

Educating the whole child in the values of Jesus and Mary.

St. Thomas More School

Principal's Newsletter



The Barrister



"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ."

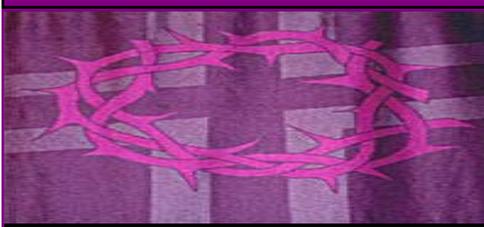


April 14, 2011

Our Patron Saint

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

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica



O Jesus,

light of the world, why were you born, and why did you die in such obscurity?

Bethlehem was hardly a shining place, the stable hardly a burning stand for Light come into the world.

Was not Calvary too an ending place for life and light; And would not a cross in the afternoon sky, turn all eyes away?

Blind man, did your eyes turn away too? Or were you so accustomed to the dark as to see what others could not see?

For once, it was not long ago, Someone seeing you all in darkness touched your eyes and told you to wash until you saw God's glory shining through your beggar's clothes.

And you believed, no one could stop you, or explain it all away, **you believed.**

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM...

Please pray for the soul of



Francisco Perez Rivera

the beloved Grandfather of Mrs. Jennifer Gonzalez, Executive Administrative Assistant to Mr. Nordyke and Mrs. Boyle,

Mr. Rivera went home to Jesus last Wednesday.

"Death is not extinguishing the Light, it is putting out the Lamp because Dawn has come."

Please keep Mrs. Gonzalez, and her family, in your prayers.



LET YOUR PEPTUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM.



Special Notice For 8th Grade Parents:

Very Important

Parents: The 8th grade students, BY LAW, **must** take the upcoming ISTEP exams **on line at school**. They will be taking a mandatory Training & Practice Exam on **both April 12 & 19**. Students MUST be present in school on **BOTH** of these days. Please do not make Dr., Dentist, Vision appointments - or **ANY** appointments on these days. **NO TARDIES TO SCHOOL**. If the student is not in school they will not be permitted to take the regulated ISTEP+ Exams, required by the State of Indiana.



Lord Jesus, it is hard for me to imagine the anguish your mother felt at your condemnation. But what about today, when I hold a grudge ...? "Crucify him!" When I judge others...? "Crucify him!" Doesn't this bring tears of anguish to both you and your mother? Forgive me, Jesus.

Thousands in U.S. to Join Church

Many Feel They Have Found a Home

WASHINGTON, D.C., MARCH, 2011 Tens of thousands of Americans will join the Catholic Church this Holy Saturday through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

GIVE THANKS TO ALMIGHTY GOD!!!

NO ISSUE OF "The Barrister" UNTIL AFTER EASTER.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT
UNTO HER...**

Please pray for the soul of



**Mrs. Irene
Zaczyk**

the beloved Grandmother of
Valerie and Elizabeth
beloved Mother-in-Law of
our Mrs. Carol Zaczyk

Mrs. Zaczyk went home to
Jesus last Wednesday.



*"Death is not
extinguishing the
Light,
it is putting out the
Lamp because Dawn
has come."*



Please keep the
Zaczyk family, in
your prayers.

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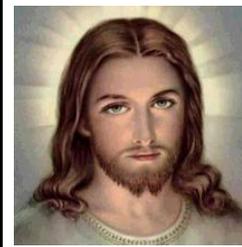


Gracious God,
thank You for the gift of
Catholic education.
Day after day, week
after week, You give us
many opportunities
to know

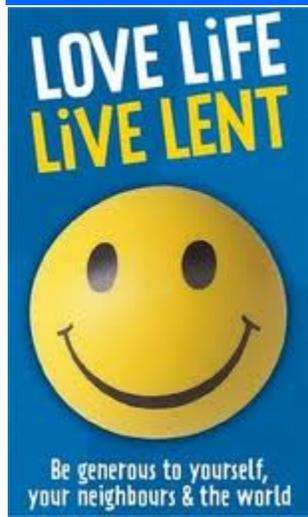
Your great love,
peace, and
forgiveness.

Help us respond to
Your Good News
and the
good news of
Catholic education.

Amen.



