



The Barrister

"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ."

May 7, 2009

Blessed Rose Venerini



Our Patron Saint

May: Month of Our Blessed Mother, Mary, Most Holy

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica



Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OF OUR MOTHERS!

In regard to us, "going to heaven" or going to "paradise" means going and being "with Christ" (Philippians 1:23). Our heaven is the risen Christ together with whom we shall form a "body" after our resurrection but also, in a provisional and imperfect way, immediately after our death. It is sometimes objected that no one has returned from heaven to assure us that it truly exists and is not just a pious illusion. It's not true! **There is one who -- if we know how to recognize Him -- returns from heaven every day in the Eucharist to assure us and to renew His promises.**

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents\Guardians:

+ JMJ

STMS was filled with the Spirit this week! First Holy Communion last Saturday, Crowning of Mary this past Tuesday and the First Communion Breakfast also this past Tuesday. The children were so happy! The parents were smiling from ear to ear. God bless you for all you do to bring your children closer to Our Lord and His Holy Mother.

It is at this time of year that children often begin thinking of those lazy summer days and "forget" to do homework. Please check **EDLINE** so you will know what is expected.

It is also at this time of year when tempers can flare. It is important that children treat each other with respect.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education.

Wishing all of our mothers and grandmothers the very happiest Mother's Day!

Please know you are remembered in prayer every day. God bless you.

Principal



BAND CONCERT

The Spring Band Concert will be on **Thursday, May 7th at 7:30 PM** and **Friday, May 8th, at 9:30AM** in the school gym.

Come and listen to **THE BEST** elementary school Band in the area!

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.



LUNCH ACCOUNTS

This is a reminder to those who may owe money on their children's school lunch account balances. Please send in a payment as soon as possible, bringing these accounts up to date. Student report cards and diplomas will be held until all fees are paid.

For balance inquiries, call Mrs. Murray at 836-9151 x324 or e-mail lmurray@stm-school.com. Thank you

**THANK YOU, MOM,
FOR ALL THAT YOU DO.**

**A GREAT BIG
HUGE
THANK YOU!**

Viele Dank!!!



Hail, holy Queen enthroned above

Grandmas are moms with lots of frosting.

Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible.



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 to respond to Your Good News and the **Good News of Catholic Education.**

Amen

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ILLNESS

Various ways to keep yourself, and the children, from illness is spoken of on EDLINE.

Please read the letter from the Diocese regarding the Rite of Peace and Communion from the Cup.

The Holy Father's general intention for the month of May 2009:

That Christians may use literature, art and the media to greater advantage to favor a culture which defends and promotes the values of the human person.

His mission intention:

That just as she accompanied the Apostles in the early stages of the Church, may the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization and Queen of Apostles, continue to guide missionaries throughout the world with maternal affection.



Market Day.

Market Day is Monday, May 11th.

Orders are due Thursday, May 7th.

We are requesting volunteers from the Kindergarten parents

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
GRANDMA, TOO!!!**

Our heartfelt

thank
you!



Volunteers!



Volunteer Mass

Tuesday

May 19, 2009

8:30 am



**Grade 7 & 8
Final Exam Schedule**



TESTS ARE ALMOST HERE

- 1) Jr. High Parents ... You hopefully will notice that Gummer and Gummercinda are not watching TV or playing on the computer because they are STUDYING for Final Examinations.
- 2) Please do not ask that teachers "hold" a test because the children have other things to do. Test dates are posted on EDLINE. One of the many things we help you teach the children is proper time management.

**Tuesday-May 26th
7th/8th Math**

**Thursday-May 28th
7th/8th Social Studies**

**Wednesday-May 27th
7th/8th Language Arts**

**Friday-May 29th
7th/8th Science and Religion**

**STUDY
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Mary, we love you!

Why do we crown Mary?

