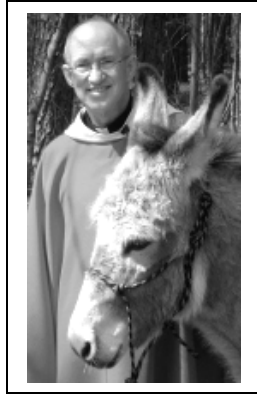


Pastor's Corner

My dear Friends,

As you may remember, since last June the Catholic Church has been celebrating the “Year of St. Paul.” Paul, often called the “Apostle to the Gentiles,” is perhaps the person most responsible for laying the foundation for Catholic theology. At almost every Mass we read some of his writings. Now, the Year of St. Paul comes to a close.



In its place, the pope has declared a “Year of the Priest” to run from June 19, 2009 to June 19, 2010. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the death of the Patron Saint of parish priests, St. John Vianney.

Although all Catholic Christians are part of the “priesthood of all believers,” the Year of the Priest focuses on the Ordained Priest who has a priesthood that is different in degree and kind.

The primary focus of the “Year of the Priest” is to encourage “spiritual perfection” in ordained priests. During this year, I ask you to remember ordained priests in your special prayers as we need all the help we can get on our spiritual paths. Thanks!

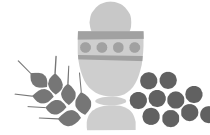
This coming Saturday, Americans also celebrate the Fourth of July, Independence Day. The day commemorates the signing of the *Declaration of Independence* on July 4, 1776. We like to think this was the day when residents of our land became a “free” people. But many Americans are not free. They carry a ball-and-chain made of credit card debt. Others are imprisoned by addictions of all sorts. Some live in unhappy homes or have unhappy jobs. Others are consumed by materialism or prejudices. Only you know how “free” you really are. Let’s hope the ideal of American freedom matches your personal reality!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
- Father Bob



June 19, 2009 – June 19 – 2010
**The Faithfulness of Christ,
The Faithfulness of Priests**

Liturgies & Paraliturgies Including Mass Intentions



Saturday, June 27:

5:30 pm Mass – † Eleanor Antonaccio
Offered by The Antonaccio Family
7:00 pm Mass – Mass for the Parishioners

Sunday, June 28:

8:00 am Mass – † Rev. Gerald Appelby –
50th Anniversary of Ordination
*Offered by Mr. and Mrs. James
Glasenapp*
9:30 am Mass – † William Craig
Offered by Kathey Craig
11:00 am Mass – † Karen Kendig Doubek
Offered by Robert and Barbara Mee
1:00 pm Mass – Mass for the Parishioners

Monday, June 29:

7:30 am Mass – James Cannon
Offered by Michael

Tuesday, June 30:

7:30 am Mass - Mass for the Parishioners

Wednesday, July 1:

7:30 am Communion Service

Thursday, July 2:

7:30 am Mass - † Daniel Lennon
Offered by The Edwards Family

Friday, July 3:

7:30 am Mass - † Kathryn Nicolosi
Offered by The Edwards Family

Saturday, July 4:

8:00 am Mass – † Margaret Damiani
Offered by Ettore Damiani
5:30 pm Mass – † Emily Chandler Kams
Offered by The Bennett Family
7:00 pm Mass – Mass for the Parishioners

Sunday, July 5:

8:00 am Mass – † James M. Kenny
Offered by Betty Kenny
9:30 am Mass – † Paul Bennett
Offered by The Bennett Family
11:00 am Mass - † Claire Carey
Offered by Debra Cochrane
1:00 pm Mass – Mass for the Parishioners

Weekend Mass Schedule at a Glance

Saturday Mass in English – 5:30 pm
Saturday Mass in Spanish – 7:00 pm
Sunday Mass in English – 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am
Sunday Mass in Spanish – 1:00 pm

To schedule a **Mass Intention**, to donate the **Altar Flowers** in memory of a loved one or special occasion, or for information on **Baptism**, please come to the Parish Office or call 762-5491.

Today's Readings

First Reading — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24).

Psalms — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15).

Gospel — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday

Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

Readings for the week may be found on www.thestmaryparish.org - Click on *Worship*

RU a Secular Franciscan, and looking for a local fraternity?
or

RU wondering what it would be like to become one?

