



The Barrister

"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ."

April 8, 2009

Wednesday of Holy Week



Our Patron Saint

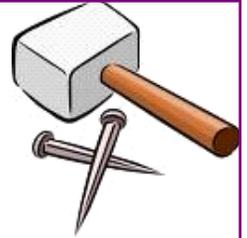
We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica



My Savior, do you invite me to share in the glory of the resurrection?

Please stay with me as I struggle to see how accepting the crosses of my life will free me from the power of the one who wants only to destroy my love and trust in you.



Help me to be humble and accepting like your son, Jesus. I want to turn to you with the same trust he had in your love.

Save me, Lord. Only you can save me.



NO SCHOOL



Friday, April 10, 2009



Monday, April 13, 2009

**Thanks for the help!!!
You ARE appreciated!!!**

The book fair was a huge success this year and here is a list of the parents who volunteered their time to help make it possible.

Natalie Pedraza, Cheryl Johnson, Tammy Savickis, Alicia Zaleski and her son Nick, Joy Chronowski Rosemary Lerma, Antoinetta Scalza, Cynthia Becker, Teri Yovkovich, Hillary Hanas, Pauline Brett, Amy Wiess, Lillie Beckman, Chris O'Brien, Sue Doherty, Heidi Montella, Karen Michel, Anita Hemingway, and Amy Osmulski.



The St. Thomas More Family Singers Present ...

The Spring Program, featuring our awesome singers in grades Pre-K through Grade 4, will take place in **St. Thomas More Church at 7:00 PM on April 23rd** and Grades 5-8 on **April 21st**. If there is a problem, or question, please call **Miss Daniel**, Music Teacher, at **836-9151** extension **231**.

(Please see page 35 of the STMS Handbook regarding student attendance.)



NEWS FROM T.R.I.P.

For the week of April 13 (because of the Monday school holiday), TRIP orders should be turned in on TUESDAY morning, April 14 and will be sent home with students or available for pick up on THURSDAY after 3 pm. The normal TRIP schedule resumes the week of April 20.

Jesus remember me when I come into Your Kingdom.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE FOR CHURCH

Holy Thursday, April 9

10:30 a.m. Chrism Mass at Holy Angels Cathedral

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 10

1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Prayer Service



Holy Saturday, April 11

2:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 12

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon Masses



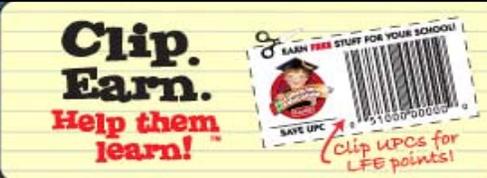
Gracious God,
thank You for the gift of
Catholic education.
Day after day, week
after week, You give us
many opportunities to know
Your great love,
peace, and
forgiveness.
Help us respond to
Your Good News
and the
*good news of
Catholic education.*
Amen.



Jump Rope for Heart will take place the week of April 20-24th in our Physical Education classes.



Please say a prayer for VOCATIONS to the Holy Priesthood and Religious Life.



The Campbell Soup UPC Drive collection will continue through the month of April. The grade level with the highest point total will win an ice cream sundae bar. "UMMM, Good"

Save the Date!
TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, April 18, 2009
7:00 pm Gym (\$100/table)

Jesus was crucified so that WE could LIVE for eternity! That, my friends, is TRUE LOVE!



THANK YOU
PARTICIPATION AT THE 8th
GRADE FISH FRY WAS
FANTASTIC! Thank you.



THANK YOU:

During Lent, we dispensed with Birthday Treats. If you would like to send "belated" treats, please feel free to do so on...

Wednesday, April 15.



Let the Joy of the Resurrection lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness.



Please remember to bring your Holy Childhood Lenten boxes. The boxes should be returned to the homeroom teachers by **Friday, April 17, 2009.**

Please see Mrs. Moisoff, in Room 101, if you have any questions. Thank you for your generosity.



**New
Altar Server
Sign-up/
Information
Meeting**

Any St. Thomas More School or Religious Formation Program student currently in the 4th grade or higher that is interested in becoming an altar server and their parent are invited to attend a sign-up/information meeting

**Wednesday,
April 22, 2009 at 7 P.M.**

in the St. Thomas More Cafeteria
If you have any questions you may call
Susan Burke at
322-6462.

PUNS FOR "EDUCATED MINDS"

1. The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
4. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
9. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

From the "Bunny."



