

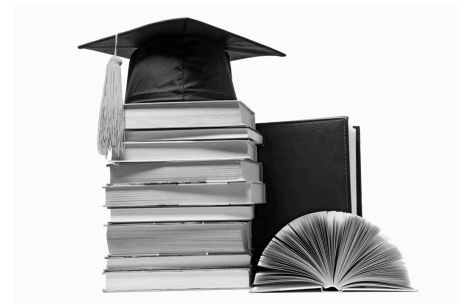
# S.M.A.R.T. NEWS

## Saint Mary's Active Religious Teens

Saint Mary's Parish

Iowa City, Iowa

June 2011



Dear Friends,

In a farm yard one day, a pig was lamenting his lack of popularity.

He complained to the cow that people were always talking about the cow's gentleness and kind eyes, whereas the pig's name was used as an insult. The pig admitted that the cow gave milk and cream, but maintained that the pig gave more.

*"We pigs give bacon and ham and bristles and people even pickle our feet! I don't see why you cows are esteemed as giving so much more!"*

The cow thought for a while and then said gently,

*"Maybe it's because we give while we're still living..."*

As many of you graduate and prepare for another dimension of your life, be grateful for all that you have received throughout your school years, but be sure to remember in the future that the best thing to give...

to your enemy is forgiveness;

to an opponent, tolerance;

to a friend, your heart;

to a child, a good example;

to your father and mother, conduct that will make them proud of you;

to all people, charity;

to yourself, respect;

to God, yourself...



Patti McTaggart

*This widow gave all that she had to live on...Mark 12:44*



## Remembering our Fathers on Father's Day...

**Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.**

**Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.**

**Let us praise those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.**

**Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives.**

**Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.**

**Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step-children's love and respect.**

**Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.**

**Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.**

**Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.**

**Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.**

**And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us...**

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things.

Bless our fathers, and strengthen them each day.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them  
always

with a spirit of profound respect.

Amen.



## **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 casseroles for the Free Lunch program. This month's "cooking class" will take place on Thursday, June 16th from 5:00-6:00PM.

The casseroles created will be served the next day, Friday June 17th, at the Free Lunch program. All youth are invited to participate!!

## **ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12!!**

Help is needed in serving Free Lunch on Friday June 17th, 2011 from 11:45AM-1:30PM. This is a wonderful service project for upcoming Confirmation candidates!

## **JUNE**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Holy Hour for Vocations 7:00PM

June 16<sup>th</sup> - Casserole-Making for Free Lunch 5-6PM

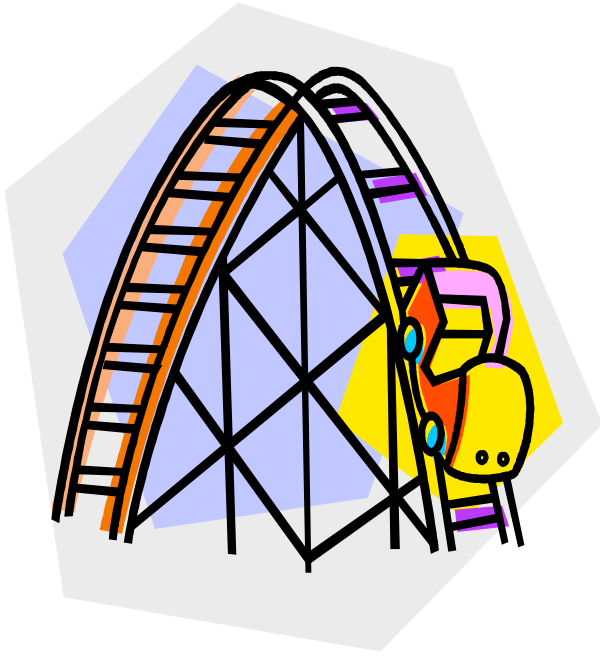
June 17<sup>th</sup> - Free Lunch 11:30AM - 1:00PM

June 23<sup>rd</sup> - YOUTH GROUP TRIP TO ADVENTURELAND  
8:00AM-8:00PM -(see flyer)

June 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> - Diocesan-Sponsored Catholics in Action  
(CIA) at

Regina High School

(see flyer)



# IT'S A TRIP TO ADVENTURELAND!!!

**WHO:** All interested youth and guests

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

**TIME:** 8:00AM – 6:00PM

**COST:** \$55.00 per person  
(includes bus trip and admission to the park)

We will leave St. Mary's parking lot at 8:00AM and arrive back at 8:00PM. Bring extra money for lunch/treats/souvenirs etc. Fill out the necessary information on the back of this sheet and return it (with your check or money) to Patti at St. Mary's. Make all checks payable to:

**St. Mary's Youth Group**

**THE DEADLINE IS JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> WITH NO  
EXCEPTIONS – SO ACT NOW!!!** (Thank you!)

