



ST. MARY

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Newsletter

Mission Statement: St. Mary Elementary School, in collaboration with its parents, educates the "whole child" in a Catholic environment. This allows every child to meet the challenges of a continuously changing society.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, November 11th

- School Liturgy @ 8:10
- Recognition of Veterans @ Menasha Library (11am)

Saturday, November 12th

- Jumbo Gumbo @ Waverly

Sunday, November 13th

- **The Lord's Day**

Friday, November 18th

- School Liturgy @ 8:10
- SMC Fall Musical

Saturday, November 19th

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Sunday, November 20th

- **Feast of Christ the King**

Tuesday, November 22nd

- Thanksgiving Break begins @ 3:00 pm

November Birthdays

Elizabeth Oldenburg	11/1
Sami Veitch	11/5
Malayna Golden	11/10
Mackenzie Hayes	11/12
Reagen Lenz	11/13
Nyla Albrecht	11/17
Christian Seaver	11/18
Noah Kindness	11/20
Preston Kindness	11/20
Grecia Vera	11/21
Katie Krautkramer	11/22
Elyssa Heenan	11/24

Catholic Identity ... The 3rd Commandment

"Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day."

Why do we go to church on Sundays? Certainly you may have been asked that question by your neighbor or a friend who happens to be of a different faith denomination. They don't see importance of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass that we place on this aspect of our faith. Nor should they realize the importance to us. As Catholics, the celebration of the Eucharist, which can only be done through the Mass, is the most important part and the essence of our Catholic beliefs. Through the sacrifice of the Mass, we offer our lives in sacrifice with Jesus through the priest to the Father in Heaven, thereby participating fully in the great mystery of our faith. It is a mystery and that makes it even more difficult to explain to others of different faiths and especially to those with no faith. Most people take the practice of physical exercise to maintain their body very seriously. Watching carefully not only what types of foods they consume, but also the types of physical exercise that they need to remain healthy. This is important for health, but we must remember that our body is temporary and we need to take care of our souls/spiritual needs too. Without care for our spiritual needs, our life is out of balance and you will quickly find that the daily problems of life will sneak up and make your life very mundane and meaningless. The stresses of life become unbearable. The celebration of Eucharist through the Mass provides the strength and essential "food" that is necessary to face the challenges that ordinary life brings. It brings rest and comfort to our life. Jesus gave us the words, "**This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.**" (Luke 22: 19) We are asked to set a small amount of time aside for the promise of an eternal reward. **Now, that is the reason we attend Church on Sundays.**



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The Power of Prayer

The St. Mary student body and staff will be praying this week for the needs, desires, and concerns of the Troy & Tara Albrecht Family (Nyla-Gr 2), the Tony Holbrook/Sally Kufner-Holbrook Family (Aniah- Gr 3), and the Peter & Nicole Oldenburg Family (Jameson – Pr3, Elizabeth-Kdg, Maggie-Gr 3). Please join us as we keep these families in our prayers this week. We would also like to keep in our prayers the souls of the faithful departed whom we remember during this month of November.

Magazine Sale

The totals have come in from the POPS Magazine Sale. Our profit this year and counting was **\$2144.79**. I say



counting because during the year we continue to receive online orders that add to our profit. Thank you to all the families that participated in our sale. We will be using the profits from the sale to complete the installation of SMART Boards in our homerooms. Mrs. Bowen’s room will be receiving a SMART Board in the very near future.

Veteran’s Day Recognition

On **Friday, November 11th**, there will be a veteran recognition ceremony at the Menasha Public Library at 11:00 am. The students in Mrs. Bergstrom’s class have been asked by the VFW to participate in the special recognition ceremony. We would like to cordially invite you to help us honor those Veterans both present and past with your attendance at this event if you are able.



Service Day!

Last year the 5th grade class provided a service cleanup day as part of our Winter Escape items. Mrs. Shirley Michalkiewicz from Neenah received this gift. The students spent some time after school last week providing a raking service helping Shirley’s mom clean her yard. Everyone enjoyed helping her with her yard work.