The local fraternity meets the third Sunday of the month at 2:30 PM

In the RCIA room, Tileston School.

For more information contact:

Frank Bindewald at 452-7603 or fbindewald@ec.rr.com

or Linda Perunko at 399-7695 or lperunko@ec.rr.com

Camillus Ministers Needed

Please consider becoming a Camillus Minister to bring Communion to Nursing Home residents and At-Home parishioners.

Call D.C. Thompson at 251-1237 for more information.

The St Mary Parish Bookstore

Sunday

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesday thru Friday

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Are you interested in reciting the Rosary after Daily Mass

Please join us after Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday Communion Service, and Friday Masses,

All are welcome.

Eucharistic Ministers

If you would like to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Stephanie Watts at 799-7623 or ewatts1949@aol.com.

English as a Second Language Classes

Classes are Sundays from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm in the Tileston Building.

Please contact the Church Office for information.

Please Pray for Our Sick

Shirley Ammons	Janet Dowel	Jim Murphy
Gordon Armiger	Madeline Dowell	Kathy Murphy
Robyn Baily	Shari George	Katherine Oxx
Charles Baird	Mildred Gibbons	John Pavolonis
Evelyn Baird	Betty Glasenapp	Geraldine Saburn
Stephanie Barrows	Louise Gordon	Byron Saunders
Capt. Gregory Beadore	Kristal Grant	Louise "Pat" Shoemaker
Cheryl Bezek	Michael J. Gressman	John Slaughenhaupt
Arenda Bingham	William Grundy	Adell Suhoski
Bill Boehling	Mary Haywood	John Leroy Trader
Judy Brooks	Andrew Kegl	Felix Usewicz
Lecia Burns	Josephine Kidney	Paula J. Veltz
Bob Carey	Anna Lenortav age	Catherine Veres
C.J. Carroll	Francis Leonard	Chance Watson
Clara Carter	Louise Leonard	Chris Watson, Jr.
Robert Cay	Patrick Leonard	Jim Watters
Joyce Christine	Anthony Mancini	Jeff Weeks
Roy Clifton	Mary Eugenia Mazur	Sheila Weeks
Jeanne Currier	Gary McDaniel	Jeff Wiener
Barbara DeBellis	Lindsay McDuffie	Sheila Wolfe
Patricia Carroll	Elizabeth Militscher	

To add or remove a name, please contact: bulletin@thestmaryparish.org or 395-2063.

St. Mary Nursery News

The nursery is open for 9:30 Sunday Mass and will remain open all summer
For more information or to volunteer - contact

Allen and Kelly Sanderson at nursery@thestmaryparish.org or you may stop by the nursery before and after the 9:30 Sunday mass.

Centering Prayer

An hour of contemplating prayer and the Centering practice Wednesday afternoons in our Chapel in Tileston. From the following web page, you can view a video, in three parts, about Centering Prayer. <http://www.centeringprayer.com/reachin gout.htm>

When: Wednesday from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Place: Chapel - Tileston – 1st floor

More information: contact Joan Regan – 383-2804

Adoration



Why not "watch and pray" an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? We have Adoration

- Every Thursday after the 7:30 a.m. Mass for one hour
- Each Sunday following the 1:00 p.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m.
- The first Friday of each month, following the morning Mass until 3:30 p.m.

If you would like to take part in this devotion please call Sister Isaac on her cell phone: (910) 470-7318.

INVITATION TO MEN WITH SPIRITUAL HUNGER!

Come join Fr. Bob and a growing group of men who meet each Friday morning from 7:00 am - 7:45 am in the Tileston Building. We study and reflect on scripture and simply share what is on our hearts and minds. Come join us as you are able. We welcome you!

IMPORTANT - DRIVERS NEEDED

We have parishioners who are no longer able to drive and need assistance getting to Saturday or Sunday mass. Perhaps someone would be interested in starting a new Ministry.

If anyone could help out, please call the parish office at 762-5491
Extension 13.

