



Our Patron Saint

The Barrister

"Prefer nothing to the love of Christ."

September 29, 2011

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Meditate Upon the Cross

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica



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



Angels—messengers from God—appear frequently in Scripture, but only Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are named.

Michael appears in Daniel's vision as "the great prince" who defends Israel against its enemies; in the Book of Revelation, he leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil. Devotion to Michael is the oldest

angelic devotion, rising in the East in the fourth century. The Church in the West began to observe a feast honoring Michael and the angels in the fifth century.

Gabriel also makes an appearance in Daniel's visions, announcing Michael's role in God's plan. His best-known appearance is an encounter with a young Jewish girl named Mary, who consents to bear the Messiah.

Raphael's activity is confined to the Old Testament story of Tobit. There he appears to guide Tobit's son Tobiah through a series of fantastic adventures which lead to a threefold happy ending: Tobiah's marriage to Sarah, the healing of Tobit's blindness and the restoration of the family fortune.

The memorials of Gabriel (March 24) and Raphael (October 24) were added to the Roman calendar in 1921. The 1970 revision of the calendar joined their feasts to Michael's.

Each of these archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides.



Feast of the Guardian Angels:

October 2

Feast Day of the Diocese of Gary

Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not just for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer and to present their souls to God at death.

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. St. Benedict (July 11) gave it impetus and Bernard of Clairvaux (August 20), the great 12th-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day.

A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar.

WELLBITS...

RAINY DAY FITNESS

Has this week's excessive rainfall made your kids feel cooped up with nowhere to go and nothing to do? Sometimes it can be hard to think of ways to entertain your kids on rainy days. Here are some ideas of games to play instead of watching TV or playing video games.

BALLOON VOLLEYBALL

What You'll Need:

A balloon, a string, and at least two kids

How to Play:

Tie a string across a room at knee height to act as the volley-ball net. Then blow up a balloon (the volleyball). Each player must sit down and use only their feet to kick the ball back and forth across the net. They may hit the ball as many times as they like, but if the ball touches the ground, the other team gets a point. The first team to 15 wins!

INDOOR BASKETBALL

What You'll Need:

A few sheets of paper, a wastebasket, and at least two kids

How to Play:

Crumple the paper into round balls to use as basketballs. Place the wastebasket in the corner of a room to be your basket. You can play 1-on-1 games, team games, or even a game of HORSE.

SOCK BOCCE

What You'll Need:

A hat, your socks, and at least two kids

How to Play:

Place a hat at one end of the room. Each player removes their socks and balls them up into "bocce" balls. Players take turns tossing their socks at the hat from a distance of at least 10 feet. Each player who gets his/her sock to stay in the hat gets two points. If nobody gets their sock into the hat, the person with the closest bocce ball gets one point. The first player to 10 wins

IMPORTANT PARENTAL REMINDERS ...



1. School begins promptly at 8:00 AM. Some are having problems with this. Children MUST be here on time. Problems? Don't like the policy? Call the Principal.

2. Please be VERY mindful of your driving when dropping children off in the morning. Some are going too fast. Little children don't always look first.

3. Your cooperation with these IMPORTANT PARENTAL REMINDERS are both expected and appreciated.

Community Days at



Help St. Thomas More School Home & School Association by purchasing a Community Days Coupon Book, good for **November 11 & 12 for only \$5.**

What benefit is there for you? Lots of coupons: \$10 Off a \$10 Purchase, Two 30% Off, 20% Off, and many Special Offers.

Purchase your books in the school or school office, parish office or at the Weis Center.

Sold until November 12 or while supplies last.

Last Call for

Used School Uniforms

We will be collecting gently used school uniforms to distribute to an elementary school in East Chicago where many of the students are in desperate need of "new" uniforms. Collection will end on Tuesday, October 4th. If you have any **navy bottoms** (shorts, pants or skorts) and **white and/or red polos**, please place them in the labeled box in the Teachers' Lounge.

Last Collection Day is Tuesday, October 4th!

We'll collect again soon.

Watch for a notice during the 2nd semester.



IMPORTANT:
Before You Continue...

