



ST. GABRIEL

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

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS...

MAY

- ...19—Liturgy at 8:15 planned by Grade 3
- ...19—Vehicle Day for the Pre School
- ...20—Seton visit during the lunch hour
- ...20—School Counselor at SG
- ...21—Grade 5 Talent Show at 1:00 p.m. in the gym
- ...25—Field Day at SG
- ...26—Pre Kindergarten End of the Year program at 10:00 a.m.
- ...28—Last Liturgy of the School Year planned by Grade 5 followed by a celebration honoring the fifth graders
- ...31—Memorial Day—No School

JUNE

- ...2—Pre 3 End of the Year program at 10:00 a.m. in the Large Motor Room (Monday, Wednesday class)
- ...2—Kindergarten End of the Year program
- ...3—Pre 3 (see above) for Tuesday, Thursday class
- ...3—Last Day of School; dismissal at 11:30; Prayer Service in the Main Hall at 11:15 a.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK... The TCCES theme for May is *MISSION*. The mission of TCCES is to evangelize and educate students, staff, and families in Christ and nurturing loving service to God and neighbor. Evangelization (our mission) happens when a person experiences the love of Jesus Christ. St. Francis of Assisi is famous for the saying, "Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." Each classroom at St. Gabriel School is displaying this quote during the month of May. Some of the classrooms have buckets. When a student does a good deed, he/she can put a star or sticker on it. When the bucket is filled, it will be overflowing with good works. In addition to the bucket symbol, the book *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* is being shared with the students.

MAP TEST RESULTS... Students in grades two through grade five will be bringing home an envelope today (Wednesday) with the results from the recent MAP testing.

TICKETS TO GREAT AMERICA... Every student in kindergarten through grade five received a free ticket for Great America today. Each child at St. Gabriel School read the necessary minutes to qualify for the ticket. Thanks to Lori Miller for all of her work for this project.

A BIG THANKS... Rumor has it that last Sunday was a wonderful day at the ball game. Thanks to Andy Miller for taking care of the tickets and everything.

END OF THE YEAR INFORMATION...

- **Used Clothing Sale**—The clothes are located in the Main Hall and will be there until Monday, June 7. Please mark your clothing with price and name. If you are donating the money to PTO, nothing is necessary
- **Uniform for 2010-2011**—Information is being sent home today.
- **School Supply List**—Information is being sent home today.
- **School Clothing with Logo**—Order form is being sent today. We will need this back before the end of the year.

A BIG THANKS... Everyone! We appreciate everything you did to make this a great school year. We were able to offer a wonderful program to the students of St. Gabriel School because of the many things you did to help out. Just think, new white boards, new books in the library, to name a few. By the way, Miron will be installing the rest of the boards in June.



SERRA CLUB... Students in grades four and five recently entered the annual Serra Club calendar contest. Each year the Serra Club produces a calendar, which features a student's drawing each month. The Serra Club is a group of people who work for more vocations. The theme for this year was *Prayer: Source of Vocations*. Winners from our school for Grade 4 were Zach Ledwith, first place; Tabatha Zwicky, second place; and, Calli Fitzgerald, third place. The fifth grade winners were Sam Knott, first place; Jared Kroll, second place; and Marcus Wittmann, third place. These students each received a ribbon for his/her entry. Unfortunately none of the entries went on to the state contest.

NEW PRINCIPAL(S)The fourth grade students of St. Gabriel School had the honor recently of being "Principal for a Day." Dressed in their professional best, students led Morning Prayer and made the announcements over the PA. They then read a story to each class in the school. Announcing an extra recess for the day was a thrill for all. At the end of the day, the fourth graders were treated with a "make-your-own-sundae." It certainly was a day to be remembered!

SAVE THE DATE

Seton Catholic Middle School will host their Third Annual *Meet Me in the Middle* on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 7:00 PM on the Terrace at Miron Construction Company.

A ROSARY... All of the second graders recently received a special rosary made for them by Mr. Jerry Cops. Mr. Cops visited the class earlier this school year and demonstrated how he makes rosaries. Each child chose his/her favorite color bead for a personal rosary. Thank you to Mr. Cops for this special gift. The Cops Foundation has provided more than a million rosaries to missions around the world.

THANKS, WAL-MART... on Friday, April 30, Wal-Mart donated Blue Spruce saplings to all of the St. Gabriel students in kindergarten through grade 5. The trees were at least two-years-old. We are thankful to Wal-Mart for the gifts to celebrate Arbor Day.

BUGS, GALORE...The preschool children are learning about insects. They are making fireflies with shiny tails and clothespin ladybugs. They are having fun singing the "Itsy Bitsy Spider" song with their classmates.

RAT RIVER...The fourth graders took a Conservation field trip to Rat River in Larsen. Four stations were set up and directed by professionals from cooperating agencies from our area. The stations visited were forest management, soil profile, water quality, and wildlife habitat. Each of the four stations provided excellent supplementary information and hands on experiences for the students. The station they found most amazing was the water quality station and they realized how each home affects the quality of water in Lake Winnebago.

GRADE 2 NEWS...For the month of April we celebrated our Catholic Identity by concentrating on "Morality." The ability to determine what is right and wrong, good and evil. We did some role-playing and mock conversations to practice right and wrong. Everyone in second grade has now made his or her First Communion. We welcome them to God's table. A special Congratulations to all of our First Communicants: Austin, Elizabeth B., Josh, Grace, Will, Chloe, Nick, Miles, Foster, Jason, Landon, Mary Ann, Elizabeth R., Kaley, Andrew, Khyleigh, Riley, Maddie, Victoria, Christina, Holly, Sam, Amber, and Annalise!!

REMEMBER OUR VETERANS... For many Americans, Memorial Day signifies a three-day weekend and the unofficial kick off to summer. But Memorial Day is much more than that; it's a time for Americans to collectively reflect on the impact of the lives cost in United States wars and to celebrate all war veterans. It is a national day of mourning. If you plan to celebrate the holiday weekend with a family picnic or barbeque, be sure to include a moment to remember all of our veterans, both past and present. Say a prayer for the men and women in uniform who are overseas in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere, as well as for peacekeeping troops in Haiti. The red poppy is the official Memorial Day flower—try to include a few as a sign of remembrance and prayer if you have a centerpiece for your weekend.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS... Kindergartners began their unit on Earth Science. Having just celebrated Earth Day, the students began by learning how to take care of the Earth. The students sorted through "garbage" and decided what items were recyclable and what items had to be thrown away. Students found the recycling code on the bottoms of plastic bottles to help them. Students also learned the importance of reusing items. Students each made a bug out of egg cartons and plastic bags. The students learned about water. Lists were made of the important uses for water and students explored ways of filtering out water. Students also learned about the water cycle and did an experiment that showed evaporation. To end the unit, students learned about landforms. Each class made a volcano that they got to make "erupt".