The Week Ahead In Our Parish

Saturday, June 27:

Youth Gospel Choir Rehearsal* - 9:00 am in the Church

Gospel Choir Rehearsal* - 10:15 am in the Church

Nina Ruiz and Andres Ruiz Wedding – 11:00 am in the Church

Sarah Burnett and Jonathan Ricci Wedding – 2:00 pm in the Church

Sunday, June 28:

Nursery* – Available at the 9:30 am Mass

No Faith Formation – Begin again in the Fall

Faith Sharing* - 9:45 am in Tileston

English as a Second Language Class* - 11:00 am – 12:30 pm in Tileston –

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* - 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm in the Church

Middle and High School Youth Group* - 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm in Tileston

Monday, June 29:

Rosary following Mass (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday)

Contemporary Choir Rehearsal* - 7:00 pm in the Church

Hispanic Young Adult Group (El grupo de jóvenes adultos)* - 7:30 pm in Tileston

Grupo De Alcohólicos Anónimos* - 8:00 – 9:30 pm en el gimnasio

Tuesday, June 30:

Divine Mercy Chaplet* – 12:30 pm in the Chapel at Tileston

Adult Education* – 6:00 pm in Tileston

Practica de la Banda Latina de Domingo* - 7:00 pm in Tileston

Wednesday, July 1:

Centering Prayer – 1:30 – 2:30 pm in the Tileston Chapel

Practica de la Banda Latina de Sabado* - 7:00 pm in Tileston

Thursday, July 2:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* - 8:00 am – 9:00 am in the Church

Renaissance Choir Rehearsal* - 7:30 pm in Tileston

Friday, July 3:

Men's Faith Sharing* – 7:00 am in the RCIA room in Tileston

Summer schedule Friday Mass at 7:30 am

First Friday Adoration – Following 7:30 am Mass – 3:30 pm

Marcia LeDonne – Joseph Skinner Wedding – 7:00 pm in the Church

Grupo De Alcohólicos Anónimos* - 8:00 – 9:30 pm en el gimnasio

Saturday, July 4:

First Saturday Mass – 8:30 am

Youth Gospel Choir Rehearsal* - 9:00 am in the Church

Gospel Choir Rehearsal* - 10:15 am in the Church

*Indicates Weekly event



Knights of Columbus Council 1074

The Knights of Columbus Wilmington Council #1074
is looking for a few good Catholic men.

HOW ABOUT YOU?

Join us for the fun, fraternity, and the good works.
Call Dave King at 383-1107 for more information.



Presents

St. Mary's Summer Luau Saturday, July 18th at 6:30 pm St. Mary School Cafeteria

Pork Barbecue Fried Chicken
Hawaiian Cole Slaw and Potato Salad
Spinach and Strawberry Salad
with Poppy Seed Dressing
Rolls Tropical Sunshine Cake
Cash Bar of Beer and Wine



FOR THE KIDS
Fried Chicken
Macaroni and Cheese
Tropical Fruit Salad



**Wear Your Best Beach/ Hawaiian Attire
Hula Contest Luau Favors**

Hawaiian Music and Dancing Encouraged

**Adults \$20
Children 5-12 \$5**

Tickets sold after Mass and in the Parish Office

**Chicken and Barbecue prepared by

From the Office of Social Outreach**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****By: Sister Isaac**

The second reading today of St. Paul to the Corinthians reminds us why we try to share our blessings with those in need...Jesus emptied Himself for us. As I write this in my Office, I am thinking of those Knights of Columbus who are bearing the heat of the day, collecting food for the Outreach. Monday through Thursday over a hundred families will be nourished by their sharing.

In the Gospel we see Jesus healing people. That, too, is something we continue today as we leave Church strengthened by the Eucharist to go and be Jesus to others. For many among us, summer gives us the opportunity to “slow down a bit” and take some time to rest and relax and read. Our Book Store has some excellent material to nourish our spiritual life. We are fortunate to have the book store so available to us. One book I recommend is entitled, **How Big Is Your God?**

During the month of August the Outreach will be closed. Starting next week we **will not receive any clothing**, as we have a good amount on hand to still distribute. If you are not able to hold on to clothing you wish to donate until after Labor Day, the **Salvation Army, Full Gospel Rescue Mission, Good Will, Vintage Value and Bargain Box** all take clothing on a daily basis. We are still in need of beds, dressers, tables and chairs and will accept these items until the middle of the month so we can help people set up their apartments.

Special Need for the Week

Next Sunday is **Share Sunday**.
Nutritious food items are always appreciated.