CHILD SAFETY : ALL ADULTS

(Addition to Handbook)

If at any time an adult comes to pick up a student from St. Thomas More School (including, but not limited to, Physician Appointments, Dental Appointments, Illness, Athletics, Kids Time, Scouts, Tutoring, Band, School Musical Practices, etc.) and it is believed that said adult may be under the influence of alcohol, or any other controlled substance, the school reserves the right to not release the student to said driver, but to call another driver to come for the student. If said driver chooses not to adhere, then STMS will be required to notify the Munster Police Department.

We appreciate your continued cooperation in understanding that the safety of all children remains top on our priority list at St. Thomas More School. **(Second/Final Posting)**



8th Grade Parents

Dear 8th grade parents, Mrs. Kathleen Pagorek will be hosting an informational meeting about this years trip to Washington, DC. The meeting will be held at the **WEIS CENTER** on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th** at **7:00pm**. This meeting is for the parents who have signed their child up or are looking for details about our trip. This years trip will be from June 5-7th, 2012. We will also be discussing our fundraising. Hope to see you there.

Thank you very much.

Kathleen Pagorek



Walk-A-thon Fundraiser

The walking has been completed, the children brought in the collection sheets. The feet are healed. Please remind your child(ren) to bring their money to school.

Yes, teachers are reminding the children.

We appreciate YOUR help in collection.



Devotion to the angels is, at base, an expression of faith in God's enduring love and providential care extended to each person day in and day out until life's end.



3rd Grade Parents ...

Parents should have their Third Grade child read to the for 20 minutes every night. When they are finished reading, ask your child questions about what he/she has read.

Starting this Spring, every child in Third Grade, throughout the State of Indiana, must take, and pass a new exam. This exam, which is separate from the ISTEP+, states as its purpose the following:

“The purpose of the *Indiana Reading Evaluation And Determination (IREAD-3)* assessment is to measure foundational reading standards through grade three. Based on the Indiana Academic Standards, IREAD-3 is a summative assessment that was developed in accordance with Public Law 109 which "requires the evaluation of reading skills for students who are in grade three beginning in the Spring of 2012 to ensure that all students can read proficiently before moving on to grade four".

Save the Date

for St. Thomas More
Home and School
Association's

Harvest Gala

Saturday,

November 5, 2011

The Center for
Visual and Performing
Arts
Munster, IN

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT IMPORTANT DATE



SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 4,
2011

PICTURE DAY FOR

VOLLEYBALL,

SOCCER AND

CROSS COUNTRY

MORE INFORMATION
TO FOLLOW!

Buy T.R.I.P. In School

Yes, you can purchase T.R.I.P. cards in the school building! Mrs. Amy Lee will be selling T.R.I.P. cards in the *RAVEN'S ROOST* every THURSDAY morning from 8:00-9:00A.M. The *Raven's Roost*, our school supply store, is located in the Main Hall of the school right next to the Principal's Office.

Remember ... T.R.I.P. helps YOU keep YOUR school costs down. :)



4-H NEWS:

If you missed the first 4-H meeting but would still like to join 4-H, please give Mrs. Javorka your e-mail so that she can keep you informed of future meetings and events.





T.R.I.P. News



Need a reason to go to the movies?

From 9/17/11 through 10/14/11,
AMC Theaters will
increase from 7% to 12%.

REMEMBER ...

**SHORTS/CAPRIS
MAY NO LONGER
BE WORN TO
SCHOOL AFTER
THIS WEEK.**

**THEY WILL
RETURN IN MAY.**

**WINTER IS
ALMOST HERE,
YEAH!!!**

**The Columbian Squires and
The Knights of Columbus
proudly present:**



On **October 1, from 5:00 PM to
8:30 PM** in the school
cafeteria where we will
be showing the where we
will be showing the
Feature film
**TRANSFORMERS:
DARK SIDE
OF THE MOON!**



**Join us for Popcorn,
Pizza, pop and fun!**

**Come and see what the Columbian
Squires are all about!**



**WOW!!! HOLY
JUMPIN'
CATFISH!**

**The children who attend St. Thomas
More for Holy Mass, on the weekend,
have been doing an OUTSTANDING job
turning in their weekly offertory
envelope!**

Thank you! God bless you!