Box Tops for Education

Now that the holidays are coming up, I’m sure we are all thinking about shopping. The link below gives a quick video presentation on how to increase our box tops earnings through shopping marketplace on line.

I am amazed at the convenience of using box tops market place, paying with scrip (gift cards), and enjoying the free shipping that many merchants have this holiday season. It is so easy!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYioT6bTimw&feature=youtu.be>

St Mary School earnings from Box Tops:
Total earnings since 2002: \$11,211
2010 – 2011 earnings: \$1,577
We will be receiving a check in Dec for \$969.30
2011 – 2012 goal: \$1,893

Jumbo Gumbo

This is the weekend (Saturday, November 12th) **to rock with our Jumbo Gumbo celebration. Tickets can still be purchased in the school office. If you can't be present that evening, you can certainly help by purchasing raffle tickets (\$10/ticket). Your \$50 event ticket automatically enters you into drawings for some great prizes such as Brewer tickets, vacation packages and much more. Remember all profits go back to the TCCES school system, which allows us to provide a quality and affordable Catholic education for the Neenah-Menasha area. Check the TCCES website, www.tcces.org for other information.**



School Guidance News!

Attention Fifth Grade Parents: In the upcoming newsletters you will be seeing information on Conferencing with your student and myself. Your students have been preparing for this since 4th grade. This is a positive experience when we look at interests, skills, goals, and possible career paths that relate to what they have individually explored. Be on the lookout for information regarding sign-up.

The best way to contact me is by email at jwhiting@tcces.k12.wi.us

Jennifer Whiting, MS – Elementary Guidance Counselor

The SMC Musical – “13”

How does a 13-year old cope with his parents divorcing, having to move AND making new friends? This is what Evan Goldman wants to figure out in Jason Robert Brown's adolescent comedy **13**, a newly released musical to be performed by the St. Mary Central High School Zephyr Players. Full of classic teenage angst, hilarity and high-energy music, **13** will remind audience members of all ages that “cool” is where you find it, and sometimes where you least expect it.

13 will take place at James W. Perry Hall on the UW-Fox Valley campus in Menasha on **Friday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 19 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.** Ticket prices are \$12.00 for adults, \$10.00 for students and \$8.00 for senior citizens, and can be purchased at www.showtix4u.com or by calling 722-7796 ext. 104.



TCCES Holiday Office Hours

Its seems very hard to believe that I am publishing these hours now, but time is closer than you think.

Thanksgiving Break - Business Office hours: Wed Nov 23rd 8:00-3:00 pm

Closed Thursday (24th) /Friday (25th)

Christmas Break - Business Office hours: Tues Dec 27th to Thurs - Dec 29th 8:00 - 3:00 pm

Closed Friday Dec 23rd, Monday Dec 26th and Friday Dec 29th

Regular Office hours resume **January 2nd**

SMC Robotics Open House November 9 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Come see the SMC TEC team in action! They are busy preparing their robotics projects and tournament planning for the Wisconsin VEX Robotics Championship. All are welcome! For more information contact SMC at 722-7796.

TCCES Parents - Help SMC Win Cellcom's Project Innovate!!

As of this writing we are in 4th place. If you haven't voted ... please consider. Also send this to other family members and ask them to help us. There is only a little over a week left.

Cellcom is holding a contest that includes the nine high schools in the Fox Valley. The school that receives the most votes **between October 24th and November 22nd** will receive \$30,000 for technology. Second place receives \$15,000 and third gets \$5,000. Each person can vote only once and they must provide their e-mail address. It takes only a couple of moments. Please follow the link below and vote for St. Mary Central High School! Winning this contest would benefit all TCCES schools.

Click this link to [Cellcom's Project Innovate](#)

Vote for: St. Mary Central High School

All you do is click on the above link ... vote for SMC and provide your email address and you are done. You can also send to any of your friends or relatives. It would be fantastic to win the prize.