



St. Mary's Bell

Mission Statement: St. Mary's Catholic School is a parish ministry that actively assists families by fostering community while providing Catholic formation within a strong academic program.

Feb 26, 09

Week at a Peek
3/1/09
CONFERENCE WEEK

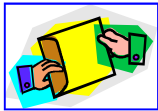


Wed, 3/4
Early Dismiss @ 11am
CONFERENCES 1-5pm
BOOK FAIR 7:30am-3pm
Diocese Band Concert @ 7pm
@ G-Prep
SAC Mtg @ 5pm

Thur, 3/5
Mass @ 8:15am
Early Dismiss @ 11am
CONFERENCES 1-4:45pm
and 6-8pm
BOOK FAIR 7:30am-3pm

Fri, 3/6
Early Dismiss @ 11am
SPRING MUSICAL @ 10:15am
in the gym
CONFERENCES 12:30-3pm
BOOK FAIR 7:30am-3pm
Fish Fry @ 5:30 in gym,
Stations of the Cross @ 7pm

**2009-10 SCHOOL
REGISTRATION**



**DUE TOMORROW!
2/27/09**

PUPPY!!

We would like to have a puppy for the Auction. If you know a breeder or have connections with someone who has a dog expecting puppies, please let the Auction Chairs know!

Dan & Colleen Kinney
979-3659

Prayer of the Week:

"This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly...setting free the oppressed..."
Isaiah 58:6



NAUDITT'S NOTES:

Dear Parents,

It was so nice to see so many of you at the Mass on Ash Wednesday. It was a good way for us to start the season of Lent as a community. Father John had spoken with the children in our school Mass on the Thursday before Lent started about giving up something, or doing something extra during Lent. Catholics have traditionally given up something they like during Lent to remind themselves of Jesus' sacrifice. Most of the children in the school are below the age of 14, so they are not 'officially' obligated to give up meat on Fridays during Lent, but we have planned meatless Fridays on the hot lunch menu, and I know that many families observe the tradition of no meat on Fridays during Lent.

There are several other Lenten activities that you might like to consider as a family. Your child should have received a 'Rice Bowl.' The 'Rice Bowl' is a Lenten project of Catholic Relief Services. Using the 'Rice Bowl' you may choose to pray for those who are touched by the reality and challenge of poverty. You may also use the 'Rice Bowl' as an opportunity to learn about the people and countries that are served by Catholic Relief Services. Some families use the simple recipes included with the 'Rice Bowl' as an opportunity to fast to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world who do not have enough food. Finally, you may use the 'Rice Bowl' as an opportunity to put faith into action by donating money in the 'Rice Bowl' during Lent. (When my girls were growing up, we certainly did our part to help the hungry by donating to the 'Rice Bowl' whenever they bickered!) You might be interested to know that 75% of the funds collected in the 'Rice Bowls' supports Catholic Relief Services' efforts overseas in the areas of agriculture, clean water, microfinance, mother and child health projects, education and HIV/AIDS projects. The remaining 25% of the resources are used within our diocese to fund local hunger and poverty alleviation projects.

Other choices you might wish to consider for your family during Lent might be to attend some parish activities. You might make a commitment to attend Mass each weekend during Lent. You might attend the Fish Fry on Friday evenings (5:30- 6:45pm) and stay for the Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the Church. You might also consider attending Taize prayer on Wednesday evenings as a family. It begins at 7pm. Colleen McLean, school parent and Adult Religious Education Coordinator for the parish, is coordinating Tuesday evening prayer and study gatherings for adults from 6:30- 8:30pm. A different topic and speaker is scheduled for each Tuesday evening. All of these would be great opportunities for faith development during Lent.

Finally, I would encourage you to take time during Lent to pray together as a family. I know how hectic life can be, but I truly believe that family prayer is vital. It doesn't have to be long or even formal, just a sharing of something for which you are grateful, or an intention for someone.

Blessings and peace during this season of Lent,

Lauri Nauditt



St. Mary's Catholic School 14601 E. 4th Ave. Spokane, WA 99216 (509)924-4300
Web-www.stmarysspokane.org Email—school@stmarysspokane.org
"St. Mary's Catholic School is an equal opportunity provider."

“Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”


SOFT/BASEBALL COACHES MEETING:

There will be a softball/baseball coaches meeting for 5th - 8th grade coaches next Thursday March 5th at 6:00 at St. John Vianney Gym , 420 North Farr Rd. See you there!

MARCH CONFERENCES:

Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming. Sign-up slips went home with your student Wed, 2/18. Please return your sign-up sheet to the office no later than Fri, 2/27.

ALL DIOCESE BAND CONCERT:

 There will be an all Diocese Band Concert on Wed, March 4 at G-Prep. Band students need to arrive for rehearsal by 6:30pm and the concert begins at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

SMART:

Smart gift cards (3 for \$1.50) and greeting cards (\$1.00 each or 10 for \$8.50) are back just in time for spring Easter baskets and Mother's Day! If you buy them, your kids will enjoy better art supplies in the classroom! You can get them in the office. Thank you for your support!

