



# 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.

Sept 24, 09

"Week at a Peek"  
9/28/09

**Mon 9/28**  
Student Council Elections

**Tues 9/29**  
Parish Women's Tea 11:30 -2  
In the gym

**Thur. 10/1**  
Mass @ 8:15am

**Fri. 10/2**  
FREE DRESS-Earned Fun Run  
T-shirts w/jeans or shorts



Coming October 1...  
Can you guess how much the pumpkin weighs? See page 6 for details

## Auction Alert!

Get a head start on your Auction donations! Take advantage of the end of the season sales on gardening and BBQ supplies.

Use a Gift Card (Scrip) to make your purchase! We have Shopko, Lowe's & Wal-Mart Gift Cards in stock in the office.

### Prayer of the Week:

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." *Psalm 111:10*



### NAUDITT'S NOTES:

Dear Parents,

Many of you who have children in the upper grades know that we are in the midst of Student Council elections here at school. We have an unprecedented number of candidates for offices this year and I am looking forward to the voting for Student Council officers on Monday, September 28. Student Council is one of the ways that students are able to take on roles at St. Mary's that help form them as leaders. Students in the lower grades will hear speeches from our Student Council candidates on Friday morning. It might be a great family discussion topic to share how you go about making decisions as adults in casting your ballots for candidates. I am very grateful to Mr. Kevin Schultz for taking on the extra duties of Student Council. I know this activity really makes a difference for our students!

Those of you with students who use Educare will have noticed our new automated sign in and out! This system was written and developed by Herb Dierks who is a parent of Sarah (grade 3), Gracie (PK3) and Lucas (too young for St. Mary's). The system basically works like a time clock. You will need to key in your child/children's student number when you check in at school for before school care. Students are then clocked out by Educare staff at 7:50. They will be logged in by Educare staff members as they arrive for after school care, and you will need to log them out when you pick them up after school. If you forget to log your child out, the computer will assume that they stayed for the maximum length of time, and you will be billed accordingly. We will be keeping the paper sign in sheets for the rest of the month of September to be sure that the system is operating properly, but will go paperless in October. Having an automated system will allow us to ensure adequate staffing of the Educare (knowing how many children use the program each hour of the day) and also provide greater accuracy in billing. It will also be a huge time saver for me. When I took on the billing for Educare 5 years ago, our program was very small. We had a handful of students that used care in the morning, and usually about 20 students who used after school care. The program has really expanded, and so has the amount of time it takes to key in the hours and minutes used by children each day. I am deeply grateful to Herb for developing this program for the school. Some of you may wonder why we didn't go to an automated program sooner...the answer is that commercial programs that do this are very expensive. It is a type of program that is very similar to the one that we purchased to help us track hot lunch, and the cost for that program was over \$2500 and it requires a yearly fee of several hundred dollars to update our subscription.

The technology committee at St. Mary's is an amazing group! They have worked to make our website a truly useful tool for communication and we keep track of who is absent or tardy and who is ordering hot lunch by utilizing programs that were developed by this committee. Their vision has helped us make changes to the infrastructure and purchase hardware and software that allows our students to learn about technology and then integrate it into their learning. You don't have to be a software engineer to be part of the tech committee. If you have any questions or would like to attend the next meeting e-mail Diana Thomas [dthomas@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:dthomas@dioceseofspokane.org). Diana is our technology teacher and coordinator here at St. Mary's. (Technology committee meetings are held in the evenings and are a perfect venue for those who have day jobs to fulfill their volunteer commitment!)

Peace,  
Lauri Nauditt

"We are Called..."

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."

**Important Dates to Remember**

**Sept. 25** Valleyfest Parade  
7:00.(line up at 6:30)

**Oct. 7** Fun Run!!

**CHILD SICK...aaachoo:**

Please call the office when your child will be staying home due to illness, etc. If we do not here from you by 8:30am, we will be calling you. We care about your children and want to know they are safe.



**VOICEMAIL FOR TEACHERS:**

Teacher's have voicemail. If you need to get a message to a teacher, you can leave them a voicemail. The teacher's will check their voicemail periodically through the day. You need to call the school at 924-4300 and then ask for their extension. Teacher and staff extensions are posted on the school website and also in previous Bell articles.

