



FYI *For Your Information*

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May Day Family Rosary

Bishop Lee Piché will lead the 63rd annual May Day Family Rosary Procession, Sunday, May 2 in St. Paul.

Gathering time is at 1:30 pm at the MN State Capitol.

For more information on the procession, visit www.familyrosaryprocession.org

Transportation Registration for Next Year

SCCS Families wanting bus transportation for your SCCS students for NEXT YEAR are required to complete a **Transportation Registration Form.**

The Registration Form can be found on the SCCS web site under *SCCS Parents* and also on the Stillwater Schools web site:

http://stillwater.k12.mn.us/Transportation_Enrollment_and_Decline_Forms.html

From the Principal's Desk by Mrs. Epperly

Grandparents and Special Friends Day was celebrated last Friday. On this day, SCCS students and staff welcomed all of our grandparents and special friends. This day gave us an opportunity to recognize all that our grandparents and special friends do for us. It provided a chance to celebrate our love of them and thank them for their accomplishments, contributions and support they so generously and lovingly give to us. Just to have our grandparents and special friends visiting with us in the classrooms and hallways was so great. It isn't often that we get to show off the good things we do during the school day. We wrapped up the day by gathering in church to celebrate mass together.

It was a very enjoyable experience for our students, grandparents, special friends and teachers!



Thanks to the Endowment and Home and School Committee members who helped SCCS staff make this special day possible.



**MOSAIC ITEMS
NEEDED for 7th
GRADE ART!
by Mrs. Fioritto**

As you're doing your Spring cleaning, please keep in mind that the seventh graders will soon be creating their mosaic stepping stones! Any old jewelry, buttons, trinkets and of course chipped or broken dishes and pottery would be greatly appreciated! You can drop items off in the office for Mrs. Fioritto, or bring them to the art room.

Thank you!

**Summer
Bridge
Activities
Books**



There is still time (through April 30) to order Summer Bridge Activities Books. An order form can be printed under the FYI section of the SCCS web site, www.stcroixcatholic.com

Mass and Eucharistic Procession

Beginning last weekend and continuing this weekend, our school and parish communities are celebrating the First Communion of our second grade students. On Wednesday, May 5th, our students, staff and parents will come together as a "Eucharistic Community" to honor the second graders at this joyous time in their lives with a special school mass celebrated by Bishop Piché. We will begin at 9:15 am with the crowning of Our Lady by our eighth grade students. Sarah Lentz and Patrick Witzmann were chosen by their peers for the prestigious honor of crowning Mary. The mass will be followed by a Eucharistic Procession around the school and church (outside if weather permits). We invite all family members to join us and hope you will pray for our First Communicants and for a beautiful day!



Eighth grade students may be out of uniform for the day on May 5th. They will be "dressed up" for their formal graduation pictures. The second grade students will be coming to school early for their individual First Communion pictures beginning at 8:00 am. They can come to school dressed in their First Communion outfits, but should bring along casual clothes (uniforms not required) to change to before their lunch.

All other students are expected to be in full uniforms for this special day.

SCCS' Own Food Revolution by Jane Slusher, SCCS Kitchen Supervisor

Long before Jamie Oliver hit the "tele" with his "Food Revolution," SCCS, along with Stillwater public schools, has been carefully choosing and preparing foods that are fresh and healthy.

We are required to follow the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. We also must consider government regulations, nutritional values, food cost, time management and student likes and dislikes when planning and preparing school lunches.

Some of the positive changes we have made in the last few years are:

- We have increased the amount of fresh fruits and vegetables available to students.
- The milk we serve comes from a local dairy and does not contain BGH or high fructose corn syrup.
- Yogurt Parfaits which have been a hit with students have been on our menu for a couple of years.
- Our pizza is made with low fat cheese and has whole grain in the crust.
- Foods are baked and not fried.
- Lowfat chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, tacos, hamburgers and cheese are served.



Unlike the students seen on "Food Revolution" on TV, our kindergarten students know their fruits and vegetables! They identified lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, celery, broccoli, cucumbers, potatoes, peppers, and cantaloupe. Only a few had trouble with a sweet



Box Tops for Education Check Received

SCCS just received our second check this year from the General Mills Box Tops for Education program. The **\$828.60** check has been divided among the Advisories and programs that collect the Box Tops. Each one received an amount ranging between \$13.00 and \$163.00 depending upon how many box tops their class collected.

Mrs. Berry's class received an amazing \$163 to spend on supplies or activities for her room.

Please continue to send in your Box Tops, milk caps and Campbell's soup labels through the end of the year and save them during the summer months. Our next Box Tops redemption will be next fall.

