



S.M.A.R.T. NEWS

SAINT MARY'S ACTIVE RELIGIOUS TEENS April 2011
Web Site: <http://youth.icstmary.org>

Dear Friends,

The bedspread was ugly.
She had bought it in desperation at a garage sale for \$5.00.
“Yuk!” she said each time she made the bed.
She would grimace as she spread the cover.

Then one day the woman was leafing through a catalog
and saw the very same bedspread
with a well-known designer name – \$185.00!
Suddenly the bedspread took on new beauty –
once she discovered how much it cost.

At one time, this same woman didn't think much of herself
either. She felt ugly, useless, incompetent.
“Yuk” she said each time she looked in a mirror.

Then one day she heard the story of salvation:
how Christ had given His life on Calvary – for her!
And suddenly her life took on a new beauty –
once she discovered how much it cost...

Patti McTaggart

The Son of Man came to give His own life as a ransom for the many... Matthew 20:28



**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 13th, 2011 7AM

WHERE: St. Mary's Parish Hall

**AND WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF
YOUR FUTURE...**



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. John, Fr. Thom,
Fr. Marty Goetz (vocation director) or Sr. Agnes.

The harvest is plenty, but laborers are few. Come with me into the fields. (Matthew 9:37)



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ST. MARY'S
YOUTH WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH, AT 2:00PM!

(The names appearing in parenthesis are the chosen Confirmation names)

Bryan Amelon (John Fisher)
Casey Beaver (Francis of Assisi)
Silas Berkson (Bruno)
Austin Berry (Augustine)
Jacob Buatti (Gregory)
Kevin Buell (Patrick)
Hungary)
Savannah Butler (Margaret)
Tyler Chavez (Barnabas)
Zachary Cicha (Raphael)
Courtney Dawson (Lucy)
Riley Dixon (John the Baptist)
(Cornelius)
Greta Doucette (Cecilia)
Gabrielle Dutchik (Jane Frances de Chantal)
Sam Edeker (Francis of Assisi)
Joanna Eyanson (Cecilia)
Natalie Fobian (Rose)
Nicholas Gallagher (Cyril)
Jared Geraets (Gabriel)
Frassati)
Paul Gilbaugh (George)
Colton Haight (Sebastian)
Mackayla Highly (Catherine of Siena)

Nile Iverson (Francis of Assisi)
Tyler Kasper (Henry II)
Payton Knupp (Maria)
Alexandra Koenig (Teresa of Avila)
Peyton Koenig (Mary)
Hannah Langenfeld (Elizabeth of
Hungary)
Grace Larew (Isabel)
Ian Mitchell (Lawrence)
Joseph Pugh (Peter)
Adam Ries (Matthew)
Daniel Rodriguez-Chaparro
Andrew Roskos (Luke)
Catherine Rudolph (Agnes)
Carley Sullivan (Louise)
Christina Sullivan (Lucia)
Ryan Swartzendruber (Sebastian)
Miranda Swearingen (Marcella)
Megan Teets (Blessed Pier Giorgio)
Kathryn Tvedte (Maria)
Chad Villhauer (Patrick)
Taylor Walkner (Sebastian)
Kai Yan (Justin)
Hanna Yowell (Julia)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT



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.



FEEDING GOD'S CHILDREN 2011

As part of a national effort by the Catholic Forester's, all youth and adults from St. Mary's are encouraged to bring can goods to St. Mary's on Sunday, May 15th to be donated to our local/county food pantries. Our goal is to fill a truck! It can be done!

Recruiting skills and muscles will be needed for this service privilege. All youth interested in being leaders with this privilege in assisting the poor are encouraged to contact



Patti before May 15th at 337-4314 or pmctaggart@icstmary.org. Free T-shirts for all youth volunteers (they look GOOD - and they will look even better on YOU!)

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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 14th from 5:00-6:00PM. The casseroles created will be served the next day, Friday, April 15th, at the Free Lunch program. All youth are invited to participate!



PARISH SPRING CLEANING DAY

Youth helpers are needed to assist with cleaning the inside and outside of St. Mary's Church.