Sister Marion's 65th Jubilee of Vows

Several months ago we celebrated **Sister Marion's 65th Jubilee of Vows** in Raleigh at the Cathedral with our Bishop. Now we would like to honor her in the Parish. We will do this by inviting you to come and be part of a **Pot-Luck Supper in her honor**. It will take place on **July 11th, Saturday, following the 5:30 Mass**. If you are planning to attend please call the Parish Office (762-5491) to let us know what type of food you are bringing so that our Hospitality Committee can organize the festivity. More details to follow in next week's bulletin, so please mark the date on your Calendar!

Mission Trip Meeting**Tues day, June 30th****6:30 pm****RCIA Room**

Anyone interested in exploring the possibility of going to visit our sister parish in Honduras in the future is invited to attend this meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss what is involved in “immersion” mission trips.

Diocesan Events**Project Rachel Support Group**

Abortion is one of the most common procedures in the US experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. Abortion creates a deep wound in post-abortive woman, one that effects them spiritually, mentally and emotionally. Project Rachel assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion find truth and healing. There is a support group beginning in the Triangle area in late August. If you have experienced abortion and would like more information about the support group contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email projectrachel@nc.rr.com.

For more information go to <http://projectrachelnc.org/>
Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.

PETITION TO HELP PREGNANT WOMEN CHOOSE LIFE

Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Jugs need your help in convincing our state legislators to allow the Choose Life license plate to be made available in NC. Helping is as simple as a few clicks on your internet. An online petition has been created by the Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship and can be found at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/ncchooselife/>. No contribution is necessary and petition names will not be used for any other purpose. IMPORTANT: If you prefer not to receive further notifications from this petition website, please be sure to remove the green check from the box that appears above the “Sign Petition” box. If you do not wish to make a contribution to the petition website, simply leave the website after you click the “Sign Petition” box. Please consider signing the petition and let your friends know about the petition as well. Without your help, the Choose Life license plate will never be passed by our Legislature.

Catholic Family Retreats

The Christian Family Living Center
Topsail Island, NC
910-328-1584

Summer Retreats

Come to the ocean and join us for a Catholic family vacation while enjoying affordable, faith-based programming on Topsail Island, NC. All-inclusive packages include private bedroom with private bath, meals and snacks, program material, trained staff and much more.

Options:

5 nights/6 days: \$240 ages 8 and older. \$100 ages 2-7.
Under age 2 are free. The family maximum is \$980.

3 nights/4 days: \$145 ages 8 and older. \$60 ages 2-7.
Under age 2 are free. The family maximum is \$590

Our staff and resident priest lead a Christ-centered program with activities for children of all ages, social time for adults and peer groups. Each day includes prayer time and celebration of the Eucharist. Afternoons are free for families to swim, surf and relax together along our pristine shoreline.

Director of Human Resources – Diocese of Raleigh

Responsibilities include full range human resources management for the Diocesan central offices and benefits administration for the entire Diocese. The position also serves as the key Human Resources contact and advisor for pastors as they administer the parishes and parochial schools in the Diocese. Significant experience in employee relations, benefits administration, human resources related legal issues, job descriptions, performance reviews, and recruitment is required. Candidates preferred to have a certification in human resources (SPHR), an MBA or similar degree, and progressive generalist experience leading human resources functions. Knowledge of and appreciation for the ecclesial structure of the Catholic Church is required. Send cover letter and resume with salary requirements to: Human Resources Director Search, Diocese of Raleigh, 715 Nazareth Street, Raleigh, NC 27606 or to HRDirectorSearch@raldioc.org.

Theology of the Body for Teens Training

The Diocese of Raleigh is providing training on the Theology of the Body for Teens on August 1 at St. Mark in Wilmington. The training is on Pope John Paul II Theology of the Body which provides teens with the knowledge and understanding of the meaning and purpose of human sexuality. This program is for anyone that plans to offer the program or is considering offering the program. The program is open to any adult that wants to learn more about Theology of the Body for Teens. For more information please go to the Diocesan Calendar on the WEB (www.dioceseofraleigh.org).

For All Involved in Ministry in the Diocese of Raleigh

Mark your calendars now for the Diocese of Raleigh's
Catholic Convocation 2009

"Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word"

on October 23-24, 2009 at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church, Raleigh, NC. Bishop Gerard F. Kicanas, Bishop of Tucson, Vice President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will be the keynote speaker. Bishop Michael F. Burbidge and Bishop Kicanas will concelebrate the Convocation Mass on Saturday, October 24 at 9am.

