



S.M.A.R.T. NEWS

Saint Mary's Active Religious Teens October 2011

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OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH AND THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY



Dear Friends,

"Did you think that I didn't hear you when you cried out to Me in your time of need? Truly, I did hear you. If I hear the final cry of every sparrow that falls in death, would I not hear you?"

Did you wonder if I was listening when you prayed to Me for an answer to the troubles that weighed you down? Indeed, I was listening. If I listen intently for the very heartbeat of every baby conceived in the womb, would I not listen when that child prays? I listened, and I remember precisely the instant that your heart took its first beat; the moment that you took your first gasping breath upon leaving the security of your mother's womb; the contented sigh of relief at your first belly full of warm milk. And, though you've grown up, I still listen for every word spoken in My direction.

Do you think that I don't know when problems come into your life? I know everything there is to know about you! Even the very hairs of your head are numbered! I've watched you daily, from those first tentative steps and groping words to your very first love; and I was there, cheering you on, though you never knew it.

Did you think that I was unconcerned because you didn't receive an instantaneous answer to your prayer? My dear child, I am more concerned for you than you will ever know. If I were not, would I have sent my Son to earth in the flesh and allowed people to mock Him, spit on Him, beat Him, and nail Him up on a cross for all to see? He gave His life for you! He poured out His very life's blood in order to pay a price for your life - and to set you free! Would I have done that if I was unconcerned?

Take a good look at yourself! You are the very epitome of My work! You are My greatest creation! A one-of-a-kind human being. Of the seventy billion humans that have lived and walked this planet, there has been no other exactly like you. I created you perfect! I created you with a hundred million receptors in your eyes so that you could see the beauty around you; I created you with twenty-four thousand vibrating fibers in your inner ears to hear the softest whisper of the wind; I designed five hundred muscles, two hundred bones, and seven miles of nerve fibers, all wrapped in a renewable, nearly indestructible layer of skin and tissue. I gave you a heart that pulses hour after hour, day after day, thirty-six million beats a year, pumping blood through more than ninety-six thousand miles of veins and arteries to give your body life and keep it free of disease; and I gave you a brain that is the most complex organ in all of the universe, made up of one-hundred-trillion cells and crisscrossed with twenty-five billion nerve cells to help you retain the minutest memory; and I equipped your body with four million pain-sensitive structures, five hundred thousand touch detectors, and over two hundred thousand temperature detectors! And then, to top it all off, I gave you the ability to reason, to dream, to imagine, and to speak; things that no other of My creatures can do. And, as a final touch, after creating that magnificent body that you live in, I created the real you, the inner you, the spirit that I created in My likeness, and I breathed you into your body at the instant of birth. And you were connected to Me then, but you never knew it. Deep inside of you - you knew, because I planted that knowledge of Me there, but over the years you have allowed the things of the world to choke that knowledge out. In the beginning, however, you were perfect; My greatest creation; molded in My own image. Don't you find it really quite humorous; to think that some could adamantly believe that this all came about by chance or evolution? Could such a masterpiece have come about simply by chance?

If you can see the truth in this, then how can you think that I didn't hear you?

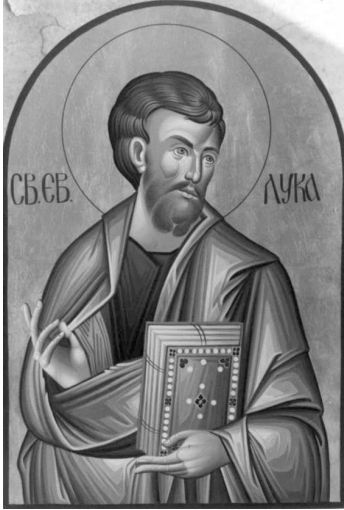
*Behold, I am standing at your heart's door, knocking and asking entrance. But I will not force My will on you. Call to Me now and ask Me to come in; into your heart and your life. Call to Me, for I am listening and waiting even as you read this. I'm only a word away, and if you will invite Me in,
I will come in and never will I leave you alone..."*



Forever, Jesus

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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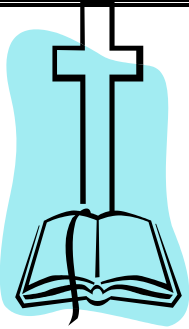
St. Luke the Evangelist Feast Day: October 18th– St. Luke the Evangelist was born around the year 0 A.D., likely a Greek in the Greek city of Antioch in Syria. Much of the information on his life comes to us entirely through scriptural interpretations. He was also a Gentile (non-Jewish); in the Colossians he is referred to as the one in a group who is uncircumcised. His gospel also makes the greatest attempt to share stories of conversions of Gentiles. Only in Luke’s Gospel is the Good Samaritan mentioned, and it’s the only one to mention that Jesus praised the faith of some Gentiles.