**Agreement/Permission Slip**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ parent of \_\_\_\_\_  
Do hereby grant permission for my son/daughter to participate in the following activity:

*Trip to Adventureland*

I understand the cost and realize any additions to these costs are our responsibility. I release St. Mary's and the Diocese of Davenport and any, and all, persons representing said organization from any and all liabilities. I further authorize the adult chaperones to seek medical attention should it become necessary and I understand and am fully responsible for payment of said expenses.

My child has the following allergies:

\_\_\_\_\_

My child has the following special needs:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Card/ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

# LIVES OF THE SAINTS

By: Joseph Malanson Sophomore, West High School



## **St. Barnabas: Feast Day – June 11**

St. Barnabas was born to a Jewish family in Cyprus and given the name Joseph however, the date of his birth and the details of his early life are lost to history. Barnabas is first mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles in the Bible. He had possessed a good amount of property in his homeland of Cyprus, but sold it, gave the money to the church in Jerusalem, and was given the new name of Barnabas. While living with the apostles in Jerusalem, he introduced the newly converted Saint Paul to them; it has been suggested that they had studied together under a prominent rabbi. In fact, he ended up persuading them to accept Paul as a disciple.

St. Barnabas, being one of the earliest and most influential converts to Christianity, was so trusted by the apostles that they sent him to manage the growing (and prosperous) church in Antioch, Syria. However, Barnabas wasn't able to manage the entirety of a growing church in one of the busiest cities in the region alone. He went to Tarsus in modern Turkey to find Paul, who came back for a year to work with him in keeping Antioch's Christianity strong. Around 44 AD the two went to Jerusalem to give money raised by Syrian Christians to give to the poorer members of Jerusalem's congregation.

Not long after, Barnabas, Paul, and John Mark were appointed as missionaries to Asia Minor. The three ventured far and wide, spreading the Christian faith mostly in the principal cities of Pamphylia, Pisidia, and Lycaonia (all in modern day Turkey) but also in Cyprus. However, they weren't always welcome. In Pisidia, they began preaching to the pagans because the Jews so violently opposed them. They were first proclaimed gods in two cities of Lycaonia before they ended up being stoned and chased out of the region. Barnabas was involved in the decision that missionaries shouldn't only be preaching to Jews, but also to pagans. He especially wanted to focus on the poor of Jerusalem.

Paul and Barnabas ended up splitting after disagreeing whether or not to bring along John Mark with them on their next trip (Paul was against, Barnabas was for). Barnabas took John Mark and went to Cyprus and became the founder of the Cypriot Church. Some sources also say the Barnabas was preaching even farther away from the Middle East, spreading the Christian faith most notably in Rome but also in other Italian cities. After he returned to Jerusalem, he and Paul mended their relationship.

In 61 AD, Barnabas was dragged out of a synagogue in Antioch where he had been preaching by a group of Jews who were angry about the rate of conversions among their community. After torturing him, the group stoned Barnabas to death. He had been traveling with John Mark at this time and John Mark had his body privately buried. In 478 AD, Barnabas appeared in a vision to the Archbishop of Cyprus. The vision revealed his final resting place in a sepulcher below a carob-tree. The next day the Archbishop found the tomb, in which lay Barnabas with a copy of the Gospel of Matthew on his chest. He later built a tomb and church near that spot for him. To this day, St. Barnabas is venerated as Cyprus's patron saint.

**June 26-28, 2011  
Regina High School  
Iowa City, Iowa**

## **We are His Hands**

### **REGISTRATION AND FEES:**

Room, board, materials, and tuition: \$35 per participant if registered by June 10. Registrations received by June 17 at \$40. All payments are due at chancery by June 20.

There is a limit of 80 youth participants for this activity. Registrations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis by team.

**INITIAL TEAM REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 10.** *We must know if you're bringing a team so we can plan for worksites, food and supplies*

After June 10, each Team Leader will receive a packet containing a confirmation letter, medical release forms, packing lists, and other important information.

### **Group Registration Policy**

Registration for Catholics in Action is done by parish team. A parish team is considered to be three to five youth and an adult leader. A maximum of six youth from one parish will be accepted per Catholics in Action team.

Smaller parishes are urged to join with neighboring parishes to form a team. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and is limited to 80 youth. If a parish would like to send an additional team, that team would be put on a waiting list for availability giving other parishes the opportunity to register their first team. All forms must be turned in to the diocese together with **one team check**. Please make checks payable to the *Diocese of Davenport*.

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**1 Peter 4-10**

## **Catholics in Action**

### **Summer 2011**

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## **Youth Service Retreat**

### **Summer 2011**

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