



ST. GABRIEL

Centered in Jesus, St. Gabriel Catholic School is committed to excellence in developing our faith, academics and service.

NEWSLETTER

The Fifth Commandment *You shall not kill.*

As we focus this month on the Fifth Commandment we recognize that we are being asked to respect all human life and to promote peace. Every human life has a special relationship with God and has sacred value. It is our duty to not only nurture physical needs, but to attend the emotional and social well-being of others.

When we think about this commandment, we realize that there are many issues in our modern world that we are confronted with. In our community we hear reports of intentional murder, scandals that damage the moral fiber of a human being, terrorism, and the death penalty. As Catholics, we know that these are sins against the fifth commandment; we also know that sometimes this can be counter-cultural to what is happening in our world.

Reflection:

How do we follow God's Commandments with the challenges presented in our world today? How do we help others?

Respect Human Life

"Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being."

– CCC, no 2258; citing *The Gift of Life* (Donum Vitae), no. 5



Twin City Catholic
Educational System

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

Thursday 1-5-12
Liturgy at 8:15 (gr. 5)

Sunday 1-8-12
Epiphany

Monday 1-9-12
First Communion Parent Meeting
4:30 in St. Gabriel Chapel

Wednesday 1-11-12
Story Time at St. Mary at 1:00
First Communion Parent Meeting
8:15 AM or 6:30 PM SG Chapel

Thursday 1-12-12
Liturgy at 8:15 (gr. 4)
January/July Birthday Lunch
Band Concert at SG 6:30

Monday 1-16-12
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
PTO meeting 6:00

Thursday 1-19-12
Liturgy at 8:15 (gr. 4)

Friday 1-20-12
End of Second Quarter
Early Dismissal Day 11:30

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2012. We hope all of you had a wonderful and blessed Christmas. It is good to see the students back at school, we missed them!

Advent Donations

Thank you so much for your generous donations to our Advent Collection that benefited the Christine Anne Center, Harbor House, and the Warming Shelter. They were very grateful for the contributions!

School Closings or Delays

Even though we don't have much snow on the ground or any weather related warnings in the near future, it is a good time to review TCCES policy on school closings or delays.



If either the Neenah or the Menasha public schools close due to inclement weather, all TCCES schools will close.

Whenever there is a delayed beginning of school, all half-day morning kindergarten and morning preschool programs are automatically cancelled. All afternoon programs are held at the regular times. If school is cancelled at any point during the day, all events that are in any way connected to school are automatically cancelled.

The local television stations will provide school closing information. The following radio stations will also broadcast school closing information: WAPL (105.7 FM), WIXX (101.1FM), WROE (94.3 FM), WNAM (1280 AM), WOSH (1490 AM). If severe weather forces schools to close after children have arrived, the radio stations listed above will announce that information.

Preparing for First Holy Communion

Are you a parent of a child in Grade 2, or do you have an older child who has not yet received First Communion? We are honored in the Christian Formation Center (CFC) to share in this big step in your child's faith. Formal preparation for this special Sacrament begins with a Parent Meeting in the Chapel.

Monday, January 9th at 4:30 pm

Wednesday, January 11th at 8:15 am or 6:30 pm

Attendance at one of these meetings is required for all First Communion parents. Any questions can be directed to Steve Pable, CFC Director, at spable@tcces.k12.wi.us or 725-0660.

PTO Meeting

Circle Monday, January 16 on your calendar. Our PTO meeting will be in the school library 6:00-7:15. Hope to see you there!

Stevi B's

On December 15 we had a Stevi B's night and earned \$66.73!! Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed some fantastic pizza.

Lost and Found Items

We have a few items in our Lost and Found. Any items not claimed by Friday, January 13 will be donated.



Important SCRIP Change

Our SCRIP procedures are going to change slightly in how you order SCRIP – nothing else is changing.

- Effective immediately, checks **MUST** be made out to: **St. Gabriel School** (not TCCES)
- Beginning January 2012 orders must be received by Noon on Wednesdays

January Elementary Band Concert

Members of the 4th and 5th grade band will present a band concert on January 12, 2012 at 6:30 at St. Gabriel Elementary School. Each grade will present a separate concert conducted by Mr. Orth.



St. Gabriel Parish Winter Break

Winter Brake – St. Gabriel Parish Fundraiser – is just around the corner. This event is scheduled for February 18, 2012. This is a fun evening including dinner, games, raffles, silent and oral auctions. We need your help for this fundraiser to be a success!

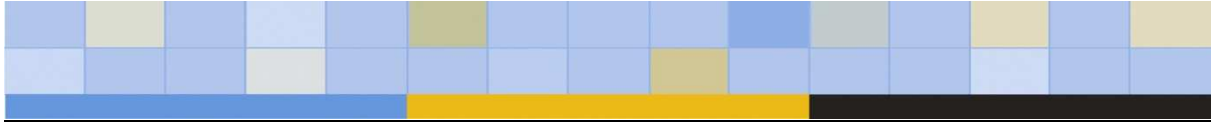
Every class at St. Gabriel is assigned a theme basket. Thank you to those that have brought something in already.

- Preschool & PreKindergarten** = Outdoor Fun
- Kindergarten/Olsen** = Green Bay Packers
- Kindergarten/Rothe** = Family Game Night
- First Grade** = Green Thumb/Gardening
- Second Grade** = What's Cookin'/Baker's
- Third Grade** = Scrapbooking & Crafts
- Fourth Grade** = Time for a Good Book
- Fifth Grade** = Wisconsin Badgers

To show our appreciation for all of the support that we receive from the parish, we ask every family to donate an item that fits your child's classroom theme. Please send all donations to school with your student and turn them into the teacher by February 01, 2012. More information about purchasing tickets to attend the fundraiser will come home with your student in the near future. Thank you all for your generosity and support of St. Gabriel School and Parish and our TCCES School System.

NEENAH PARKS & RECREATION DEPT. Upcoming Activities

Boys Basketball Ball Handling Club – for grades K-4. Improve your ball handling skills and perform at halftime of a NHS Varsity Boys Game. Starts Jan. 18th. **Smocks & Jocks**-Ages 3 – 5. A combination of sports and art activities. Starts Jan. 27. **Start Smart Sports** – Ages 3 – 5 with parent. Learn basic motor skills necessary for sports participation. For registration information visit www.neenahgov.org, email: parkrec@ci.neenah.wi.us or call our office (920) 886-6060.



St. Mary Central Basketball Grade School and Middle School Night

To: All Grade and Middle School Students

From: St. Mary Central Basketball Teams



You are invited to be our guest on **Friday, January 13** as the SMC Boys Basketball Team challenges Valders at 7:30 p.m. Please use the tickets below for free admission to the game. Feel free to come early to watch the SMC Freshmen and Junior Varsity teams with action beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Each student will also receive a coupon for a beverage and popcorn and be entered in a drawing for some great prizes. Please feel free to pass this note along to any grade or middle school students that would be interested in coming to a game!

Come out to see the excitement of SMC Basketball!



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