**If I can
enjoy a joke
at the
expense of
another; if I
can in any way slight
another in conversation,
or even in thought,
then I know nothing of
Calvary love.**



**WHAT WILL
THEY THINK OF
NEXT ???**

Parents: A new "game" thought up by some of our kids involves, what the kids say call, "a friendly slap in the face." Please remind **all** children that, as the Handbook says, they are **never** to touch another child. Detentions will be given. If it continues then ... We, as adults, KNOW what will happen. It starts as friendly, then turns ugly.

MATH FACTS MUST BE PRACTICED AT HOME ...



As parents already know, children from First Grade up are working on their math facts. They are taking timed tests to increase speed and accuracy. The State Examinations have **timed tests**. In order for the children to master this State Standard, they **must** practice at home.

In school, the children are expected to be able to master a varying number of problems, based upon their grade level, in **2 minutes**.

EXAMPLES : 2+2 0+4 6+1 3+3 3+1 1+3 5+7 9+9 8+6 etc.
FIRST LEVEL (B): 2+1 1+2 4+1 1+4 (Over and Over ...)

Using "devices" like counting on our fingers, using "Touch Math," or drawing out the problem slows the child down.

The ISTEP+ Exam **does not** allow added time, but **does** expect the children to work quickly and accurately.



PLEASE PRACTICE WITH THE CHILDREN AT HOME.

Thank you.

Holy Week St. Thomas More



HOLY THURSDAY, April 21

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, April 22

1:30 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 pm Vigil Mass of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY, April 24

6:30 am Easter Mass

8:00 am Easter Mass

10:00 am Easter Mass

12:00 pm Easter Mass



Mass of HOLY CHRISM

On Thursday, April 21st (*Holy Thursday*) the students in Eighth Grade will represent St. Thomas More at the *Cathedral of the Holy Angels* for the Mass of Holy Chrism. Father Mike will accompany the students and will give them a tour of the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Gary.

The Mass of Holy Chrism will begin at **10:30 AM** at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels, located at

640 Tyler Street
Gary, Indiana



What is Holy Chrism?

A consecrated mixture of oil and balsam, used for anointing in church sacraments such as Baptism, Confirmation, and Anointing of the Sick.. Also called *holy oil*.

NO SCHOOL ON GOOD FRIDAY



EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS CONFIRMATION REMINDERS ...



Practice

Friday, April 15, 2011

Arrival: 5:45 P.M.

Dress Code for the Confirmation Mass

Boys:

Dress slacks, dress shirt, tie (jacket or sweater optional)
No jeans, athletic shoes or T-shirts

In addition, parents **PLEASE** make sure your student is **NOT** chewing gum. Bishop has noticed this in previous years.

CONFIRMATION DAY

Saturday, April 16, 2011

Arrival: 9:45 A.M.

Girls:

Dress, skirt with appropriate sweater or blouse, or pant-suit **No** low cut, spaghetti-strap, strapless or backless tops, **shoulders MUST be covered**

Questions?

Please contact

Mrs. Morgan

Director of

Religious Formation

PARENTS ...
Please assist us
in regard to
make-up.

No mini-skirts or tight fitting clothing. Skirts should be at least **knee-length**.

Do not wear any ornamentation that denotes non-Christian attitudes and values.

836-9151



"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 Jeremiah, 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 Jeremiah 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 Isaiah, the Man of sorrows, a leper (Isaiah 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 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.

Easter 2011

+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 given to us the Holy Spirit to carry the Divine Will to completion.



Chet Rordyke
Principal

Happy Easter!

Jesus remember me when I come into Your Kingdom.



Our Sorrowful Mother

“Mr. Nordyke, what is Mary’s Way of the Cross?”

Mary’s Way of the Cross, is a unique meditation on the final walk of Jesus, from condemnation to death to His burial in the tomb, as seen through the eyes of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who made the first way of the cross. In addition to the usual fourteen Stations of meditation, *Mary’s Way of the Cross* includes a Fifteenth Station of Christ’s resurrection from the dead. After meditating on the walk of Jesus to Calvary, each Station presents a thought provoking personal application to encourage our own deeper personal appreciation of what Jesus did for us.

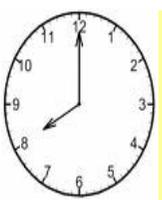
*Receive the Seal of the Holy Spirit,
Gift of God, the Father.*



His Excellency, Bishop Dale J. Melczek, Bishop of the Diocese of Gary, will be in our parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 8th grade Catholic students of our school and Religious Education Program.

Saturday, April 16, 2011 10:30 AM
St. Thomas More Church

We continue to pray for these young men and women who will receive the Holy Spirit and will work hard to *Profess, Defend* and *Spread* the Faith of our Holy Catholic Church.