The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she is a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute 'crown' of creation. As the *Order of Crowning* states:

She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King. Mary is the Mother of Christ, the Word incarnate. ... "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David; and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." [Luke 1:32-33] ... Elizabeth greeted the Blessed Virgin, pregnant with Jesus, as "the Mother of my Lord." [Luke 1:41-43]

She is the perfect follower of Christ. The maid of Nazareth consented to God's plan; she journeyed on the pilgrimage of faith; she listened to God's word and kept it in her heart; she remained steadfastly in close union with her Son, all the way to the foot of the cross; she persevered in prayer with the Church. Thus in an eminent way she won the "crown of righteousness," [See 2 Timothy 4:8] the "crown of life," [See James 1:12; Revelation 2:10] the "crown of glory" [See 1 Peter 5:4] that is promised to those who follow Christ.



**Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth,
pray for us.**

Mother of the Church, Gate of eternal glory, pray for us all
who commemorate you.



Please remember to
keep Sister Marilyn
Hettinger, O.S.B. in
your family prayers.

*“Mary is the Mother of the
Church because she is the
mother of Christ and the
mother of Christians.”*

Mother's Day Blessing and Prayer

A blessing and prayer tribute to all
mothers - arranged with a response.

"Blessed be all mothers
Who have come into our lives
Whose kindness, care and loving
Remain with us to guide.

Response:

Blessed be all mothers
Who have come into our lives
*Blessed be, Blessed be,
Blessed be!*

Mothers, this little tribute
Flows directly from the heart
You are so loved and cherished
Invaluable, one and all, you are.

Response:

Blessed be all mothers
Who have come into our lives
*Blessed be, Blessed be,
Blessed be!"*



Immaculate Mary, Your praises we sing!

SPRING FEST '09

Tomorrow, Friday, is the final day of **SPRING FEST '09!**
The theme for tomorrow is:

SPORTS DAY

Students may wear their favorite sports gear!



There will also be a Band
Concert in the morning for the
whole school to attend.



The Art Club will be doing face painting
and tattoos during the day.



At 1:30 PM, the **Mighty, Mighty STMS Faculty**
will go up against the **Ever So Very Fit 8th Grade**
in a friendly game of volleyball. **Come and watch
if you are available.**

CHECK OUT THE NEW STMS WEBPAGE

Dear Mom ...

A Memorial Prayer for
Deceased Mothers

*Heavenly Father, hear this prayer for
my mother who found life in You
through her faith in Your Son, Jesus.*

*She lived and preached, by word and
Example Your Word.
Keep her in Your care and bless her
with eternal life.*

*May the angels lead her into
Paradise; may the Martyrs come and
welcome her into the holy city, the
new and eternal Jerusalem.*

*In memory of my mother who went to
be with God in November, 1958.*

Chet Rordyke

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, MOM!
YOU ARE LOVED!

Mother - is the bank where we deposit all our hurts and worries.

A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people,
promptly announces she never did care for pie.
-- Tenneva Jordan



"I didn't have time to get you anything, but you can download some Mother's Day wishes off my web site."



BLESSED MOTHER, YOU ARE SO VERY LOVED! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US.



St. Thomas More Eagles
We're ready to win
You think you can beat us
Think again!

Be sure to watch the **next** edition of *The Barrister* for news about the possibility of Cheerleading and a Cheer Block for next year.



What Does the Church Teach?

What does the Catholic Church teach about fasting before receiving Holy Communion?

The one-hour-before Communion rule remains intact, and effectively only water and necessary medicines may be taken during that period.

FOOD BITS

This week's food bits are a compilation of tips to show how healthy 'foods' will not only help your body, but also your teeth and gums. That's right, you not only need to be concerned about your children's 'body health', but also the health of their teeth and gums. Check out these tips:

- Eat foods high in Vitamin C (i.e. oranges and citrus fruits). Vitamin C helps kill the type of bacteria that causes gingivitis, the first stage of gum disease.
- Eat "crunchy" veggies. Eating vegetables that go "crunch" can wipe away plaque and stimulate the gums.
- You may have heard that raisins can cause cavities, BUT a team of dental researchers has found that compounds called phytochemicals, that are found in raisins, help fight bacteria in the mouth that can cause cavities and gum disease.
- Snack on low fat cheese or small amounts of dark chocolate. Mozzarella, Swiss, American, and Cheddar cheeses have been shown to protect against cavities, especially if eaten at the end of a meal. Also, some research has shown that the fat in dark chocolate might ward off damage from sugar.

