



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

Thursday, April 29th

- Spring Concert (6:30 pm)

Friday, April 30th

- Mass @ 8:15 am

Wednesday, May 5th

- Rat River Trip – Gr 4

Friday, May 7th

- National Children's Theatre Presentation

Tuesday, May 11th

- Elementary Band Concert @ St. Mary's (6:30 pm)

Friday, May 14th

- May Crowning – 2 pm

Tuesday, May 18th

- 4th grade trip to State Capitol

Wednesday, May 19th

- City Track & Field Day at Calder Stadium (Gr 3-5)

April Birthday Wishes!

David Brumeloe	4/26
Nicholas Debraal	4/26
Frank Whiting	4/28

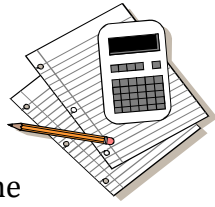
Catholic Identity ... Morality

On Sunday, I was privileged to be a part of the second grade students' celebration of their reception of the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. It was a beautiful ceremony with everyone dressed in their very best to honor the solemnity of this day. The smiles and excitement on the children's faces was everywhere you looked. The children can now fully participate in the celebration of the liturgy by receiving Eucharist. The Sacrament of Eucharist has its origins in the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his Apostles and it is the center of our Catholic faith. It was at this special meal that Jesus made a pledge of his love to the Apostles, and stated that he would never leave them ... he would always be present in their lives. This wonderful mystery that has been passed on for centuries is the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the spiritual food that is necessary in our lives if we are to live and act like Jesus. Without this sacrament in our life, the choices and crosses in our lives take on more of a challenge. As parents to our first communicants, it is our responsibility and duty to continue to nurture this spiritual gift in their lives. The way to fulfill this responsibility is to provide that opportunity of Eucharist to our children every week by our attendance at Sunday liturgy. Without this spiritual food, Eucharist for our children, they will struggle and find it difficult to lead a life of morality and love. Hopefully, that smile and excitement that I saw on Sunday will always be there as we give our children the chance to receive Eucharist and allow them to grow their relationship with God.



Summer Bridge Books

If you are planning to order a Summer Bridge book for your child, all order forms are due to the school office by **Friday, April 30th**.



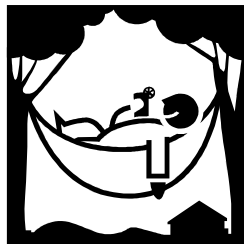
Alice in DairyLand

The students in Grade 4 were treated to a special guest speaker last week. Miss Alice in DairyLand, Cheryl O'Brien, spoke to the students about the wonderful agricultural benefits that exist in the State of Wisconsin. Her presentation highlighted different areas of the state and the special commodities that are produced in those communities. For example did you know that Wisconsin produces over 600 varieties of cheese and the cheese center for our state is found in Monroe, Wisconsin?



Retirement Announcement

It is with deep sadness, but joy that I inform you of the retirement of Mrs. Chris Laus from our school and system at the end of this year. Chris has decided to spend a little more time with her grandchildren. She has spent over twenty years teaching and guiding children at St. Mary's. It has always been a special treat to watch and listen to her students host their first liturgy in first grade. Mrs Laus will certainly be missed but not forgotten. I will begin the search for a replacement for Mrs. Laus and hopefully inform you of that person before the end of the year.



Spring Musical Program

Don't forget that our Spring Concert, "All Creatures Great and Small" is tomorrow. 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. Doors will open at 6:00 pm for families.



Fall Soccer Sign-ups

Attached to your Wednesday newsletter email you should find forms for the TCCES 2010 Fall Soccer Sign-up. The TCCES Elementary Soccer program is for all students entering grades 3-6 next school year. Since we must have all information into the league before the end of this year, we are asking you to complete these participation forms by **Friday, May 7th**. If you choose not to participate and complete a form now, you will not be eligible to sign-up in the fall when the rosters are set. Please keep that in mind as you make your choice.



TCCES Elementary Band Concert



The TCCES Elementary Band under the direction of Mr. Larry Orth will perform their Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 11th in St. Mary's gym at 6:30 pm. All families are invited to attend but a special invitation is being given to the 3rd grade students/families who will have the opportunity to join the band program next year. Parents of third graders might be interested in the opportunities that band presents to their children and the progress that can be made in just one year. Mr. Orth will also be available to answer questions.

Community Clothes Closet Campaign

Community Clothes Closet needs your help for their "Shirts for Squirts" campaign. This project 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. There is a drop box in the office.

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.**

May Crowning

Our May Crowning prayer service will be held on **Friday, May 14th at 2:00 pm in church.** This special prayer service will include the crowning of Mary with flowers and the recitation of the rosary by the students. You are cordially invited to join us in prayer. The month of May is Mary's month and it is very fitting to participate in this special devotion.

SMC Girls Soccer Grade/Middle School Night

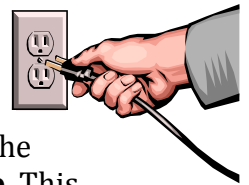
SMC invites you to you to attend Grade/Middle School Night on Monday, May 17, 2010 as the SMC Girls Soccer Team challenges Kewaunee at 7:00 p.m.

Each student will receive a coupon for a beverage and popcorn and be entered in a drawing for some great prizes.

Come out to see the excitement of SMC girls soccer!

National Children's Theatre

On Friday, May 7th the National Children's Theatre from Minneapolis will present the program, **Mission, It's Possible.** This program is sponsored through WE Energies and explains to the students how to conserve energy in their homes and school through a play format. The program is scheduled for 1:00 pm (K-2) and 1:30 pm (3-5).



Art Room Request

If you have extra plastic bags, the type you get from the grocery store, Mrs. Tews is looking for some. They are free and will be recycled. Please bring your extra bags to the office.

Father of compassion, give us the gift of your Spirit of love, gratitude, and forgiveness. Do not let self-interest and vengeance be the yardstick we employ in our lives, but help us to measure by your rule of compassion and justice.