Luke was a physician surprisingly enough, but in the time of Christ doctors could easily be from humble beginnings. Numerous church historians including Eusebius and St. Jerome all refer to him as a physician too. However, a huge amount of his life was spent working with the apostles and the other early members of the Church, spreading the faith far and wide.

Scholars believe that the first mention of Luke, himself, in scripture comes from the Acts of the Apostles (which is believed to have been written) around 51 A.D. Paul receives a vision of a Macedonian man asking them for help as they reach the city of Troas in modern-day Turkey where Luke then joins the group. He continued with Paul and the others into Macedonia, visiting the cities of Samothrace, Neapolis and Philippi. Luke remained in Philippi for seven years to help build up the church there before meeting back up with Paul once again in Troas. From there, they traveled south to reach Jerusalem. Paul went to Rome, bringing the group with him to start conversions. However, while there he is imprisoned, and everyone flees to avoid the same fate. Everyone - except Luke. Luke’s gospel and the Acts of the Apostles is based on the knowledge and inspiration given to him by the apostles.

Luke’s gospel shows that he has a unique perspective on Jesus and on other issues compared to the other evangelists. Luke’s gospel is the gospel of the poor and the gospel of social justice. There are six miracles and eighteen parables emphasizing these values, such as the story of Lazarus and the rich man who ignored him, which aren’t to be found in any other scripture. Luke also has a special connection to the women in Jesus’s life, especially to his mother, the Blessed Virgin. In his scripture we hear of her Annunciation, Mary’s visit to Elizabeth, and the Presentation. The scriptural parts of the “Hail Mary” are also drawn entirely from Luke’s gospel. Forgiveness and God’s mercy are heavily valued too, as Luke writes that Jesus always helps the sinner who wishes to return to God’s fold and is able to because of His mercy. Luke respected women, loved the poor, and always had faith in God’s mercy.

Luke continued preaching for the remainder of his life; some reports say mostly in Greece while others say he went as far as Gaul (modern-day France). There are conflicting reports of his death; some say he was martyred but most agree that he lived a long life and died at the age of eighty-four in Boeotia, Greece, where he had settled to write his gospel. Luke’s writings are seen as part of a proud history of classical Greek historiography, and many modern scholars believe his writings are extremely accurate. Luke is often pictured with an ox, the symbol of sacrifice, the sacrifice that Jesus made for the world.



To Know One's Vocation

*Lord, my God and my loving Father,
You have made me to know You, to love You, to serve You,
and thereby to find and to fulfill myself.*

*I know that You are in all things
and that every path can lead me to You.*

*But of them all, there is one especially
by which You want me to come to You.*

*Since I will do what You want of me,
I pray You send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind,
to show me what You want of me; into my heart,
to give me the determination to do it,
and to do it with all my love, with all my mind,
and with all my strength right to the end.*

Amen.

Have you thought about being a priest or sister? If so, please contact Fr. John at 337-4314, Fr. Rick at 337-4314, Fr. Thom Hennen (vocation director) at 563-324-1911, Sr. Agnes at 337-4314, or Patti at pmctaggart@icstmary.org



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, October 20th from 5:00-6:00PM. The casseroles created will be served the next day, Friday, October 21st, at the Free Lunch program. All youth are invited to participate!!

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ROSARY-MAKING



OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH AND ROSARY IN OUR CHURCH. ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND LEARN HOW TO MAKE ROSARIES.

THE MONTH OF THE

WHEN: October 11th, 2011

WHERE: St. Mary's Parish Hall

TIME: 6:30-7:30PM

THESE ROSARIES MAKE GREAT GIFTS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS! THERE ARE ALSO MANY CARE CENTERS THAT APPRECIATE THESE ROSARIES FOR THE ELDERLY SINCE THEY CAN GO THROUGH THE WASHING MACHINE! WHAT A GREAT SERVICE PRIVILEGE! ☺ ALL ARE INVITED - BRING A FRIEND ALONG!!!



Sing a New Song Unto the Lord...

DO YOU LIKE TO SING? WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE YOUR GIFT OF MUSIC WITH OTHERS?

THE ST. MARY'S CHOIR WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 7 THROUGH 12 ARE WELCOME! REHEARSALS ARE ON WED. EVENINGS FROM 6:00 – 7:00 PM IN THE BALCONY OF THE CHURCH. THE CHOIR SINGS BOTH CONTEMPORARY AND TRADITIONAL HYMNS OF THE CHURCH AND THE MUSIC IS BEAUTIFUL! COME JOIN!



