

ST. MARGARET MARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

The theme for the month of February is **Scripture**. To know
Scripture is to know the story of salvation.

Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life

Our families and communities can count on Catholic Schools to instill the faith, knowledge, morals, and discipline in our students that will enable them to fulfill their future roles as committed Catholics, productive citizens, and effective leaders.

Faith is about our personal relationship with God, but it is also about our relationship with others. Catholic Schools instill both of these aspects of faith in students. Religion classes and service opportunities, as well as integrating Gospel values in teaching and leading are built into the curriculum of every Catholic School.

Knowledge has two aspects: acquiring information about a subject as well as relational meaning as in “I know you and you know Me.” One of the hallmarks of Catholic schools is rigorous academics and a challenging curriculum aligned with national standards. Our students consistently test above state and national averages.

Discipline is a necessary skill for school lessons but also a necessary skill for a happy life. Without discipline or self-control, we cannot achieve our dreams and goals. Teachers help students learn self-discipline by setting strong boundaries and imposing appropriate consequences if rules are broken. This ensures a controlled, safe and effective learning environment where a young person’s energy is channeled into learning.

Morals are also a component of a happy and balanced life. Setting high standards of behavior brings out the best in youngsters. Knowing right from wrong, and having the self-control to resist evil and choose good, enables young people to serve with integrity, not only as students, but as leaders in whatever future field they choose: business,



Twin City Catholic
Educational System



REMINDERS

February

3....All TCCES Liturgy 1:15 p.m.

4.....Speaker at 8:30 a.m.

5.....Liturgy 8:15 a.m. Grade 5

PRIORITY REGISTRATIONS

Due-----February 5th

WINES AROUND THE WORLD
February 6th ----- 6-9 p.m.
Butte des Morts Country Club

8.....PK (Mrs. Fietzer) -----
Pizza-making Field Trip

12.....Candlelight Cross Country
Ski Night for TCCES families

14.....IMAJN Mass

16.....SMM Story Time-1:00 p.m.

17.....Ash Wednesday

19-22.....Winter Break-----NO
CLASSES Friday through
Monday

21-23.....Parish Renewal

education, government, church or as a parent. Catholic Schools indeed provided a Dividend for Life.

Registration

Important----Friday is the last day for priority registration. This means that the number of classes and teachers per grade will be determined by the number of registrations on this day. Those who are registered by February 5th will also have priority consideration when determining tuition assistance and grants. Lastly, those not registered this week will see an increase in the registration fee from \$50 to \$75 per child. Please make sure your registration materials are mailed or call the office with questions or concerns.

Catholic Schools Week

Thank you to all of the families who took part in the Mass on Sunday for the kick off of Catholic Schools Week. The students did a wonderful job singing, reading, and participating in the Liturgy. A special THANK YOU to Ryan Goethel and his crew for the marvelous breakfast they prepared to show the parish our gratitude for their support.

On Monday, the students visited Seton to hear a band and choir concert. The Middle Schoolers put on a very entertaining and enjoyable concert. It was fun to see many of our former St. Margaret Mary students taking part in the performance. On Tuesday, the SMM buddies spent some time together playing board games and having fun. Wednesday was the all TCCES Mass at St. Margaret Mary. What a faith-filled experience to see all of the TCCES students gathered together in prayer.

Thursday morning, we will have a speaker to introduce the topic for the next quarter in Guidance----self-responsibility. Our speaker is Shane Tassoul. He is a Karate master who develops responsibility and character through the martial arts. He will introduce his program tomorrow and talk about developing respect and focus. A flyer last week spoke of the types of lessons he teaches and the flyer this week will explain the continuation of the program that he will offer during the next few weeks. This is an optional after school program. The cost for the program is \$25, which goes directly to our school. All parents are welcome to hear Mr. Tassoul tomorrow.

We will finish our Catholic Schools Week activities on Friday with a "Religion Trivia" Contest. Multi-age groups will compete to see how well they can answer questions about faith and scripture. This fun activity will be followed by the much anticipated "Raffle for Haiti." Our fifth grade Student Council is to be commended for wanting to do something for our neighbors in Haiti and to make this raffle possible. They are anxious to raise money to help with disaster relief.

Wines Around the World

Parents will have the opportunity for a great evening while raising money for the school. Our committee, headed by parents Christina Smith and Tracy Schroeder, has done a remarkable job collecting wonderful items to bid on and planning an enjoyable evening. Please get your reservation in by this Friday. You won't want to miss this night.

Penny War and “Souper” Bowl

We teach our children that being of service to others reflects the love of Christ. We are providing two additional opportunities to be of service to others in a fun way. We are in the middle of a Penny War. The winner is the grade that collects the most pennies. The “catch” is that any silver coins or paper money must be subtracted from the number of pennies. The children are having fun trying to fill the penny jars of other grades with money other than pennies. We have stressed with our children that the competition is in a spirit of fun---not to be cruel to another class. We need to remember that the money is going to a cause greater than any one person or class. We will find out who raised the most money at the end of the week. All funds will go to the Tuition Assistance Fund.

We want the students to also remember that the idea behind the raffle is also to help the people of Haiti---not to win a prize. We can have fun in helping others, but we don’t want to lose sight of the reason we are raising the funds. Please help your child to understand this difficult concept.

Our other project is the annual “Souper Bowl.” Please help St. Joseph Food Pantry by filling our boxes with cans of soup. The Super Bowl is Sunday---we will bring our donations to St. Joe’s after that time.

Thank you for the incredible generosity of our families!!!