



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

Wednesday, April 21st

- 5th grade Retreat

Thursday, April 22nd

- State Tornado Drill

Sunday, April 25th

- 2nd grade First Communion

Thursday, April 29th

- Spring Concert (6:30 pm)

April Birthday Wishes!

Elizabeth Lawniczak	4/1
Tonia Schumacher	4/2
Lucy Griffith	4/12
Casyn Bowers	4/15
Alyssa Miller	4/17
Max Meyer	4/19
Natalie Brandt	4/21
Spencer Juchniewich	4/22
Will Lawniczak	4/22
David Brumbeloe	4/26
Nicholas Debraal	4/26
Frank Whiting	4/28

Catholic Identity ... Morality

We are now in the wonderful season of Easter. For the next 50 days in the church, we celebrate Jesus' redemptive act and we hear about the early church and the struggles the disciples had in laying the foundation of the church that Jesus had begun. Our April theme of Catholic Identity is very appropriate ... Catholic Morality. Catholic morality is about "life" in Christ. According to the words of John; "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (John: 10: 10). The essential principle of life in Christ is his law of Love ... to love God with all your heart, mind, and soul, and to love your neighbor as yourself. If you can follow this great commandment, you will be able to make ethical decisions for yourself and your family that will always make our world better. Anchoring ourselves and our family in choices that are based on the teachings of the Church and the concepts of freedom, truth, and conscience can be extremely difficult in our society of today. If we are confused about these life decisions, imagine how our children must feel when they are confronted on a daily basis as they are still trying to form these concepts in their head. It is extremely important that we can provide this direction for our children from a solid base that we believe. Here is a short list of Catholic morality bases that we can share with our children to point them in the right direction. The Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 1-12) are sometimes not discussed enough within our family settings. These two examples (US Catholic Catechism for Adults-Chapter 23) certainly will lay the foundation for our children to form a solid moral life in Christ.



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Student Council Officers

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to be Student Council Officers for the 4th and final quarter. They are:

President: Kennedy Calmes
Vice-President: Alex Albrecht
Treasurer: Cecilia Krautkramer
Secretary: Emma Schumacher
Buyers: Ryan Conn & Katelyn Gullickson



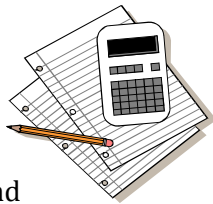
TCCES Uniform Policy (Shorts)

Several parents and students have asked the question when the uniform policy changes to allow for the addition of shorts to the uniform attire. **All TCCES schools allow shorts to be worn beginning May 1st.** We realize that the weather situation is so unpredictable during this time of the school year and there will be some warm days, but the administration has agreed that we would enact the shorts policy at a time when we felt the weather would be more predictable and consistently warmer. Therefore, beginning **Monday, May 3, 2010** will be the first day for the students to wear shorts to school.



MAP Testing

During the week of **April 26th through May 7th**, the students in Grades 2-5 will be administered their final MAP tests in reading, language, and math for this school year. We ask that during this week you help us in the following ways.



- Students need to be well rested, eat a good breakfast, and be on time for school.
- Stress that they try their best and they will not know all the answers to the questions
- Use their best test taking skills to answer the questions
- Take their time and ask for clarification if needed

Information about the MAP test will be provided to the parents the following week after the results are received.

The 5th Grade Retreat

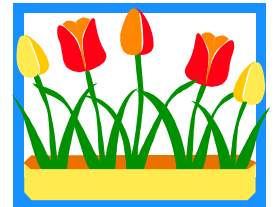
On **Wednesday, April 21st**, all 5th grade students in the TCCES system will attend their annual retreat at the Tabor Center in Menasha. The purpose of the retreat is to allow the students some time to reflect upon their Catholic faith and the challenges that they will face as they enter the middle school years. This retreat also provides them some time to meet and associate with new students who will be part of their class as they transition into Seton Catholic Middle School next year.

Kohl's Award Winners

Every year TCCES submits names of teachers and students to the Diocese of Green Bay for consideration in the Herb Kohl Award program. Congratulations to the 2010 Kohl's Award winners. They are Mrs. Chris Benrud, third grade teacher at St. Gabriel School and Jillian Harper, senior at St. Mary Central High School.