A **BIG THANKS** to Ann Tomek and Deb Frericks who coordinate the General Mills Box Tops program for SCCS.

potato. Most of the students recognized the avocado, but a few wanted to call it guacamole!

While identifying the foods, the classes talked about good nutrition and healthy habits such as *washing, washing, washing* the food and hands!

In the SCCS lunchroom, we are committed to feeding your children healthy lunches and will continue to improve.



It Is Carnival Planning Time

The School Carnival Is Friday, May 28th
from 1 pm – 3 pm!!!



We are looking for SCCS families to donate boxes of Little Debbie Snack Treats and/or 16oz pop bottles for the carnival. Please drop them off at the SCCS office when you are able to!

If you have any other ideas or items that your family would be interested in donating to this fun event for the kids, i.e. gift certificates, tootsie pop suckers, candy, etc...please let us know.

We would also love to have any help that day from parents that would like to assist with the set-up, tear-down, food station, or obstacle courses.

Please contact Laura Ogren (439-1806) if you are able to help or have any questions!
THANK YOU!!

Focus on Faith by Jeanne Crea

The Power of Prayer and the Struggle of Developing a Prayer Life

*A prayer life is **essential** to the Christian life. Prayer is "a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God." (Catechism, 2558)*

Prayer is the lifeblood of your faith. Without prayer, your faith will die. (Catechism, 2744)

Prayer is **compatible** with everyday life. You do need a **small** amount of quiet time each day to learn how to pray. But it's not difficult — just 5 or 10 minutes to start is fine. And you'll also make prayer a **part** of the fabric of everyday life. You can find God in all the normal tasks of daily life. Seek him there!

"It is possible to offer fervent prayer even while walking in public or strolling alone, or seated in your shop, . . . while buying or selling, . . . or even while cooking." — St. John Chrysostom

If you're serious about developing a prayer life, you have to make a fundamental commitment to **convert** to Christ. That means you have:

- Love for God
- Desire to do his will
- Openness to change in your life

Prayer relies on this foundation. So what if you're **not** quite there yet? Welcome to the club! None of us is fully "there yet." Conversion is an **ongoing** challenge. For more

ideas go to <http://www.beginningcatholic.com/how-to-pray.html> or <http://www.catholicdoors.com/courses/howtopray.htm>



Families and friends of 5th graders

**SAVE THE DATE for:
Rock & Roll Forever
Friday, May 21st
at 2:00 in
St. Michael's
Social Hall**

As a culmination to our study of the history of Rock & Roll, the 5th graders would like to share a "work in progress" including songs and information from our study. Please join us for **Rock & Roll Forever** and celebrate our learning!

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL For
2009 - 2010**

June 4th, the last day of school, will be a Half Day. Students will come by their usual method of transportation, will attend Mass at 9:15 then return to their classrooms for final good-byes and to collect report cards. **Parents will be responsible for making plans to pick-up students at 11:00 am.**

A whole section in the Catechism of the Catholic Church is dedicated to Christian prayer. (CCC paragraphs 2558 to 2865). We could spend our entire lives studying and acting on these ideas. Types of prayer such as Blessing and Adoration, Petition, Intercession, Thanksgiving and Praise are discussed as well as guides for prayer, the battle of prayer, the prayer of the hour of Jesus, the Lord's prayer and the seven petitions are some of the topics that are covered so beautifully here.

You can find the entire Catechism online at <http://www.scborromeo.org/ccc.htm> or at http://www.vatican.va/archive/catechism/ccc_toc.htm

Upcoming Events

April 26 – May 14

NWEA testing for students in grades 2 – 8

Friday, April 30

Deadline to order Summer Bridge Activities books (order form at: <http://www.stcroixcatholic.com/files/stcroixcatholics/files/FY1%200910/April/SumBridge%202010.pdf>)

Saturday, May 1

Scrip purchases begin to count towards your 2010 – 2011 commitment.

Saturday and Sunday, May 1 & 2

First Communions at St. Michael's and St. Mary's

Monday, May 3

Jump Up Day for incoming Kindergartners and this year's K – 3 students. (4th and 5th grade students will "Jump Up" on Monday, May 17th.)

Wednesday, May 5

9:15 am Mass and Eucharistic Procession

Second Grade First Communion pictures and luncheon

8th grade formal graduation pictures

Thursday, May 6

National Day of Prayer

6:00 – 7:30 pm 8th grade Mexican Dinner for SCCS 8th graders and their families

May 10 – May 14

SCCS Teacher Appreciation Week

Tuesday, May 11

6:30 pm Lego League Information Meeting – Come learn about Lego League! All interested current 3rd – 7th grade students & their parents are invited. SCCS Cafeteria