Date	Assignment	Category	Points
Step 3	Subgroup Systems	Problem Solving	10
Step 4	Springraph Special	Activities	10
Step 5	Staffworks	Problem Solving	10
Step 6	Open House	Activities	10
Step 7	Chapter 2 Homework	Homework	40
Step 8	Chapter 7 Test	Tests	100
Total			180

Parents: We all hope you are checking EDLINE on a consistent basis. We do not want you to have any surprises (unhappy ones, that is) at the end of October ...



OCTOBER RESPECT LIFE MONTH

The students in grades 7 and 8 have accepted the invitation from
His Excellency,
The Most Reverend Bishop Dale J. Melczek,
to participate in the traditional

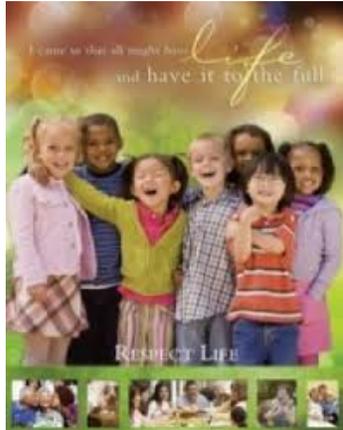
Respect Life Procession of Faith and Cross Installation Prayer Service

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Franciscan St. Margaret Health, Dyer Campus

9:30 AM

“I came so that all might have life and have it to the full.”



**Please, don't even
let one day go by
without telling your
children how much
you love them.**



**PLEASE MAKE
THE
FOLLOWING
IMPORTANT
CHANGES TO YOUR
CALENDAR ...**

- * **October 29th is the Middle School Dance (Grades 6-8) from Oct. 22nd**
- * **April 14th is SPRINGFEST from Feb. 18th**



**MOM
AND
DAD ...**

**MORE
IMPORTANT ADDITIONS
FOR YOUR CALENDAR ...**

**HOME & SCHOOL MEETING
SCHEDULE:**

**MEETINGS TAKE PLACE IN
THE CAFETERIA at 6:30 pm**

- November 10th (Thursday)
- January 19th (Thursday)
- March 15th (Thursday)
- May 16th (Wednesday)

***Please come and join us.
You're help makes us
Stronger.***

EAGLE PRIDE

The President well protected.



Mr. President with a Secret Service Agent?

Thanks for bringing more Honor, Glory and Fame !

S.T.M. LUNCH MENU – WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2011

Daily Ala Cartes: Salads—Large-\$2.30; Small-\$1.85

Yogurt--\$0.70

Milk--\$0.50

Monday, Oct. 3

Corn Dog
French Fries
Carrots
Waldorf Salad or Apple
Vanilla Wafers
Milk
Ala Carte Corn Dog: \$1.25

Monday Volunteers

Anne DiCarlo
Becky Kirsch

Thursday, Oct. 6

Beef Tacos- Soft or Hard
Lettuce/Cheese Cup
Tater Tots
Peaches
Ice Cream Cup
Milk
Ala Carte Taco: \$1.25

Thursday Volunteers

Amy Wiess
Agnes Nahnsen
Jeanne Mossberg

Tuesday, Oct. 4

Chicken Nuggets
Brown Rice
Broccoli
Mixed Fruit/Juice Cup
Milk

Tuesday Volunteers

Penny Covelli
Karen Sikora

Friday, Oct. 7

Hot Pretzel w/cheese
Yogurt Cup
Salad
Fruit
Jello
Milk
Ala Carte Pretzel: \$1.25

Friday Volunteers

Susanne Seydel
Donna Sullivan
Dan Rusnak

Wednesday, Oct. 5

Pepperoni Pizza
Corn
Applesauce
Animal Crackers
Milk

Ala Carte Pizza: \$1.55

Wednesday Volunteers

Chris O'Brien
Tammy Savickis
Amy Osmulski



St. Mother Theodore Guérin

October 3

Founder of the Sisters of Providence



St. Francis of Assisi

October 4

Founder of the Franciscan Order

Our Lady of the Rosary



Our Lady of the Rosary

October 7

The rosary helps us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation.

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.

Go to www.cafeprepay.com to check student account balances and to make credit card payments.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.