TCCES Spring Plant Sale

Think spring! TCCES sponsored fundraiser to receive tuition credit to your account is here!



Choose from \$10 gift cards from four different garden centers or beautiful hanging baskets from Pansies! Be sure to share the order form with family and friends. Orders are due **Thursday, April 22nd** and will be ready for pick up on **Thursday, May 6th** – just in time for Mother's Day on May 9th!

Contact Pam Pingel at 751-3771 or tpping@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

State Tornado Drill

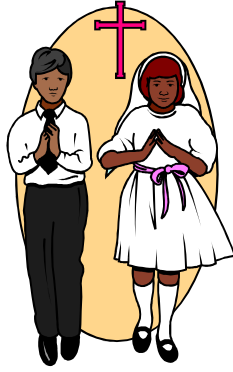
As part of our safety and security program, St. Mary Elementary School will be participating in the State Tornado Drill, which will take place on Thursday, April 22nd. The state drill is usually conducted at 1:00 pm. Due to our liturgy celebration on that day; we will conduct our tornado practice with the students after our liturgy celebration.

2nd Grade First Communion

The students in Miss Corsmeier's second grade class will receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist on Sunday, April 25th at 1:30 pm. We pray for the students as they receive their third sacrament and the one that allows them to fully participate in the liturgy celebration. Please join us as we pray for the following students:

Elliot Becker, David Brumbeloe, Teresa Dold, Matthew Grenell, Max Griffith, Claire Krautkramer, Molly Manderfield, Max Meyer, Lacey Murphy, Emma Murray, Noelle Schumacher, Katya Schumacher, Lydia VanRossum, Samantha Veitch, and Elizabeth Whiting.

A very special thank you to Miss Corsmeier for preparing them for this very special sacrament.



Spring Musical Program

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, April 29th**! St. Mary Elementary School will have our annual Spring Concert under the direction of Mr. Rhex Arboleda. The concert will feature all the students in the PreK program through grade 5. You are cordially invited to attend the dress rehearsal program at 1:00 pm in the afternoon or the main program presentation at 6:30 pm in the evening.



Reporting Sexual Abuse

As part of the diocesan policy of Protecting God's Children, all schools are expected to provide information to families about the reporting of incidents involving the sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer. If you know of an incident, please report this incident to **Ms. Ann Fox at 1-877-270-8174**. Should you prefer to report to someone not associated or employed by the diocese, please call Mr. Bob Johnson, executive director of American Foundation of Counseling Services in Green Bay and an individual will assist you in filing a report. Mr. Johnson's number is **1-920-437-8256**.

Congratulations to Mrs. Hawley

A very special congratulations to Mrs. Hawley and her husband Paul. They are proud parents of a little baby boy, Landon Leonard. He was born April 8th at 5:16am, weighed 7 lbs 11 oz. Everyone is doing well.



Girl Scouts Princess Party

The 5th grade Girl Scouts are hosting a Princess Party for all 4-year-old PK and Kindergarten girls that are interested in joining Girl Scouts next year. The Princess party will be on Tuesday, April 20th from 3-4:30pm in the cafeteria at St. Mary's school. There will be a parent meeting from 4 - 4:30pm, also in the cafeteria. Please contact Charlene Brumbeloe with any questions at Charlene.Brumbeloe@kcc.com

Son-Sational Summer

Son-Sational Summer is TCCES summer childcare program. In its seventh year, this faith-based program offers a variety of scheduling options to allow families the flexibility to meet their individual needs during the summer months. Son-Sational Summer runs from June 7 until August 13. Registration forms went out a couple weeks ago. For additional information and questions please contact Katie Rippl at 729-4565 or via e-mail kripl@tcces.k12.wi.us

St. Mary Parish Brunch

St. Mary Parish will hold their annual spring brunch on **Sunday, April 18th from 8:00-12:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. Besides the delicious food, there is an opportunity to be part of the cash raffle. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The grand prize is \$1,000. Brunch Cost: Adults - \$8.00; Children (3-10 yrs) \$4.00 and children under 2 are free.