**Make this the year you listen to your
Baptismal Call to proclaim your faith!**

A Eucharistic Congress, to be held September 11-12, 2009

All are invited to attend a Eucharistic Congress on September 11-12, 2009 in Washington, DC at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Congress, entitled *Sacrifice of Enduring Love*, is sponsored by the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR). There is no charge for admission to the two-day event that will explore three vocations in depth — the Priesthood, Religious Life, and Marriage. In addition to other displays, a piece of the actual *tilma* of St. Juan Diego will be exhibited. For more information about the Congress, visit www.cmswr.org or write: P.O. Box 4467, Washington, DC 20017.

Office of Youth Ministry

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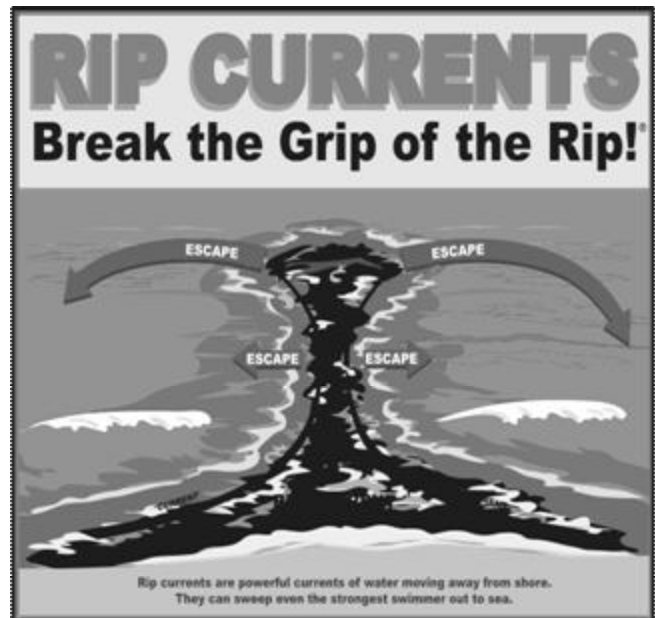
Preparation classes for the Sacrament of Baptism of infants and young children (in English)

Mandatory preparation class for the Baptism of infant and young children (in English) will be held on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Amy Bradley Room located in the Tileston building. If the first Monday is a holiday then the class will be given on the next Monday that is not a holiday.

You must RSVP ahead of time to take the class.



Summer Safety Reminder



IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:

www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov
www.noaa.gov



**Celebrations
June 20 – June 23**



In Memoriam
David A. Bourne
Mary M. Ryan
Bernard Meyer

**Liturgical Minister's Schedule
Weekend of July 4 – July 5**

For Masses in English
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
-Schedule does not show substitutions-

	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister	L. Bray e E. Harris W. Harris J. Lachance R. Little M. McCormick J. Paparozzi	M. Adkins J. Bost E. Flewellin M. Gittings R. Keegan L. Newton E. Teaster	R. Jackson L. Johnson C. Jones H. Latham R. Mercorella M. Reis G. Worsley	T. Bruhn R. Clifton P. Gross F. Metzgar B. Murtagh D. Paul J. Young
Lectors	N. Burrell J. Marchese	N. McDonald E. Stumph	A. Rogers E. Grace	P. Marriott C. Stiles
Altar Servers	M. Truman N. Vaughan E. Walsh	K. Black R. Fry S. Young	J. Daley E. Dowd M. Harris	S. Gerbe L. Gerbe O. Gerbe



Weddings

Lawrence VanZomeren and Christine Mancusi
Thanh Vu and Sara Fisher

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers

Please contact Stephanie Watts at
799-7623 or ewatts1949@aol.com with your email address
so the monthly schedules can be sent electronically.



Baptisms

Amanda Castañon Santana
Emily Jacqueline García López
Jaycie Ixayana García López

**National Catholic Youth Convention Pilgrims
Independence Day Bake Sale**

Sunday, July 5
Following the 5:30 pm , 8:00 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am
Masses



The pilgrims and chaperones will be selling goodies to raise
money to help pay for this once in a lifetime trip.