Students are to arrive at school by 8:00 AM.
Coming tardy disrupts the learning atmosphere of all the children.
Please be fair. Thanks.

NEXT WEEK IS ... HOLY WEEK



*O Lord Open My Lips,
and My Mouth Shall
Proclaim Your Praise.*

Remember, the Holy Mass is offered every Wednesday evening, at 7:00 PM during Lent.



8th grade students: Have **YOU** gone to Confession yet?
Confirmation is

Saturday. Time is running out ...

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



GUESS WHAT BEGINS ON EASTER Monday ???

ISTEP+ EXAMS!!!



- These were scheduled by the State of Indiana, **not** by STMS.
- Testing begins Easter Monday.
- The 8th grade is required, by the State, to take the ISTEP online. Please pray that nothing upsets this plan. :)
- Grades 3-6 are preparing daily in the afternoon. They are busy reviewing, reviewing, reviewing. Please encourage your son/daughter to participate in the reviews.

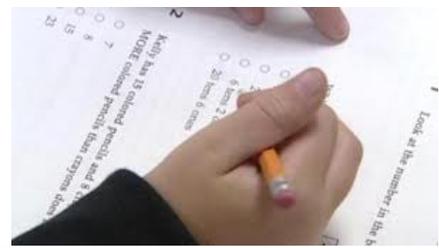
Please have the children get plenty of sleep.

PLEASE make sure all children are Present, and on time, for these tests.

Please have the children eat a good breakfast.



PARENTS: PLEASE ASSIST BY REVIEWING BASIC MATH FACTS AT THE GRADE LEVEL OF YOUR CHILD. ALSO, HAVE THE CHILD READ TO YOU EVERY NIGHT.



STMS 8th GRADE PRESENT:



*The Living Stations of the Cross
St. Thomas More Church
1:30 P.M.*



Friday, April 15, 2011



Come, join us!

Confessions in School



Confessions for the school children (grades 3-8) will be heard after the 8:30 AM morning Mass on Monday, April 18, 2011.



For your Family Calendar ...

Our St. Thomas More Parish Lenten Penance Service is:

Monday, April 18th at 7:00 P.M.

There are two final opportunities to attend communal penance services before Easter. **Please make sure that you go to confession before Easter.**

Monday, April 18

St. Thomas More, Munster - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19

St. Mary/St. Matthias, Crown Point - 7:00 p.m.

Additionally, priests will hear "last minute confessions" after the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Wednesday until finished. So, if you want to wait until Wednesday, please make sure you come to Mass so that you are ready to go to confession.

Pray for us, Dear Sorrowful Mother.



At the Munster Public Library

Under the Sea with Jacques-Yves Cousteau
Wednesday, May 4th at 4:00 pm



Children currently in Kindergarten or older will explore along side with Jacques Cousteau on a voyage under the sea in his legendary research vessel Alcyone. Games and a craft will be included.

Lego Building - Thursday, May 12th
from 6 – 7:30pm



Young Lego enthusiasts, grade 2 and up, are invited to stop by for some creative building time with other kids! Participants will make creations based on a monthly theme then share their creations with the group. Please

register. If you have Legos in good condition that you would like donate, we would love to add them to the libraries collection.

Summer Reading Volunteer Meeting
Thursday, May 26th at 6pm



This orientation is designed for students currently in 4th grade or older who are interested in volunteering during our Summer Reading Program. Attendees should bring a parent to sign the permission slip, as well as

their summer schedule. Parents do not have to stay for the orientation, but may. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please stop by to see Brittany Bosma anytime **AFTER** May 26th.

If I can enjoy a joke at the expense of another; if I can in any way slight another in conversation, or even in thought, then I know nothing of Calvary love.



If you get a minute, check out this website. It is AWESOME.

<http://www.usccb.org/johnpaulii/>



T.R.I.P. NEWS

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

The cutoff for the spring tuition payout includes April 25. Families paying monthly tuition will see a credit on their statements before the end of this school year. For those who have paid their tuition in full at this point, all credits will roll over to cover next year's fees. Checks for credits will only be issued on request and only if your tuition/fees are paid in full. See the check request form on Edline under "News." All TRIP credits earned from April 28 (DayTRIP orders) onward will be paid to returning families' tuition accounts in the winter payout for the '11-'12 school year.

Good Friday Rosary



Imagine what might happen if every Catholic in the world prayed the Rosary on the same day!