**continued support of St. Thomas More School
is so very much appreciated.**

Even in this difficult economy, parents are willing to sacrifice so that their child can get an education that includes the academics, discipline, and rigorous religious education that come with our Catholic school. Spiritual growth and faith development underscore everything we do for your child while he or she is a student here at STMS. As a Catholic school, we do not view the faith of your child as separate from his or her regular academic learning. WE believe and we teach that God can be found in all academic subjects as the master artist, the logical mind behind the mathematical equations, the scientific source of all creation, the historian who intervenes on behalf of human history, the author of all languages, and the great

communicator who wants us to live in peace with all our brothers and sisters, even those from different cultures and walks of life.

Your personal endorsement of STMS to neighbors and business associates is very helpful.

Consider these top 7 reasons to enroll:

1. Catholic identity and culture permeates the school community and is evident throughout the campus.
2. Superior academics with a balanced curriculum that includes the Arts—which many school systems are cutting.
3. State-of-the Art technology available for all students.
4. Good stewardship and efficiency of your tuition dollars.
5. Passing on the Catholic faith and its traditions through a strong religion program.
6. Development of self-discipline and of a commitment to serve others.

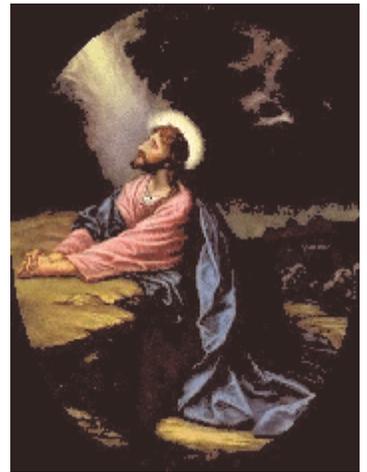
During this Lenten season, we are asking all parents to make a special effort to spend some family time together reviewing and learning the students' Basic Catholic Teaching. Please make this a family effort so that our students retain all that they have learned in their religion classes at school about their faith. With consistent effort by parents and students alike, everyone will benefit. Be sure to take your whole family to the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a way to reinforce our Catholic teachings and to support your child in faith development.

"Mr. Nordyke, what is the Tenebrae Prayer Service?"



"Tenebrae" is the name given to the service of Matins and Lauds belonging to the last three days of Holy Week. It differs, in many things, from the Office of the rest of the year. All is sad and mournful, as though it were a funeral service; nothing could more emphatically express the grief that now weighs down the heart of our holy Mother the Church. Throughout all the Office of Thursday, Friday and Saturday, she forbids herself the use of those formulas of joy and hope wherewith, on all other days, she begins her praise of God. Nothing is left but what is essential to the form of the Divine Office: psalms, lessons and chants expressive of grief. The tone of the whole Office is most noticeably mournful: the lessons taken from the Lamentations of Jeremias, the omission of the *Gloria Patri*, of the *Te Deum*, and of blessings etc., so the darkness of these services seems to have been designedly chosen to mark the Church's desolation. The lessons from Jeremias in the first Nocturn, those from the Commentaries of St. Augustine upon the Psalms in the second, and those from the Epistles of St. Paul in the third remain now as when we first hear of them in the eighth century.

The name "Tenebrae" has been given because this Office is celebrated in the hours of darkness, formerly in the evening or just after midnight, now the early morning hours. There is an impressive ceremony, peculiar to this Office, which tends to perpetuate its name. There is placed in the sanctuary, near the altar, a large triangular candlestick holding fifteen candles. At the end of each psalm or canticle, one of these fifteen candles is extinguished, but the one which is placed at the top of the triangle is left lighted. During the singing of the *Benedictus* (the Canticle of Zachary at the end of Lauds), six other candles on the altar are also put out. Then the master of ceremonies takes the lighted candle from the triangle and holds it upon the altar while the choir repeats the antiphon after the canticle, after which she hides it behind the altar during the recitation of the *Christus* antiphon and final prayer. As soon as this prayer is finished, a noise is made with the seats of the stalls in the choir, which continues until the candle is brought from behind the altar, and shows, by its light, that the Office of Tenebrae is over.



