

# S.M.A.R.T. NEWS

SAINT MARY'S ACTIVE RELIGIOUS TEENS April 2009

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## Why Did Jesus Fold the Napkin?

*Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection?  
I never noticed this....*

The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed at the head of that stony coffin.

Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, *'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!'* Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side.

Was that important? Absolutely! Is it really significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished.

Now if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done'. But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because... the folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!'

He is Coming Back!! Alleluia!

Patti McTaggart

ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FROM  
CITY HIGH, REGINA, AND WEST HIGH!!!

Each year, a special graduation breakfast is served at St. Mary's in honor of our high school graduates. All graduating high school seniors from St. Mary's Parish and their parents are invited. Please RSVP to the office at 337-4314 if you are planning to attend.

**WHEN: Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 7AM**

**WHERE: St. Mary's Parish Hall**

Have you ever considered a call to the priesthood or religious life? It truly is a privilege to communicate the presence of God to people through the sacraments. For help in discerning, call Fr. Ken, Fr. Jeff, Fr. Marty Goetz (vocation director) or Sr. Agnes. *The harvest is plenty, but laborers are few. Come with me into the fields. (Matthew9:37)*

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 2009: We will have a Confirmation rehearsal on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7PM in the church. Your sponsor will need to attend on the 14th, if possible. The rehearsal should last about ½ hour.**

**PRAYER OF COMMITMENT FOR ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

*Lord Jesus, Son of the Living God,*

*I believe in you, I hope in you, I love you.*

*I know that you came into the world to die on the cross*

*And save me from my sins.*

*Lord Jesus, I am sorry for the many times I have been closed to you,*

*And have turned away from you, and rejected you.*

*I repent of my sins and pray for your mercy,*

*For you alone can heal me and set me free.*

*Lord Jesus, I want to change my life. I want you to be real to me.*

*I want to commit my heart, my soul, and my mind to you.*

*I invite you into my life right now.*

*I receive you as my Savior and my Lord,*

*My rock and my strength, my joy and my peace.*

*I commit myself totally and completely to you.*

*Lord Jesus, I ask you to enflame my heart with the fire of your Holy Spirit. Help me to give witness to you in all that I say and do.*

*Keep me faithful to your word and to your Church,*

*And never let me be parted from you.*

*Lord Jesus, I accept your will and your plan for my life, now and always. Amen.*

# *LIVES OF THE SAINTS*

BY MADI GOODFELLOW – SOPHOMORE, WEST HIGH SCHOOL

## **St. Julie Billiart**

Feast Day: April 8

St. Julie (Julia) Billiart was born in 1751 and died in 1816. As a child, playing "school" was Julie's favorite game. When she was sixteen, to help support her family, she began to teach "for real". She sat on a haystack during the noon recess and told the biblical parables to the workers. Julie carried on this mission of teaching throughout her life, and the Congregation she founded continues her work. Julie was the fifth of seven children. She attended a little one room school in Cuvilly. She enjoyed all of her studies, but she was particularly attracted to the religion lessons taught by the parish priest. Recognizing something "special" in Julie, the priest secretly allowed her to make her First Communion at the age of nine, when the normal age at that time, was thirteen. She learned to make short mental prayers and to develop a great love for Jesus in the Eucharist. A murder attempt on her father shocked her nervous system badly. A period of extremely poor health for Julie began, and was to last for thirty years. For twenty-two of these years she was completely paralyzed. All of her sufferings and pain she offered up to God. When the French Revolution broke out, Julie offered her home as a hiding place for loyal priests. Because of this, Julie became a hunted prey. Five times in three years she was forced to flee in secret to avoid compromising her friends who were hiding her. At this time she was privileged to receive a vision. She saw her crucified Lord surrounded by a large group of religious women dressed in a habit she had never seen before. An inner voice told her that these would be her daughters and that she would begin an institute for the Christian education of young girls. She and a rich young woman founded the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. At Amiens, the two women and a few companions began living a religious life in 1803. In 1804, Julie was miraculously cured of her illness and walked for the first time in twenty-two years. In 1805, Julie and three companions made their profession and took their final vows. She was elected as Mother General of the young Congregation. In 1815, Mother taxed her ever poor health by nursing the wounded and feeding the starving left from the battle of Waterloo. For the last three months of her life, she again suffered much. She died peacefully on April 8, 1816 at 64 years of age. Julie was beatified on May 13, 1906, and was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1969. Her feast day is April 8th.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

April 2nd	Holy Hour for Vocations - in the church	7:00PM
April 5 <sup>th</sup> -	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Masses at 5:10PM, 8:30 and 10:30AM
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Thursday	7:00PM
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday	3:00PM
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Vigil	8:30PM
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday	8:00AM (2 Masses), 9:30AM(2 Masses), 11:00AM
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation rehearsal - in the church	7:00PM
<b>April 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Confirmation Liturgy</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Casseroles-Making for Free Lunch	5:00-6:00PM

### MAY

May	PROM MASSES - each weekend of Proms at the 5:10PM Mass	
May 1st	Holy Hour in the church	7:00PM
May 8th	High School Graduation Breakfast	7:00AM
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day (kisses and hugs to all Mom's)	
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Casserole-Making for Free Lunch	5-6PM
MAY-JUNE	Graduations (City High, West High, Regina, West Branch))	

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### DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?

On the third Thursday of every month, join other youth from each high school and junior high as we collaborate together in St. Mary's parish hall and make four casseroles for the Free Lunch program. This month's "cooking class" will take place on Thursday, April 16th from 5:00-6:00PM. The casseroles created will be served the next day, Friday, April 17th, at the Free Lunch program. All youth are invited to participate!!

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**TO: High School Prom Participants 2009**

**FROM: Patti McTaggart -**

**REGARDING: What A Great Way To Begin Prom Night!**

You and your friends are invited to attend the 5:10PM Mass at St. Mary's on the night of your prom. All prom participants will receive a special blessing at the end of Mass. After Mass, you are more than welcome to leave your cars at St. Mary's as you go out for supper. Please RSVP to St. Mary's at **337-4314** if you will be attending the 5:10PM Mass the night of your prom. May God's love continue to bless your lives and fill you with peace and joy!