



ST. MARY

THE BUSS TRIP

Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, September 24th

- Liturgy @ 1 pm
- POPS Magazine Sale Kickoff @ 2:30 pm

Thursday, October 1st

- Culvers Night 5:00-8:00

Wednesday, October 7th

- Liturgy @ 1 pm (moved this week)

Thursday, October 8th

- Picture Retake Day

- Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, October 13th

Parent Teacher Conferences

St. Mary ... Celebrates Our Catholic Identity

One of the most important symbols that you will find in every one of the rooms in school is the "**Crucifix**" on the wall. The reason for it might not be obvious to everyone. This one symbol of our church, the Crucifix, characterizes our faith in a nutshell. We are to teach and act as Jesus did and to think of others first ... to be of service to others even before ourselves. That thought is quite counter-cultural especially looking at our society today and the individuals hold, even some Catholics. Children by their very nature are selfish and always looking out for themselves. It is then very appropriate and essential that we teach them to be willing to use the gifts that have been given to them for the service of others and the betterment of the world at large. The "Crucifix" shows that quality of service in a quick snapshot to children. Where is the "Crucifix" in your household?



James 3: 16-18 (Sunday's reading)

"For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice ... and the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace."

MAP Testing

By the end of this week, the students in grades 2—5 will have completed the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing. This new testing tool was introduced last year in our system and takes the place of the old Iowa Test of Basic Skills. MAP evaluates the knowledge base of a child in reading, math, and language arts. This new testing tool is a national program that is being used by the Green Bay Diocese and many public schools have moved to this instrument for evaluating the progress of students. More information will be provided to the parents at the Parent Teacher Conferences in October (8th & 13th).



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Student Council Officers

The officers of the Student Council were chosen for the 1st quarter. They are:

President: Ryan Murray
Vice President: Kennedi Calmes
Treasurer: Katelyn Gullickson
Secretary: Regan Andersen
School Store Buyers: Alex Albrecht
& Joseph Stinski



POPS Magazine Sale

We will kick-off the POPS Magazine Sale on Thursday, September 24th. Information about this sale will be sent home in the Wednesday folders. This important fundraising event is specifically for the POPS group and the many activities that they do throughout the year. At Parent Night, one of the representatives of POPS explained a small list of extra things they do for all the students. As you enter your child's classroom make sure to notice the dry erase boards that were given this year as a result of POPS funds. We are encouraging each family to buy or sell 5 magazines for POPS. All profits from this effort come back to your child/ren. Thank you for your support.