**RECYCLE:**

Recycle your ink cartridges, toner cartridges and cell phones through St. Mary's. The school earns money on each cartridge & cell phone!



**SCHOOL DIRECTORIES:**

The school directories will be out in approximately two weeks. They will go home with your "Bulletin" student.



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**Attention New Families**  
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☆☆ the **Fun Run** and how your  
☆☆ kids can earn their t-shirt, let  
☆☆ us know! Stop in the Devel-  
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☆☆ (ext. 205) or Terri (ext. 206)  
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**AUCTION KICK-OFF PARTY**  
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Saturday, October 17th  
6:30pm  
David and Dalyn Boehm  
2806 S. Man O' War Lane  
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Mark your calendars and come help us kick-off the  
**38th Annual Auction!!**  
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- Attachments to this Bulletin are:**
- Guess the Pumpkin Contest Information flyer
  - St. Mary's Catholic Church Youth Group Registration
  - Adult Education flyer
  - Intro to Strings & Strings Class flyers;
  - Spokane Youth Chorus Audition Information
  - October Activities/Hot Lunch Calendar

**Gift Cards**

Sign up for a Gift Card s (previously known as Scrip) Standing Order before Oct.30th and your name will be put in a drawing for a \$25 Gift Card of your choice! Order forms are in the office.

**New Gift Card (Scrip) Retailers ~**

- Albertsons - \$25 & \$100
- Honey Baked Ham - \$10
- Holiday Gas Station - \$25
- Aeropostale - \$25
- Game Stop - \$25
- REI Sporting Goods - \$25
- Visa Rewards Card - \$25, \$50 & \$100

We LOVE our Fun Run Volunteers!

Thank you!!

Data Input Volunteers: Leanne Shaurette, Shelley Dolsby, Wanda Walsh & Stacie Bays.

Sponsor Letter Counters: Martha Torres, Annie Chermak, Cathy Carter, Tammy Majeskey, Jo Fielding, Deb Horton, Lisa Dumais, Colleen Kinney, Shannon Williams, Suzie Murphy, Misty Wyen, Mardi Williamson and Tiffany Vanderpool.



Mail Prep: Sandy Terry, Amber Huettl and Karla & Pat Horton

Fun Run Team Captains Lead The Pack

1st Grade:	Vanessa Miranda	Aaron Nolting
2nd Grade:	Taylor Pearson	Jordan Boehm
3rd Grade:	Katrina Cammack	Noah Waxman
4th Grade:	Olivia Miranda	Grant Geil
5th Grade:	Taylor Miranda	Ray Urbaniak
6th Grade:	Mary Kienbaum	Josh Borja
7th Grade:	Erin Abigail	James Kolb
8th Grade:	Keisha Hood	Jeremiah Borja

**Congratulations**

**Fun Run Penny Grab Winners!!**

**Week 2**

1st grade	Riley Savage	
2nd grade	Virgil Bays	76¢
3rd grade	Larkin McLean	\$1.76
4th grade	Jordan Laird	
7th grade	Connor McLean	
8th grade	Devon Savage	\$2.28

**FUN RUN \* FUN RUN \* FUN RUN \* FUN RUN \* FUN RUN**

**2009 FUN RUN is Wednesday, October 7th**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

to everyone who has earned their Fun Run shirt!! As of Wednesday, Sept. 23, we have 235 students who have earned their Fun Run shirt!

That is AWESOME!! Way to go!!

Wear your FUN RUN t-shirt on the following days:

Friday, Sept. 25

Friday, Oct. 2



Thank you to our t-shirt sponsors:

Yoke's Fresh Market, Alliant Securities, Acme Concrete Paving, RPC; Rock Placing Co., Wolf-Majeskey-Rapp, Inc., Casa de Oro, Action—The Shipping Depot

# VOLUNTEER CORNER

\*\* Just a quick note: If you have changed your volunteer choices through the website there is still a chance you may receive a phone call from someone asking you to be a part of a committee that you had originally marked. This is because lists have been printed off for various committee chairs and event organizers and given to them so if you happen to come along and removed your name after the list had been printed and given out, you might still get the call.

