



ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*The Mission of St. Margaret Mary School is to nurture a
Christ – centered Community of Life-long Learners.*

November brings about the end of the Church Year with the Feast of Christ the King. This feast emphasizes that Jesus is our goal, not only for the year, but also for all years and all time. Because this is a joyful celebration, Father will wear white vestments this Sunday rather than the green of Ordinary Time. The week that follows Christ the King is the last year of Ordinary Time and the last Sunday of the Church Year. We will then turn our hearts toward the preparations for Advent and for the coming of Christ.

As a school community, we prepare for Christmas by participating in Advent traditions. We will light the Advent Wreath, fill a Jesse Tree with the biblical symbols foretelling the coming of Jesus, and come together to work on a service project to better the lives of people living in our community. Our service project this year will be providing milk for those individuals who find themselves homeless and using the services provided by the Fox Valley Warming Shelters. Each class will have a milk carton sitting in a prominent location in the classroom. We are going to ask the students to bring in a nickel each day to place in the milk carton. This will help the children be reminded each day that there are individuals in our community who cannot afford a glass of milk. The full milk cartons will be used as part of the Prayer Service at the end of Advent. If possible, please plan on allowing your child to bring a nickel to school each day during Advent. If this is not possible, any donation your child can bring will be appreciated. You can even plan with your child that he/she will earn the donation to be given to the Warming Shelter. Thank you for making this a learning and a giving experience for your child.

Third Grade Projects

I hope that everyone had a chance to see the wonderful projects that the third grade prepared for Literature and Social Studies and has had on display in school.



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REMINDERS

November

- 20.....Grade 4K/B –Liturgy
- 24.....Grade 5- -Docent Visit from the Paine Museum----- 10:30 a.m.
- 24.....Native American Presentation 1:15 p.m. followed by Prayer Service
- 24.....Thanksgiving Break begins after school on Tuesday
- 29.....First Sunday of Advent
- 30.....Return to School
- December
- 3.....Grade 5 Field Trip to Paine Art Museum
- 7.....PK Service Trip to Shopko
- 8.....Liturgy 8:15 a.m. Gr. 3 Feast of Immaculate Conception
- 8.....Preschool Family Night 6:00 p.m.
- 9.....Donuts for Dads

They created a puppet project to show what was learned through their October book selection. They also created landforms from homemade clay and painted them to match the different elevations. Congratulations on your hard work third graders!

Fuel Me Up

Thank you to the Health and Wellness Committee for another successful “Fuel Me Up” Week. This week the committee provided (or will provide) the following snacks:

- Monday.....Veggie Medley of bell peppers, carrots and celery
- Tuesday.....Oranges
- Wednesday.....Honey Oat Bran Bread Slice from Breadsmith
- Thursday.....Go Gurt
- Friday.....Dried Fruit and Cereal Snack Mix (nut free)

The children are enjoying sharing these snacks with their classmates. We will have another “Fuel Me Up” experience in January. The committee will be asking for volunteers who would like to help choose new snacks.

JUMBO GUMBO

Thank you to all of the families who helped in any way to make Jumbo Gumbo a wonderful success. The final numbers are not yet in, but more than 500 people attended the event on Saturday and more than \$50,000 has been raised. An email to all families from the Advancement Office will inform every one of the winners of all prizes and give you more detailed information on the event. Again---whether you worked on a committee, were a sponsor, volunteer, committee member, or purchased raffle or admission tickets---thank you for your help in making this event so successful.

Business Office

The Business Office will be open with regular hours on Wednesday, November 25th, even though there is no school. The office will be closed both Thanksgiving and the day after.

Congratulations

TCCES congratulates Miron Construction and Mr. David Voss for the Philanthropy Day Award received last week. The Voss Family has been a strong supporter of TCCES schools and especially Zephyrfest for many years. We are grateful for their continued support and loyalty throughout the years.

Families

We would also like to congratulate the Blaylock Family on the Baptism of their twin daughters, Isabella and Aliyah, this past weekend. Congratulations to big sister, Peyton (PK). May God bless the girls and their family.

We offer our sympathy to the Schaufelberger Family on the loss of their grandmother. We pray with Lexi (grade 5), Kenny (grade 1), and Eric (PK) for her eternal rest.

Christmas Youth Choir

Are you in the second grade or in a higher grade and has God given you the gift of a good singing voice? Then the Christmas Youth Choir is for you! The choir will sing for the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

Practices are held after the 9:30 Mass on scheduled Sundays and will begin on Sunday, November 29th. The practices will be from 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. in the church. We will also be practicing on December 6th, 13th, and 20th, and also on Christmas Eve morning at 11:00.

If you are interested, please call Sister Therese at 729-4560 or email her at treynolds@tcces.k12.wi.us or just come to the first rehearsal.

Thanksgiving

We will have a program on Tuesday, November 24th at 1:15 in the afternoon. The grandfather of one of our first graders will do a presentation in Native American dress and share some of the culture of our first Americans. This is a very appropriate time to remember the gifts that are shared by all the different cultures in our country. Following the presentation, we will have a Thanksgiving Prayer Service. Thanksgiving Break will begin after 3:00 dismissal on Tuesday.

Several children have mentioned that they will not be in school next week. Please send a note, email, or phone the office if your children will not be in school. It is very helpful to teachers in planning to know if students will be missing.

There will not be a newsletter next Wednesday. The staff wishes all of our families a wonderful Thanksgiving. Please enjoy a day of grateful thanks with your families for all we have been given. Be safe and we will see everyone back on Monday, November 30th.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Lord, so often times, as any other day, when we sit down to our meal and pray
We hurry along and make fast the blessing, Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing.**

**We're slaves to the olfactory overload, we must rush our prayer before the food gets cold.
But Lord, I'd like to take a few minute more, to really give thanks to what I'm thankful for.**

**For my family, my health, a nice soft bed, my friends, my freedom, a roof over my head.
I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those, whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know.**

Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me beyond measure, Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest treasure.

**That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place and I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace.
So please, heavenly Father, bless this food You've provided and bless each and every person invited.**

Amen!

--Scott Wesemann

