



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)

Friday, April 30th

- Mass @ 8:15 am

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

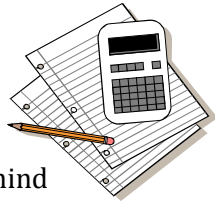
Decisions are made everyday that involve choosing something right and ethical over something that is wrong and immoral. It is our responsibility as parents to assist, guide, and educate our children to make those crucial life decisions. God has provided us with the tools to assist us in that educational process. They are the **Ten Commandments**. On the corner of our church parking lot is a reminder of those simple guidelines that adults and children are asked to follow if they want to live a moral Christian life. We may have been taught the Ten Commandments many years ago but you may not remember them completely. I challenge you to recite them to your children. If you are you able to recite them correctly, can you relate them to practical examples that your children should follow on a daily basis? In addition to those commandments do we realize how they relate to the new law of love that Jesus gave to us through his suffering, death, and resurrection (the Paschal mystery)? In the New Testament, Jesus proclaimed this new law of love through his **Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5: 3-12)**. It was there that he provided us with the **Beatitudes**. The Beatitudes gave spirit to the Ten Commandments because they explained what is to be done to be a true follower of Jesus. **Allow me this example: Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.** Common sense tells us that experiencing sadness is bad. However, it is only through mourning, a part of our human condition, that we can sensitize ourselves to the fact that we are a people in need of God's healing grace. This week read over the Commandments and the Beatitudes with your children. These are great sources of morality.



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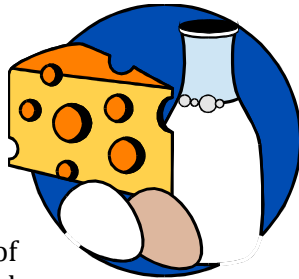
Summer Bridge Books

As I stated in a previous newsletter, it is extremely important to keep your child/ren's mind active during the summer months. Academic skills in reading, math, and language can regress very quickly if they are left unattended. The **order form for Summer Bridge Books** is attached to the newsletter e-mail. We are partnering with the Learning Shop in Appleton to provide these books for our school families. This is just one option that families may choose for their child/ren during the summer. Other options include summer school classes through Menasha Joint School District, tutoring, and special classes through UW-Fox Valley extension. You know your child the best so please choose something for your child/ren. The Bridge Book order forms are due **by Friday, April 30th** so that they will arrive before our June dismissal.



Food Service Update

The TCCES Food Service is in need of your opinion on a new program that they would like to pilot in our school next year. This federal program involves the offering of a morning breakfast/nutritional break at the school. The survey information form is attached to the newsletter email. This program is offered to any kindergarten through grade five students and could be included in our morning milk program. Please return this form to the school office as soon as possible.



Spring Musical Program

Come and celebrate our Spring Concert on **Thursday, April 29th**! Our theme this year is "All Creatures Great and Small". Each grade will be performing several songs along with our finale. You will have two opportunities to see the program. There is a dress rehearsal at 1:00 pm in the gym or you may come to the evening performance at 6:30 pm.



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.

MAP Testing

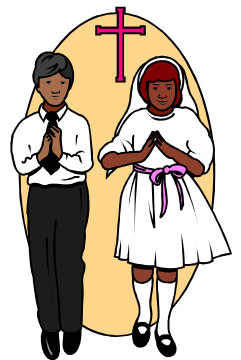
During the week of **April 26th through May 7th**, the students in Grades 2-5 will be administered their final MAP tests in reading, language, and math for this school year. We ask that during this week you help us in the following ways.

- Students need to be well rested, eat a good breakfast, and be on time for school.
- Stress that they try their best and they are not expected to 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.

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 celebration of the Mass. Please keep the students in your prayers.



2010 Astronomy Day

This year's theme is: International Year of Solar Astronomy. This is a free event at the Barlow planetarium on Saturday, April 24th. Check out the website for further details. www.new-star.org

Liturgy Change

Next week, **our liturgy celebration will change from Thursday, April 29th (1 pm) to Friday, April 30th (8:15 am)**. Since our dress rehearsal for our Spring Concert is scheduled for 1 pm on the Thursday, we needed to move our liturgy celebration to Friday. Please join us for liturgy on Friday morning if you are able.

End of the Year School Trip

The students from grades K through 5 and the staff will be going to Bay Beach on Tuesday, June 1st for the day to celebrate another wonderful year. Please consider taking time to join us for this trip. We are always looking for chaperones. **Please remember... in order to chaperone this trip, you must be VIRTUS trained.**

Winagamie Golf Academy

Winagamie Golf Course in Appleton is again offering a summer golf program for students ranging in age from 4-14. Brochures are available in the office. Other information about the program or registration forms can be found by visiting their website at www.winagamiegolf.com.



Girl Scouts Celebrated Mass

Last weekend, the Girl Scouts from St. Mary's celebrated Girl Scout Sunday at the 10:30 mass. Emma Schumacher received the "I Live My Faith" Religious Award.



The "I Live My Faith" program is designed to help Girl Scouts appreciate more deeply the place that God and religion occupy in their daily lives. To receive the award, the girl must complete specific activities that focus on developing an awareness of her potential as a growing person, friend, family member, citizen, and a participant in the community of faith. Congratulations Emma!

The Wedding of Q & U

The kindergarten students as part of their reading and religion program had a very special wedding ceremony on Monday. It was the wedding of Mr. Q to Ms. U. As everyone knows the letters Q and U are inseparable in the English language (quiet, quack, quarter, quality just to name a few).



Therefore, the students had a wedding ceremony to help them remember this unique quality/concept of these letters. It was a wonderful ceremony and all the kindergarten students had a part in the wedding ceremony.

Cub Scouts Sack it to Good Will



St. Mary's Cub Scout pack 3050 did a good turn deed this weekend by participating in the Sack It to Good Will campaign. The boys gathered clothing and household items for Good Will. Participating were:

Joseph Lambie, David Brumbeloe, Max and Mason McParlon, Eric and Nathan Sandvig.

Community Clothes Closet Campaign

Community Clothes Closet upcoming campaign is "Shirts for Squirts" which provides clothing for children sizes 4T to 18. They are asking if we would be willing to assist them with shirts, pants, jackets, and shoes. These are the items they are in urgent need of. More than 405,000 clothing items were distributed to over 11,500 people in 2009. Most of them were under the age of 18. You may drop off any article of clothing in the office.