**HIGH PRIORITY:** FUN RUN is fast approaching and we really need to get these spots filled, please consider being a volunteer for this. We could still use a few volunteers for set up and take down so if you are available after school on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and immediately after the Fun Run on October 7<sup>th</sup> (around 2:35) for take down.

## UPCOMING ITEMS:

**MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATER CHAIR:** A person to create a schedule for other parent volunteers that can be available during rehearsals for supervision of the students and this person would also be responsible for organizing the cast party. November 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

**MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATER SUPERVISOR:** If your child will be participating in this, please be available for at least ONE rehearsal during that week (Nov 16<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>) so we can ensure that there is proper supervision.

**GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY CHAIR:** This person will be responsible for working with other parent volunteers and the Development Office on a theme for the event, invitations, and any other special details. The date of the event is November 25<sup>th</sup>.

## NEW PARENT ALERT!!!!!!!!!!!!!! What are these things?!

**Missoula Children's Theater is:** it is a traveling drama program that began in Missoula, MT. Every year, a terrific team of actors and actresses come through Spokane and assist local schools with a drama performance. They will be stopping at St. Mary's School the week of November 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. It is a fast and furious process that takes one week to accomplish, beginning with auditions, straight into rehearsals, a final dress rehearsal and performances over the weekend. It is an ABSOLUTE favorite for the students that participate and a real treat for the rest of us to see!

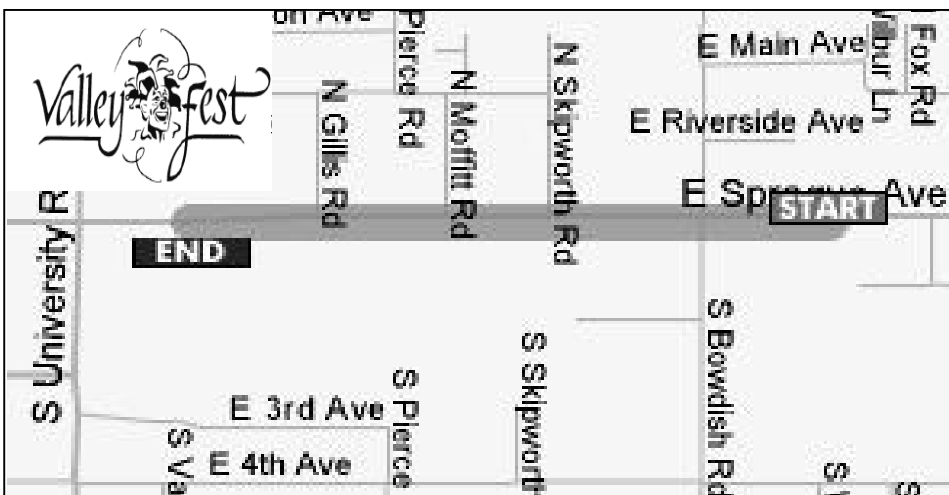
**Grandparents/ Special Person's Day:** This is an annual event, this year scheduled for November 25<sup>th</sup>, where we recognize the Grandparents or Special people in the lives of our children. There is a reception and a mass dedicated to them and typically a visit to the classrooms.

Thank you for your time!

Theresa Amble

[tiaamble@gmail.com](mailto:tiaamble@gmail.com)

991-8583



Join us Friday evening, **Sept. 25** for the "Hearts of Gold" Valleyfest parade! Line up at 6:30 - E.11707 Sprague Ave, Valley Redwood Plaza (Parade spot #42)- Parade starts at 7:00. Wear your Fun Run shirt & join the fun!! All students who march in the parade will receive a **FREE DRESS PASS!!**

Don't forget to stop by the Volunteer Room to see what volunteer opportunities are available.