Proceeds will directly benefit the pilgrims attending the
NCYC in November of 2009

Stewardship of Treasure

"For everything is from you and we only give you what we have received from you."
---- 1 Chronicles 29:14-16

June 14, 2009

Envelopes Mailed: 1270 Children's' Envelopes Received: \$ 100.00
Envelopes Returned: 390 Total Children's Offertory: \$ 0.00

	OFFERTORY	BUDGET	EDUCATION
06/14/2009	\$ 15,008.72	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 100.00
07/01/08 to present	\$ 787,163.92	\$ 763,150.00	\$ 30666.19

Thank you for generously supporting the
Church with your time, talent and treasure.

Bulletin Editor



Sandy O'Leary
Please contact with any information for the bulletin

bulletin@thesmaryparish.org
or call 395-2063.



From the Desk of Joyce Price, Principal

New PreK-3 Program at St. Mary School

Here we GROW again! We are excited about adding a PreK3 program to our school. It will be located in the Lower School building. As we begin to outfit the new classroom, there are some items that we are hoping to have donated. We would be grateful to you for providing any of the items on the list:

Wish list for the PreK3 class

- Little Tikes Double Easel
- Wooden Puzzles
- Small Wooden Blocks
- Dress Up Clothes
- Kitchen Play and Pretend Dishes and Cookware
- Pretend Food
- Lacing Cards
- Duplo Blocks
- Sorting Toys
- Matching Games
- Cookie Cutters (plastic) for Play Dough
- Kitchen Table with Chairs (children size)
- Sand and Water Table Toys
- Children Books
- Play Phone
- Tool Kit
- Cash Register
- Magnetic Numbers or Letters
- Thistle Blocks

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ST. MARY Catholic School

Community Events



Surf Camps
910-274-3565 or indojaxsurfschool.com
St. Mary School Teachers:
Jack Viorel (1) and Kevin Murphy (5)

Treadop Studios

presents

Awesome Art Adventures

Projects to stimulate creativity and imagination

Art and Nature

Poseable Art Doll

Summer Camp Dates:

July 20 – July 24

July 27 – 31

Please contact Kim Karns (Art Teacher) at 762-4084
for pricing, times and other information.



Summer Fencing

2nd grade and up

No experience necessary

All equipment provided

Basement of the Tileston Gym

July 13-17 Half day beginner camps 9-12:30 & 1-5 \$99
July 20-24 Full day beginner camp 9-5 \$195
July 27-31 Full day advanced foil camp 9-5 \$195
August 3-7 Full day advanced epee/sabre camp 9-5 \$195
August 10-14 Full day beginner camp 9-5 \$195

Greg Spahr at 799-8642 or gregoryspahr@yahoo.com

Reflections on this Week's Liturgy

Discussion Questions for Reading 1

We read that God does not rejoice in the destruction of the living. Think of some ways life is destroyed - in the environment, through addictions, violence, or hopelessness. Turn each situation into a positive one by completing this sentence: "God rejoices when. . ."

Think of a situation in your own life or in your family that could lead to upset, hurt feelings, or anger. Complete the same sentence in regard to your situation. Give God a reason to rejoice by acting positively in this situation at least once each day.

Discussion Questions for Reading 2

Does the second paragraph in the reflection remind you of yourself? your family? your parish? Why or why not?

Draw up an "Abundance List." List all the material and spiritual gifts you have in abundance. Next to each gift, list one way you, your group, your family, or your parish can share that gift with others who may need it.

Now draw up a "Needs List." List all the ways you or your group may be in need, materially or spiritually. Do you need more joy, more love, more peace, more acceptance, more friendship among you? Who can share these gifts with you? How will you ask for help?

Discussion Questions for Gospel

Share the imagined feelings of the father, the girl, and the crowd. You may want to volunteer to read aloud and enact the story of Jairus and his daughter.

Have you ever felt "stuck"? Have you ever felt, "I don't know how I'm going to do this, or get through this"? Think of a situation like that in your life or in the life of someone you know. Pray quietly for a moment. Like Jairus, you might like to pray, "Jesus, please come." You might like to say this several times. Then imagine Jesus saying your name or the name of the person you are praying for. He says, "_____, I say to you, arise!" Jesus is with you and those you love in every situation. He will give you what you need, whether that is more patience, or kindness, or truth, or even a new way to go about things. When you ask Jesus to come, he comes! And when he comes, he brings new life.