CONGRATULATIONS SEAN:

Sean Self won the KC District Free Throw contest with a completion of 17 of 25! Way to go Sean!



BLOOD DRIVE:

Knights of Columbus and St Mary's Catholic Church are having a Blood Drive on Friday, Feb 27th from 4-7pm in the Gym. **BE A HERO, donate blood!**



FOOD ITEMS CHURCH IS COLLECTING FOR ST VINCENT DePAUL:

Please help out the church in collecting these food items for St Vincent DePaul each month. You can send the items with your student to church on Thursday's:

February-Bar Soap & Toothpaste

LENT

- March 1-Cereal & Crackers
- March 8-Canned Fruits & Vegetables
- March 15-Pasta & Rice
- March 22-Peanut Butter & Jelly
- March 29-Macaroni & Cheese
- April 5-Ramen Noodles & Soups
- April 12-Mayonnaise & Tuna

Rest of April-Ketchup & Mustard

May-Cereal & Crackers

June-Canned Fruits & Vegetables

Attention FUN St. Mary's Parents!

We have the pig and a place for the pig roast, now we just need **YOU!!** We are looking for a group of fun, energetic parents to host a **Pig Roast** that we would like to offer as part of the LIVE Auction! If you are interested, please contact Peggy in the Development



or Grace Development Office.

Spend the night at the Mirabeau Park Hotel the night of the auction. Make your reservation by calling 924-9000 or online at www.mirabeauparkhotel.com. Use group code **STMA** and get a special rate of \$85 for the night of April 25th.

Auction Class Projects are underway! Please consider donating to your child's class project. Turn your donation slip and donation in to the Development Office.

An Auction Favorite... Dinner A Month!!

We are in need of **5** volunteers to provide a homemade dinner to the lucky bid winner! Please contact Peggy in the Dev. Office if you are interesting in helping.

Auction Most Wanted List

- Dining Certificates for Downtown Restaurants
- Gas Scrip Cards
- Cooler & Supplies for a day at the beach
- Ski Condo
- Use of a RV for a summer get away
- Girls Night Out Party
- Tickets to Sporting Events

Erin Go Bragh

Donations are arriving daily! Here are a few items that have come in so far...

- **Arbor Crest Wine Tasting Party for 12 people**
- **Autographed Adam Morrison Carolina Bobcats Jersey**
- **Antique Emerald and Diamond Ring**
- **Ethiopian Dinner for 12**
- **Wine Refrigerator filled with wine**
- **Lamb**

Papa Murphy's Pizza Night!

Mark your calendar for March 11th....

St. Mary's new fundraiser!

Papa Murphy's Pizza Night!

Papa Murphy's will donate \$3.00 to St. Mary's for any Family Size pizza, \$2.00 for any Large pizza and \$1.00 for any Medium Pizza purchased at **regular** menu price on March 11th.

Participating Locations:

13514 E. Sprague

9122 E. Sprague

Pizza Night Invitations will be sent home with your child March 9th.

The Auction Basket Committee is busy putting together baskets for the Auction. They are looking for the following items to complete a few baskets:

- Scrip!!
- Tea Gift Card
- Coffee Press
- White and Red Wine
- Brown, Royal Blue and Pink Shreds
- Family board games
- DVD's and movie candy
- WSU t-shirt, hat, water bottle
- Hunting and camping gear
- Spring gardening items
- Guy Stuff (car wash supplies, car accessories, small hand tools)
- Children's outside toys

SCRIP COMBO PACKAGES

We've made it easy for you to buy Scrip! We have put together several combo packages to make your shopping easier. Choose from Everyday Scrip Packages, Entertainment, Dining on the Run and more!! Check out the SCRIP COMBO PACKAGES flyer attached to the Bell!

Dessert Extravaganza

Back again this year by popular demand is the

Dessert Extravaganza!

We are in need of 4 more volunteers to provide a homemade dessert to the lucky bid winner! If you have a special dessert you would like to share, please contact Peggy in the Development Office.

VOLUNTEER HOURS RECORDING SHEET:

The school is keeping track of the 20 required Volunteer Hours per family, per school year. Please fill out this form, sign and date it, have the event coordinator/teacher sign for the hours provided, and turn it into the Office. Thank you!