Here are a few current volunteer opportunities:

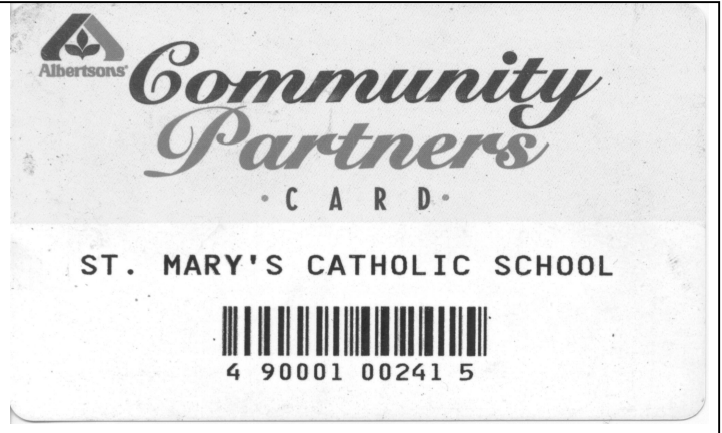
- \*Fun Run Lap Counters for **5th & 7th grade**
- \*Fun Run Set Up/Tear Down
- \*Fun Run Co-Chair
- \*Announcers for Fun Run day
- \***AUCTION CO-CHAIRS**

Here are a few upcoming volunteer Opportunities:

- \*MCT - Chair/Co-Chair

**ALBERTSON'S COMMUNITY CARD:**

Remember to use your Albertsons Community Partners Card each time you shop at Albertsons. You can use the copy here. Ask the cashier to link the card to your Albertson's Preferred card and then each time you shop and use that card, St. Mary's will benefit! We receive a percent of your total purchase and there's no cost to you!



**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 Signature
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# Pumpkin Guessing Contest

*Who?* The eighth grade.

*What?* A pumpkin guessing contest will be held to see who can guess the right weight of Mrs. O'Dea's pumpkin. The person who guesses the closest to the right weight will win a prize.

*How Much?* You can buy tickets to make guesses for 25 cents each, or 4 for a dollar. Plus, you get a piece of candy with each guess.

*When?* Sales begin Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and End Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

*Where?* Visit the table at the front of the school to buy tickets to make your guess.

*Why?* To raise money for the eighth grade OPI (Olympic Park Institute) trip, so donations are always welcome.



*A name drawing will be held in the case of a tie.*

Dear Parents of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders:

Now is the time to register your youth for our very active and energetic St. Mary's Catholic Church Middle School Youth Group. It is a terrific way for your child to meet other middle school aged youth in our parish and continue to grow in his/her faith. We meet once a week throughout the academic year with many opportunities for other events on weekends or school holidays.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Benson at 928-3210 ext. 106 or [jbenson@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:jbenson@dioceseofspokane.org)

Middle School Youth Group

Meets once a week beginning  
Wednesday, September 30, 2009  
7-8 PM

Meeting Dates for Fall 2009

September 30  
October 7  
October 14  
October 21  
October 28  
November 4  
November 18  
December 2  
December 9  
December 16

Included is a registration form for your child(ren) to participate in the religious education programs of our parish. We have Religious Education programs on Sundays for PK4 (during 9 AM Mass), Mondays for High School and Wednesdays for grades 1-5 and Middle School. Please contact Dona Mohr (928-3210 ext. 103) for further questions regarding grades 1-5. All children can be registered on the same form.

Jeanette Benson  
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928-3210 ext 106  
290-4548

## St. Mary's Catholic Church Religious Education

**Mission:** *To partner with families in teaching our children prayers, traditions and Scripture that will enable them to become active and involved Catholic Christians.*

Preschool	(Pre-K - Kindergarten)	Sunday	9:00-10:00 AM
Elementary	(1 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Wednesday	7:00-8:00 PM
Middle School	(6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Wednesday	7:00-8:00 PM
High School	(9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Monday	7:00 - 8:30 PM

**Sacramental Preparation includes:** Baptism, First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist.  
*Tuition is \$40.00 per child or \$120 per family. Sacramental Preparation is \$20.00. Scholarships are available.*

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered member of St. Mary's?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_    I would be willing to bring snacks? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering with the Religious Education program? Please call me. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name	Grade	Special Needs or Allergies?	Child's E-mail	Sacrament Needed?

Registration and Tuition may be mailed to:    St. Mary's Parish  
 304 S. Adams Road  
 Spokane Valley, WA 99216

For questions regarding Preschool/Elem Religious Education or Sacramental Preparation contact Dona Mohr 928-3210 ext. 103  
 Middle School or High School contact Jeanette Benson 928-3210 ext. 106.

