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### **St. Mary Central's Lenten Project will Benefit Community in 10 Original Ways**

The St. Mary Central High School community was introduced to the concept of stewardship at a special assembly on Wednesday, February 24. After a prayer service that focused on the school's Lenten theme of stewardship, eight students and two faculty members each received a \$100 bill. Each recipient was commissioned to manage the money, hopefully to make it grow, and to see how they could use the \$100 to help those in need.

"I am very excited to see how this hands-on service project will motivate and energize our school community to focus on stewardship throughout this Lenten season," said Ms. Gail Hawley, SMC religion teacher.

"One of our core missions as a Catholic school is to teach and guide our students to have a positive influence on their community, neighborhood and world. This Lenten project brings together the three cornerstones of our focus as a school – faith, academics and service," stated Mr. Patrick Batey, SMC Principal.

The recipients were chosen in a random drawing. The students are Phil Wedge, Paige Bayer, Anna Jakubek, Robert Batzler, Vaili Van Asten, Sean Bergholz, Tony Weber and Jessica Uitenbroek. Mr. Jim Murphy and Mrs. Jean Zuleger are the chosen staff members. The rest of the student body is encouraged to continue to share their time, talent and treasure during Lent – especially through almsgiving.

After Easter, when the SMC community celebrates the resurrection of our Lord, the school community will learn what each individual did with their part of the original \$1000.00.

St. Mary Central, a regional Catholic high school, is part of Twin City Catholic Educational System (TCCES). The system also includes St. Margaret Mary and St. Gabriel Elementary Schools in Neenah, as well as St. Mary Elementary and Seton Catholic Middle School in

Menasha. TCCES is dedicated to the individual development of each student by providing an education focused on faith, academics and service.

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