Let us now learn the meaning of these ceremonies. The glory of the Son of God was obscured and, so to say, eclipsed, by the ignominies He endured during His Passion. He, the Light of the world, powerful in word and work, Who but a few days ago was proclaimed King by the citizens of Jerusalem, is now robbed of all his honors. He is, says Isaias, the Man of sorrows, a leper (Isaias 53:3,4). He is, says the royal prophet, a worm of the earth, and no man (Psalm 21:7). He is, as He says of himself, an object of shame even to his own disciples, for they are all scandalized in him (Mark 14:27) and abandon Him; yea, even Peter protests that he never knew Him. This desertion on the part of His apostles and disciples is expressed by the candles being extinguished, one after the other, not only on the triangle, but on the altar itself. But Jesus, our Light, though despised and hidden, is not extinguished. This is signified by the candle which is momentarily placed on the altar; it symbolizes our Redeemer suffering and dying on Calvary. In order to express His burial, the candle is hidden behind the altar; its light disappears. A confused noise is heard in the house of God, where all is now darkness. This noise and gloom express the convulsions of nature when Jesus expired on the cross: the earth shook, the rocks were split, the dead came forth from their tombs. But the candle suddenly reappears; its light is as fair as ever. The noise is hushed, and homage is paid to the Conqueror of death.

News from the Eagle's Nest...

Congratulations to our
8th Grade Select Basketball Team!
They placed second in the Christ Our Savior League and Tourney.



**Team Members: Alex Sikora, Tyler Patterson, Jonathon Pasyk,
Kevin O'Brien, Jim Moss, Russell Doctor, and Matt Charles.
Not pictured: Nick Davidson, Craig Dedelow, Jeremy Gawlinski,
Caleb Hinojosa and Chad Mateja
Coach: Tom Mateja**



Uniform Reminder

Please return your Basketball Uniforms.
Drop them off in the School office or
with Mrs. Lusk in the First Aid office.
Your deposit check will be sent home with your child.

S.T.M. LUNCH MENU – WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2009

Daily Ala Cartes: Salads – Large \$2.20, Small \$1.75; Yogurt - \$0.65; Milk - \$0.40

Monday, April 13
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**Happy
Easter!**

Tuesday, April 14
Hamburger/Cheeseburger
French Fries
Pickle Spear
Pears
Pudding
Milk

Ala Carte: Burger \$1.40

Tuesday Volunteers
Maria Cano
Mary Brough
Patti Smith

Wednesday, April 15
Cheese Pizza
Corn
Applesauce
Animal Crackers
Milk

Ala Carte: Pizza \$1.40

Wednesday Volunteers
Patty Strege
Nikki Long
Maryanne Bolanowski

Thursday, April 16
Chicken Tacos (Soft) **OR**
(Beef) Taco Sticks
Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa
Tater Tots
Peaches
Ice Cream
Milk

Ala Carte: Taco \$1.10

Ala Carte: Taco Sticks \$0.85 (3)

Thursday Volunteers
Cathy Lyons
Amy Lee
Lori Whelan

Friday, April 17
French Toast/Syrup
Sausage Patty
Orange/Apple Juice
Pineapple Tidbits
Graham Cracker
Milk

Friday Volunteers
Jane Surd
Suzanne Caceres



St. Thomas More School Lunch Program 2008-2009

1. Menu subject to change.
2. Hot Lunch Prices: Student - \$1.80/day 5 days = \$9.00 20 days = \$36.00
Adult - \$2.45/day
3. Cash or checks made payable to STM are accepted. NSF checks will be charged a \$25 fee.
4. Families with more than one student eating hot lunch are encouraged to send in ONE check (or cash) in one envelope. Money will be divided between siblings accordingly.
5. Days not used are credited for future use. There is a \$-9.00 charge limit per account. If students do not bring in money after 5 charges, they will not be allowed in the hot lunch line until payment is made. However, students will be offered a peanut butter or cheese sandwich if they have nothing else to eat.
6. Students should turn in payment in a SEALED envelope labeled with the following information:
Lunch Money, Student First & Last Name, Teacher Name, Amount Enclosed.
7. E-mail Mrs. Murray for lunch account balance inquiries: lmurray@stm-school.com
8. Remember to check Edline for the Monthly Menu/Volunteer List.