On Good Friday, join Catholics around the world from **Noon until 3:00 p.m.**, if possible, to pray the Rosary for peace in the world and the return of moral values in our communities.

Unite in praying one of the most powerful prayers on one of the holiest days in our Church year!

Please especially remember Father Mike and Father Rick in your Easter Prayers. St. Thomas More Parish is so fortunate to have these holy priests ministering among us.



Your 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 and bring others to enroll their child(ren):

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 efficient use 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.



Please remember to bring your Holy Childhood Lenten boxes. The boxes should be returned to the homeroom teachers by **Friday, April 29, 2011.**

Please see Mrs. Block, in Room 226, if you have any questions. Thank you for your generosity.



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 27.**



Something from "The Good Old Days" Returns to STMS ...

Those parents who attended STMS in "The Good Old Days" will remember bringing their teacher a stamped, addressed (parents name!) envelope in order for the final report card of the year to be mailed. We returned to this practice, you remember, last year.

Please begin **now** to send your child (each child must have his/her own stamped, addressed envelope) with the envelope to his/her homeroom teacher. **Thank you.** (Posting # 1)



O sacred head, surrounded by crown
of piercing thorn!

Greetings from our own Mrs. McCabe!



Here is an interesting article that was recently published. It reveals findings about family dynamics. Remember children also feel stress due to parental employment issues, extra (or too many!) Activities, conflict with and within the parental unit etc. Even little children can experience depression or anxiety due to those issues! Children usually show their depression through anger, talking back, self-injury, not listening to parents as well as being apathetic. Good, open communication is an important key to a healthy relationship with your child no matter what the age. Remember, children do not need to be a sounding board for a parent. They are still young people that do not have the capacity to completely evaluate and/or understand stressful situations.

Happy Moms Make for Happy Kids

Published April 04, 2011 Live Science

Kids these days are happier when Mom's content in her relationship with her partner, but their bliss is less dependent on Dad's relationship satisfaction, a new study based in the United Kingdom suggests.

The findings, announced Saturday (April 2), are based on a sample of 6,441 women, 5,384 men and 1,268 children ages 10 to 15.

Overall, 60 percent of young people reported being "completely satisfied" with their family situation, while that number dropped to 55 percent in families with a mother who was unhappy in her relationship. And for kids of moms who were happy in their relationships, the "completely satisfied" group rose to 73 percent.

The ingredients for the most chipper children included: living with two parents (either biological or stepparents); having no younger siblings; not quarrelling with their parents regularly; eating at least three evening meals per week with their family; and having a mother who is happy in her relationship with her husband or cohabiting partner.

As for Mom and Dad, their overall happiness seemed to decline with the duration of their relationship, with that downward slope being steeper for women than men. In fact, overall women were less happy in their relationships than men. In addition, other factors being equal, couples without children reported the greatest satisfaction with their relationships, while those with a preschool child were least happy.

However, a global study published in the March issue of the journal Population and Development Review suggested that kids make parents happier eventually, with bigger families bringing parents joy in midlife.

Among men, being unemployed was associated with lower levels of happiness in their relationship with their partner.

"Together, these findings reveal the complex influences of different family relationships on a child's happiness," said researcher Maria Iacovou of the Institute for Social and Economic Research.

The results are part of the Understanding Society survey, which is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and is expected to follow families for 20 years.



Wellbits

Laughter Is Good For Your Health



Is there anything better than a contagious giggle that you absolutely can't control? (Ok, maybe not so good in school during a serious lesson, or church.) Laughter works wonderfully well in the moment, but it also has some surprising long-term health benefits. In the book [*A Better Brain at Any Age: The Holistic Way to Improve Your Memory, Reduce Stress, and Sharpen Your Wits*](#) (Conari Press, 2009), author Sondra Kornblatt explores how laughter can truly make you feel better.