# FALL BIBLE STUDY : GOSPEL OF LUKE

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A wonderful thing has happened, something that gives meaning in a complex world, order in the midst of chaos, and light in the midst of darkness. A savior has come, the Son of God, the Messiah. Luke's Gospel tells the story of this savior and of the truth that he brings. Luke presents the narrative of Jesus Christ as good news, challenge and hope.

Monday Evenings	Thursday Mornings
7:00-9:00pm	9:00-11:00am
Oct. 5-Nov. 23	Oct. 1-Nov. 19
Adult Center	Adult Center

*Materials Available Now—\$10  
Suggested  
Register with Colleen or Come On  
the First Day  
928-3210, x108 or  
cmclean@dioceseofspokane.org*



# Introduction To Strings For 5-8 Year Olds

Now enrolling for "Learn to Play Fiddle" Classes

Beginners: Wednesday 3:30-4:00 pm

Wednesday 4:00-4:30 pm

Intermediate Beginner: Thursday 3:30-4:00 pm

Class size is limited to 4 students per class.  
Classes begin October 7th and 8th, and run through the  
end of May.

Cost is \$30/month

These classes are taught at my home, near 9th and University. This is a fun introduction to playing the fiddle, and all the students will learn to play basic, familiar tunes. Music is fun, and this class incorporates games and prizes as incentive for practicing at home, as well as shining during class. Parents will be impressed with the speed that your child can learn to master the basics, and be ready to move on to the next level by spring! Kids will have a chance to perform onstage at our Christmas and Spring concerts!

For more information and to register, please call  
Deanna Wilson at 509-927-3080

# AFTER SCHOOL STRINGS CLASSES

## STARTING OCTOBER 5TH!



**Beginning Guitar: Monday@3:30,  
Tuesday@ 3:30, Wednesday @ 5:30**

**\*Intermediate Guitar: Monday @ 4:30,  
Tuesday@ 4:30**

**Beginning Fiddle: Wednesday @ 4:30**

**\*Intermediate Fiddle: Tuesday @ 5:30**

**\*Placement audition required for this class**



Classes take place at Apela Violin, 12012 E Sprague, and are approx. 50 minutes long. Duration is October 5th-May 26th.

School year commitment required.

There will be 2 showcase concerts, in December and May. Other performance opportunities available. Open to students 2-8th grade from all schools.(Older grades welcome upon request)

**Instructors Andrew & Deanna Wilson, with special guest instructors.**

**Cost: \$250 for the year, other payment plans available. Credit cards accepted.**

**Private lessons options in guitar, fiddle, piano, bass, mandolin and vocals.**

**Ask about Intro to Music classes and beginner fiddle for ages 3-8**

**Auditions and registration at Apela September 23-25th 3:30-5pm.**

**Instrument rental and purchase available.**



**CONTACT DEANNA WILSON AT 509-927-3080**

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Lift Your Voice

in Song

with the



Spokane Area  
Children's Chorus

*The 2009-2010  
Season*



*509-624-7992*

*Audition information*

Thank you for your interest in the Spokane Area Children's Chorus. We are a performing art choral organization, committed to providing a unique musical experience where artistic expression and appreciation are developed. Our comprehensive program is designed for young people, ages 7-18.

The aim of the SACC placement interview is to discover as much as possible about your child's musical potential. We realize that at this point in a child's life, few children have highly developed musical skills. Parents can prepare their children by assuring them they will enjoy the experience. **No other preparation is necessary.**

Call the office with further questions or to schedule a meeting time. Return the completed Audition Information Sheet and the \$10 (non-refundable) Application Fee to the office prior to your audition. Upon acceptance to any choir, the \$10 fee will be applied to your Registration.

**Spokane Area Children's Chorus  
411 S. Washington St.  
Spokane, WA 99204**

**Phone: 509-624-7992**

**Fax: 509-624-8028**

**Email: [chorus@SACCsings.org](mailto:chorus@SACCsings.org)**

**Visit us on the web at**

**[www.SACCsings.org](http://www.SACCsings.org)**