



S.M.A.R.T. NEWS

Saint Mary's Active Religious Teens January 2011

Web Site: <http://youth.icstmary.org>

Dear Friends,

There once was a fable about three zebras that fed in the field together in the greatest peace and safety. A lion had long watched them in the hope of making them his prey, but found little chance so long as they kept together. The lion therefore began secretly spreading evil and slanderous reports of one against the other until he created jealousy and distrust among them. Soon the zebras began to avoid one another and each took to feeding alone in the field. This gave the lion the opportunity it had been waiting for. He fell on them singly and made easy prey of them all.

We can all become "easy prey" for gossip, rumors, and innuendoes about ourselves and other people. What we sometimes forget is that these harmful things do flow both ways and everyone – at one point or another – gets hurt.

In 2011, let us all strive to become the person who –
builds up rather than tears down,
who listens rather than speaks,
who embraces rather than scorns,
who prays rather than swears,
who loves rather than hates.

For to become this person is to become more like Christ...a perfect resolution...

Patti McTaggart

He became what we are so that He might make us what He is...St. Athanasius of Alexandria




Confirmation Candidates 2011:



ALL FORMS MUST BE IN – YESTERDAY!

REMINDER:OUR NEXT CONFIRMATION SESSION IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2011 at 7PM in the parish hall!

YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

 A big “thank you” to all the youth who helped in any way with our Christmas celebrations at St. Mary’s – as ushers, greeters, servers, lectors, musicians, choir members, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Children’s pageant helpers, cookie-bakers (for the homebound), videographers! Your gifts of time and talent are always appreciated. God bless you!

CALLING ALL CHEFS!!!!

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 –five casseroles for the Free Lunch program. This month’s “cooking class” will take place on **Thursday, January 20th from 5:00–6:00PM.**

UPCOMING EVENTS



JANUARY

- 1 – BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – Mass at 9AM.
- 9 – CONFIRMATION SESSION 7PM in the parish hall
- 16 – ST. MARY'S SKI TRIP – City Wide (see flyer and web site)
- 20 – Casserole-Making for Free Lunch 5–6PM in the parish hall
- 30 – Youth Bible Study from 7-8PM in the parish hall

It's a Ski Trip!

WHO: Youth in Grades 6th –12th

WHEN: Sunday Jan. 16th, 2011

WHERE: Sundown Ski Resort
Dubuque, IA.

TIME: 1:00PM – 10:00PM

We will leave and arrive back at
St. Mary's parking lot.

COST: \$60.00 skis/pass/lift

\$45.00 pass/lift only

\$65.00 snowboard/pass lift

Please fill out the attached permission form and
return to:

Patti McTaggart:

St. Mary's Church

302 East Jefferson Street

Iowa City, Iowa 52245

Make all checks payable to: **St. Mary's Youth Group**

THE DEADLINE IS MONDAY, JANUARY 10th, 2011

ACT NOW! THE SPACES FILL UP QUICKLY! THANK YOU!



DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN PERMISSION SLIP

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

Your son/daughter, legal dependant, is eligible to participate in a school-sponsored or Religious Education Program activity at a location away from the school/parish site. This activity will take place under the guidance and supervision of **St. Mary's Parish Youth Program**. A brief description of the activity follows:

Activity: St. Mary's Sponsored Ski Trip

Purpose: Annual event

Destination: Sundown Ski Resort - Dubuque, Iowa

Designated Supervisor of Activity: Patti McTaggart

Volunteer Chaperone(s): TBA (1 adult to 6 youth ratio)

Place of Departure: St. Mary's Parking Lot

Date and Time of Departure: Sunday, January 16th 1:00PM

Place of Return: Pick-up at St. Mary's Parking Lot

Date and Anticipated Time of Return: Sunday January 16th 10:00PM

Method of Transportation: Chartered Buses

Student Cost: \$60.00 for Bus, Pass, & Skis \$45.00 for Bus & Pass only
\$65.00 for Buss Pass, Snowboard

If you would like your child to participate in this event, please complete, sign and return the following statement of consent. As parent, or legal guardian, you remain fully responsible for any legal responsibility that may result from any personal actions taken by the named student. I hereby request and consent to the participation of my child____, in the event described above. I understand that this event will take place away from the school/parish grounds. I further consent to the conditions stated above on participation in this event, including the method of transportation.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Address

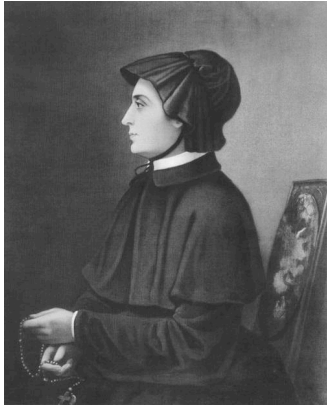
Emergency Phone Number

+++++++INFORMATION NEEDED BY SUNDOWN SKI RESORT+++++++

Shoe/Ski Size (same) _____

Skill Level (please circle one): **Beginner** **Intermediate** **Advanced**

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Age: _____



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Feast Day – January 4) – Elizabeth Ann Seton (née Bailey) was born in New York, just two years before the American Revolution on August 28, 1774. She grew up in the “cream” of New York society, however her early life was quiet, simple, and often times for her, lonely. Surprisingly, she didn’t grow up Catholic. Elizabeth was raised in an Episcopal household, and her maternal grandfather was an Episcopal priest. During her early years, she was an avid reader and found comfort especially in reading the Bible, a book she would cherish for her entire life.

At the age of nineteen, she married William Magee Seton. About a year after they had gotten married, things started to go downhill. Elizabeth’s father-in-law died, leaving her and William in charge of his seven half-siblings and their own children (they would eventually have five), and they had to take over his import business. After a couple of their ships were lost at sea, the family was forced to declare bankruptcy just as William developed tuberculosis. Elizabeth and her family traveled to Italy with William (doctors thought its climate could improve his condition) where he died.

Elizabeth lived for a time with an Italian family where she first was introduced to Catholicism. She impressed everyone with her kindness, patience, good sense, wit and courtesy. Her deep concern for her family’s spiritual health and at the urging of some friends, she became increasingly interested in the Catholic faith. Her desire for the Bread of Life and the fact she found great comfort in the idea that the Blessed Virgin was her mother (Elizabeth’s mother died when she was little) led her to join the faith in 1805. By this time she had returned to America and started a school in Baltimore. Due to the day’s anti-Catholic feelings, the school failed but in 1809 she decided to start a new religious community in Emmitsburg, Maryland dedicated to the care of poor children.

The rest of her life was devoted to this community and throughout her life she held the Eucharist, the Virgin Mary, and the Bible in the utmost respect. On March 25, 1809, Elizabeth Seton took the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, binding for one year. From then on, she was called Mother Seton. Elizabeth began to suffer from tuberculosis and she felt that in the last three years of her life that God was calling her. That gave her great joy and she died, in a happy and willing state of mind, at the age of 46, in 1821 . She had only converted to Catholicism thirteen years earlier.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized on September 14, 1975, becoming the first native-born citizen of the United States to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church.