She writes that the new field of *gelotology* is exploring the benefits of laughter. Laughter helps the pituitary gland release 'happy hormones' that can have the effects listed below:

- Lower blood pressure
- Increase vascular blood flow and oxygenation of the blood
- Give a workout to the diaphragm and abdominal, respiratory, facial, leg, and back muscles
- Reduce certain stress hormones such as cortisol and adrenaline
- Defend against respiratory infections—even reducing the frequency of colds—by immunoglobulin in saliva.
- Increase memory and learning; in a study at Johns Hopkins University Medical School, humor during instruction led to increased test scores (**PERFECT FOR St. Thomas More teachers and students as they prepare for upcoming ISTEPS**)

Improve alertness, creativity, and memory due to increased oxygen to the brain

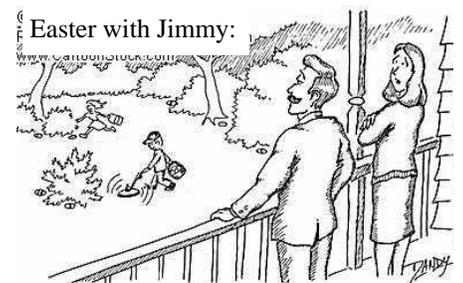
Humor and creativity work in similar ways, says humor guru William Fry, M.D., of Stanford University—by creating relationships between two disconnected items, you engage the whole brain.

Humor works quickly. Less than a half-second after exposure to something funny, and electrical wave moves through the higher brain functions of the cerebral cortex. The left hemisphere analyzes the words and structures of the joke; the right hemisphere “gets” the joke; the visual sensory area of the occipital lobe creates images; the limbic (emotional) system makes you happier; and the motor sections make you smile or laugh.

So when the going gets tough and your patience is ready to burst, tell a joke and just have a good laugh with your kids.



**International Moment of Laughter Day, so
take a minute
L..A..U..G..H.**



"Jimmy takes these Easter Egg hunts very seriously."

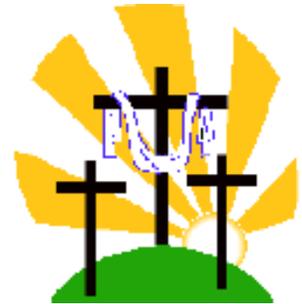
'Twas the Night Before Easter

'Twas the Night Before Easter!

'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 East-
er Egg case!
The kids were entranced by a tech-
no-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 clear-
ly 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!"**



DO PEOPLE MISTAKE YOU FOR JESUS?

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.

S.T.M. LUNCH MENU – WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2011

Daily Ala Cartes: Salads—Large-\$2.25; Small-\$1.80

Yogurt--\$0.70

Milk--\$0.50

Monday, April 18

Hamburger/Cheeseburger
French Fries
Pickle Spear
Fresh Fruit
Fruit Juice Smoothie
Milk

Ala Carte: Burger \$1.50

Monday Volunteers

Eileen Speranza
Amy Lee
Leticia Romero-Kotso

Thursday, April 21

French Toast w/ Syrup
Sausage Patty
Hash Brown Triangle
Apple or Orange Juice
Pineapple Tidbits
Milk

Thursday Volunteers

Tammy Savickis
Amy Osmulski
Jane Mrvan

Tuesday, April 19

Chicken Fryz
Buttered Noodles
Broccoli
Applesauce
Graham Cracker
Milk

Tuesday Volunteers

Susie Thompson
Jennifer Halun
Penny Covelli

Friday, April 22

Good Friday

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, April 20

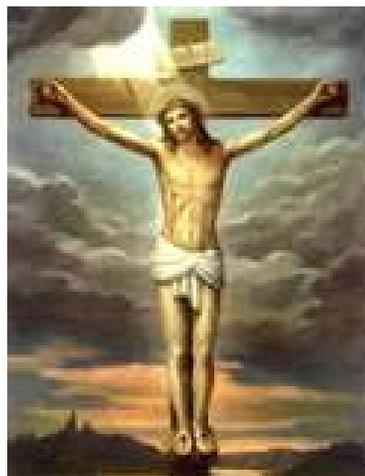
Ravioli w/ Meat Sauce
Cheese Cup
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Peaches
Milk

Wednesday Volunteers

Brenda O'Shea
Anne DiCarlo
Chris Balbo



HOLY WEEK



*If we are Christians, we must
look like Christ - this is my
deep conviction.*

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Menu subject to change.

Hot Lunch Prices: **Student - \$1.90; Adult- \$2.50**

Cash or Checks made out to STM are accepted.

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.

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 cheese sandwich if they have nothing else to eat.

Students should turn in payment in a SEALED envelope labeled with the following information: **LUNCH MONEY, STUDENT FIRST AND LAST NAME, TEACHER NAME, AMOUNT ENCLOSED.**

Check **Edline** for the monthly menu; check the Barrister for the weekly menu and volunteer list.

Pope Benedict XVI

God loves us; we need only to summon up
the humility to allow ourselves to be loved.

"Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of God belong to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."