Date of Event	Event AND Hours	Event Coordinator/Teacher
Date of Event	Event AND Hours	Event Coordinator/Teacher
Date of Event	Event AND Hours	Event Coordinator/Teacher
Date of Event	Event AND Hours	Event Coordinator/Teacher
Parent Signature	Date	

**A NEW and EASY way to order SCRIP GIFT CARDS!!
SCRIP GIFT CARD COMBO PACKAGES**

Filled or Partial Fill: Check # _____ Cash _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Order Date: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Scrip for Every Day #1

Groceries: Fred Meyer (\$50)
 Gas: Fred Meyer (\$25)
 Coffee: Starbucks (\$25)
 Total per package: **\$100.00**

Scrip for Every Day #2

Groceries: Safeway (\$50)
 Gas: Shell (\$25)
 Coffee: Starbucks (\$25)

#1	_____ X \$100= \$_____
#2	_____ X \$100= \$_____
Total above = \$_____	

Entertainment #1

Movie: Regal Cinemas (\$25)
 Dinner: Red Robin (\$25)
 Total per package: **\$50.00**

Entertainment #2

Movie: AMC Theaters (\$25)
 Dinner: Olive Garden (\$25)

#1	_____ X \$50= \$_____
#2	_____ X \$50= \$_____
Total above = \$_____	

Pizza & Movie #1

Movie: Regal Cinemas (\$25)
 Pizza: Pizza Hut (\$20)
 Package Total: **\$45.00**

#1	_____ X \$45= \$_____
Total above = \$_____	

Dinner On The Run #1

McDonald's (\$10)
 Subway (\$10)
 Dairy Queen (\$10)
 Total per package: **\$30.00**

Dinner On The Run #2

Wendy's (\$10)
 Arby's (\$10)
 Burger King (\$10)

#1	_____ X \$30= \$_____
#2	_____ X \$30= \$_____
Total above = \$_____	

Birthday/Holiday Gifts For Her #1

Bath & Body (\$25)
 Macy's (\$25)
 JC Penney (\$25)

#1	_____ X \$75= \$_____
#2	_____ X \$75= \$_____
#3	_____ X \$75= \$_____
Total above = \$_____	

Birthday/Holiday Gifts For Him #2

Cabelas (\$25)
 Lowes (\$25)
 Best Buy (\$25)

Birthday/Holiday Gifts for the Kids/Family #3

Hastings (\$30)
 Toys R Us (\$20)
 Barnes & Noble (\$25)
 Total per package **\$75.00**

Grand Total \$_____

I will pick up my order: _____ in Office _____ in Educare (Contact Scrip office)

Reading is the Ticket - Silverwood Passes

On or about January 21st, all students K - 8th grade received a reading log for this **very fun** and **rewarding program**. By reading 600 minutes between now and March 26 students can receive a free Silverwood Pass. For students 7 and older this is a \$41 value. For every 15 students that participate, we also receive a free pass for a teacher.

Students can read themselves or parents can read to or with them. Simply log the date; book, newspaper or magazine; and minutes on their reading log and parent initial their reading time. They need to log each reading session - please do not make bulk entries. We cannot award passes unless the students complete the logs properly. The program also requires that the reading may not be part of homework or in-class assigned reading. This works out to about ten minutes per day of reading if the student started when the logs were made available so it doesn't require a lot of extra time spent reading daily. Extra log forms are available in the Development Office if students need additional forms. Completed reading logs must be turned in to the student's teacher the morning of March 27. The school submits the names of students who have completed their reading to the program and we receive the passes on or before May 5. They may be used from June 9 to September 28 this year. Happy Reading!

VOLUNTEER CORNER

URGENT HELPERS FOR SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!! March 4-6th! A few volunteers are needed to run the point of sale machines mostly for the busiest times of the fair which are first thing in the morning at 7:30 and then also right after early dismissal at 11:00 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please email me right away if you are interested so I can let our librarian know who she can expect on those days! THANK YOU!

A special note about "at-home" volunteer opportunities:

There are close to 60 names I have on a list for people that are interested in things that can be done from home. I completely understand how this is a very appealing way to fulfill volunteer hours, however, I feel I should let everyone know that there aren't many opportunities that come around to let everyone on the list have a shot at them. I strongly encourage you to give me a call or send me an email to let me know what your availability is and I wouldn't be surprised if we could help you fulfill your volunteer hours on an auction committee.

AUCTION VOLUNTEER NOTES:

LIVE auction: 12-15 volunteers are needed. Shifts are 30-40 minutes long. These volunteers hold up the items on stage as the auctioneer calls out for bids. Also, we are looking for a person who would be able to be present for the entire portion of the LIVE auction who could be in charge of handing the stage people their "props" as they head up on to the stage. *You do not need to be purchasing dinner or attending the auction to assist with this committee!*

Basket Committee has begun meeting to assemble the baskets for the silent auction! Day time, evenings and some weekend times available!

Raffle Ticket Sales: 2-3 people will still be needed to fill this committee! Shift is 4:15-6 pm! *You do not need to be purchasing dinner or attending the auction to assist with this committee!*

Theresa Amble

tiaamble@gmail.com

892-0420

LENTEN ADULT PRAYER & STUDY



TUESDAY EVENINGS

6:30 - 8:30 PM

MARY & MARTHA ROOM/PSC

Join us with a different topic and speaker each Tuesday evening during Lent for prayer and study of our Sacred Scripture & Catholic faith. It is a great opportunity to deepen understanding and belief in this holy season.

March 3, 10, 17, 24 and April 7
(not March 31 due to Spring Break)

Call Colleen for more information and to register (FREE!)
928-3210, x108