With a lot of help, it won't take long

to get our spiritual home looking even more pristine! ☺

Youth workers would certainly be appreciated! ☺ ☺

WHEN: WATCH THE SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR A SATURDAY IN MAY!

TIME: 8:00AM- Noon

WHERE: At the Church!



LIVES OF THE SAINTS

By: Joseph Malanson Sophomore, West High School



St. Bernadette

Feast Day: April 16th

St. Bernadette was born on January 7th 1844 in Lourdes, France. Her family wasn't wealthy to begin with, and as the years went on the family fell further into poverty. However, she and her family were said to live in unusual harmony for the amount of financial stress placed on them, drawing one their support and love for one another along with their religious devotion. Bernadette, even as a young child was plagued by ill health, including severe asthma that would plague her for the rest of her life.

When Bernadette was fourteen years old, her family had grown so poor that they were living for free in a cousin's basement. One day, she was out gathering firewood for her family along with her sister and a couple other girls near the grotto of Massabielle outside of Lourdes. Suddenly, a beautiful woman appeared before her, above a rose bush in the grotto. She smiled at Bernadette and then made a sign of the cross with a rosary made of ivory and gold. Bernadette fell to her knees, took out her own rosary, and began to pray. She had received a vision of the Blessed Virgin.

Just a few days later, she and some girls returned to the grotto. Bernadette fell on her knees once again, seeing the Virgin Mary, and entered a trance. It was broken when one of the girls threw a rock above the rose bush, sending Bernadette into a state of shock. For a time, the girls thought the perhaps Bernadette had died. After another four days, she went back to the grotto where the vision told her to come to the grotto every day for the next two weeks. Not all in her community treated these visions kindly. Her parent were at first embarrassed by them and tried to forbid her to go while the police commissioner and district attorney threatened to arrest her. The townspeople were divided between those who believed and those who felt Bernadette should be put in an insane asylum. However, she continued the daily trek to the grotto.

She said that the woman, who still hadn't identified herself as the Blessed Virgin, said there should be a focus on simple penance and prayer. During these visions, Bernadette acted very strangely, going into a trance and even eating grass and mud around the grotto. As these visions continued, miraculous things occurred. The water of the grotto turned from muddy to clear. The vision said to dig and find a spring under a rock in the grotto and in a few days, a spring did start to flow from a small patch dug up by Bernadette. During one hour long vision, a candle Bernadette was holding burnt down and her hand was in direct contact with the flame for minutes but she didn't burn. On her 16th of 18 visions, the vision said she was the "Immaculate Conception." Finally, it was proven that it was the Virgin Mary.

St. Bernadette went on to become a nun to try and escape the public attention and died of tuberculosis on April 16, 1879 at the age of 35. Lourdes is now a major pilgrimage site for Catholics, as numerous incidents have occurred of miraculous healing after washing in the spring's water. Her body has since been exhumed three times and has been saved from decomposition, a sign of holiness. She was canonized in 1933.



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

April 3 rd	Taize Prayer	5:00PM
April 10 th	Taize Prayer	5:00PM
April 14 th	Casseroles-Making for Free Lunch	5:00-6:00PM
April 17 th	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 5:10PM,7:30AM,9:30AM,11:00AM	
April 17 th	City High Cathedral Concert	4:00PM
April 21 st	Holy Thursday	7:00PM
April 22 nd	Good Friday	3:00PM
April 23 rd	Easter Vigil	8:45PM
April 24 th	Easter Sunday	8:00AM (2 Masses), 9:30AM(2 Masses),11:00AM



MAY

May 5 th	Holy Hour for Vocations in the church	7:00PM
May 8 th	Mother's Day (kisses and hugs to all Mom's)	
May 15 th	Feeding God's Children Canned Food Drive at all the Masses	
May 15 th	Teen Bible Study	7:00PM in the parish hall
May 13 th	High School Graduation Breakfast	7:00PM
May 19 th	Casserole-Making for Free Lunch	5-6PM
MAY-JUNE	Graduations (City High, West High, Regina, West Branch, Tiffin)	