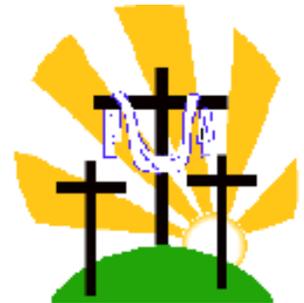
'Twas the Night Before Easter

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'Twas the night before Easter on
Internet Lane;
From New York, to Russia, spring
Holidaze reigned!
Computers were linking from
Disney to space;
And folks were resolving the
Easter Egg case!
The kids were entranced by a
techno-theme,
While visions of dinos appeared on
the screen!
And Mom dyed the eggs, while I
searched the Net,
For flowers to send her--or in
trouble I'd get!!
When swiftly, my Mac began such
a clatter,
The mouse shrieked in horror,
"Netscape!--what's the matter!"
Away to my window, I jumped
with great speed;
A break for sore eyes, I surely did
need!
I saw flowers of spring beginning
to bloom,
I welcomed the view from my
computer room!
When what to my wondering eyes,
did I see,

But a Stranger stooped low, on bended
knee.
With a quick glance I knew 'twas a
backflash of time,
I envisioned the form of my Savior
Divine.
More rapid than eagles, my memory
raced,
To another time and another place.
Where Christ, Lord of all, called each
one by name--
"Follow Me," was His Word, and they
willingly came.
They watched Him perform deeds of
wondrous love;
They knew His power came from God
above.
Yet we (you and me, folks!) just led him
to die;
In the dark of a tomb our Savior did lie.
But then in another flash of great power,
I saw Him arise--death conquered that
hour!
He was robed all in white, with radiant
glow;
He stood in great splendor, this Savior I
know.
His eyes with loving compassion shown,
I knew in that moment I need ne'er be
alone.
His hands were outstretched as this One
bid me come;

The work of redemption forever
done.
I stood there in silence, in humble
awe,
As the Reason of Easter I now
clearly saw.
Then quickly as the scenes had
appeared,
They faded--I felt not one moment
of fear.
I bowed low in worship; earth's
sight now so dim;
I had seen Easter's meaning; I had
been there with Him.
As I saw Him, with faith's eyes,
lifted above,
The night before Easter was filled
with pure love.
And I heard him exclaim as He rose
out of sight,
**"A Blessed Easter to all! I have
conquered your night!"**



A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of baskets of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding.

All but one. He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight.

Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor. He was glad he did. The 16 year old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping, and no one to care for her.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them into the baskets, and helped set the display up once more. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$20 for the damage we did. Are you okay?"

She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister . . ." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?"

Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people can not tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace. If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked you and me up on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit. Let us live like we are worth the price He paid.



Easter 2009

+JMJ

Dear St. Thomas More School Family:

Easter joy, hope, and life to all of you!

The Lord IS Risen, Alleluia! ! !

This is our proclamation on this Easter morning. All of our attention is drawn to the One who has been raised from the dead.

It's more than a story. We are drawn into the ultimate meaning of life. Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death. In Him all is made **NEW**; this is our joy.

The message that went from Jerusalem on that first day of the week is our message. In the liturgy that we celebrate we are caught up in this transforming event. The only way to be touched by this is not to remain spectators, but participants **Today**, not tomorrow.

As believers we put our faith in the resurrection. I would say this is nothing less than living out of the conviction that God has given us everything. To accept the resurrection of Jesus Christ and to be incorporated into this means that what Jesus did is ours if only we believe.

God has left us the divine plan when He sent the Son and through this Easter season we are invited to make this real in our lives. As we say at the memorial acclamation during the Eucharistic prayer: Christ has died, **Christ IS risen**, Christ will come again.

May we realize even more profoundly through the deeper release of the Holy Spirit within the meaning of St. Augustine's proclamation- **We are Easter people and Alleluia is our Song.**

May the Risen Lord truly give you the courage and conviction to live out the hope to which we are called. He has left us the Holy Spirit to carry the divine will to completion.

Happy Easter!

Chris Dardyk
Principal



***** ONLY Jeans or Uniform Pants may be worn!!! *****



SVDP Jeans Day - Thursday, April 16

St. Vincent De Paul is in dire need of items for our shelves. We need paper products, toothpaste, meal helpers, pasta, canned pasta, Ragu, soap, detergent, shampoo, jelly, peanut butter, rice, crackers, tuna, cereal, canned fruit, cake mixes, etc. Your outreach to others helps us to continue to help those in need.

Thank you for your generosity.

To participate, please bring the following:

Pre-School/Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten

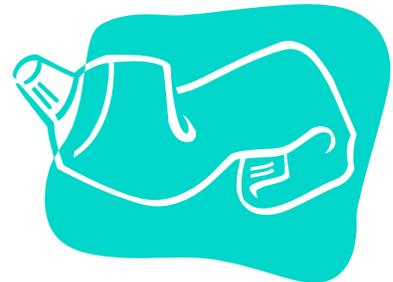
Boxed items (see examples above)

Grades 1 - 4

Canned goods (see examples above)

Grades 5 - 8

Toiletries (see examples above)



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