutes.

At the conclusion, the students in grades PK to 6th will process back to the classroom. With concern for the safety of the students, please do not take your child from the line or try to get the teacher to release them in the outside area. It will only take a few additional minutes to go to the classroom and have your child safely released to you there.

A formal invitation to this special ceremony was mailed to the home of all parents, grandparents and faith-filled friends. We hope that you will come and help us pray the rosary and that this outdoor prayer service will be a very special evening for you and your family.

Many Blessings,

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