OCTOBER

- 5th Adult/Youth Choir 6:00-7:00PM in balcony
- 6th HOLY HOUR for Vocations 7:00PM in the church
- 9th CONFIRMATION SESSION 7:00-8:00PM in hall
- 11th Ministry Training 7:00PM - lectors 7:30PM - Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- 11th Rosary-Making 6:30-7:30PM in parish hall
- 12th Adult/Youth Choir 6:00-7:00PM in balcony
- 14th Youth Casserole-Making -Free Lunch 5:00-6:00PM in hall
- 15th/16th Rite of Candidacy for Confirmation – ALL MASSES
- 19th Adult/Youth Choir 6:00-7:00PM in balcony
- 23rd Diocesan Youth Rally Coralville Marriott 9AM-6PM

NOVEMBER



- 1st All Saints Day Masses at 5:30PM, 12:10PM, 7:00PM
- 2nd All Souls Day *(Pray for all those who have gone before us)*
- 2nd Adult/Youth Choir 6:00-7:00PM in balcony
- 3rd Holy Hour for Vocations 7:00PM in church
- 9th Adult/Youth Choir 6:00-7:00PM in balcony
- 13th CONFIRMATION SESSION 7:00-8:00PM in parish hall
- 16th Adult/Youth Choir 6:00-7:00PM in balcony
- 17th Youth Casserole-Making Free Lunch 5:00-6:00PM in parish hall
- 24th THANKSGIVING DAY *(Thank God for your many blessings!)*

2011 Diocese of Davenport
High School Youth Rally



Featuring God's Gardener,

Mike Patin!

*plus music by Leap of Faith ministries, Mass
with Bishop Amos, breakouts, food and more!*

Sunday, October 23rd, at the Coralville
Marriott
Cost: \$38

***Logistics: Arrive at 8:45 am. Supper at 5:15 pm.
Stay as late as 6 p.m. if you wish.***

***Deadlines: By 4PM on 10/7 (\$38) or by 4PM on 10/14 (\$43);
Make checks payable to: St. Mary's Youth and send to Patti at
302 East Jefferson Street***

www.davenportyouth.org

Diocese of Davenport 2011 ~ Permission, Health and Medical Release Form

Participant's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

In case of emergency and parent/guardian cannot be reached, alternate contact is:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Insurance Information: Insurance Company: _____ Policy No.: _____

Policyholder: _____ **Please attach a copy of your insurance card.**

Health Information: Please circle any illnesses, allergies or medication reactions you've had; give approximate dates.

Ear infections	Hay fever	Rheumatic fever	Chicken pox	Poison ivy
Diabetes	Measles	Insects	Convulsions	German measles
Mumps	Asthma	Penicillin	Other medications	Behavioral problems

Any other: _____

Immunizations: Please list dates as accurately as possible

DTP Series Booster _____ Tetanus Booster _____ Polio OPV Booster _____ TB Test _____

Operations or serious injuries (include dates): _____

Chronic or recurring illness: _____

Activity or dietary restrictions (**if you need special foods, please alert parish leader**): _____

Any other health problems or comments regarding anything listed above: _____

If needed, my child may be given (circle each approved): ASPIRIN ACETOMINAPHEN IBUPROFEN

If you would like your child to participate in this event, please complete, sign and return this 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. Participating adults must fill out the medical information and sign below.

Statement of Consent

Your child/legal dependent is eligible to participate in an activity at a location away from the school/parish site. This activity will take place under the supervision of _____ (Parish/School). Supervisor of Activity: _____

Volunteer Chaperone(s): _____

Date/Activity/Destination: **Oct. 23rd, Diocesan High School Youth Rally, Coralville Marriott Conference Center**

Departure Place/Time: _____ Return Place/Time: _____

Method of Transportation: _____ Student Cost: _____

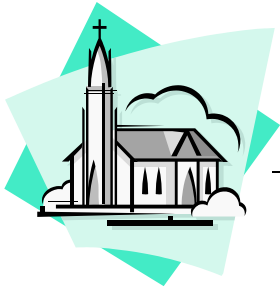
I give permission for my child/legal dependent to participate in the above mentioned activity, sponsored by the Diocese of Davenport. I submit that this health history is accurate and correct so far as I know, and the person described herein has permission to engage in all planned activities, except as noted by me or examining physician. In the event of sickness or accident, the adults supervising this activity have my permission to secure medical care for my child/legal dependent. I hereby release the Diocese of Davenport and all adult sponsors from any and all claims arising out of or from any accident or other occurrence, causing injury to any person or property, during this event. *This information may be shared with other adults from the parish for the benefit of my child/legal dependent.*

In the event of an emergency. I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the adult/s supervising this activity to secure proper and adequate treatment including hospitalization, injection, anesthesia or surgery for myself, if of majority age, or the child/legal dependent listed, if a minor. I accept responsibility for all medical/surgical treatment charges, which may be incurred.

Photo Release: *Pictures of my child/legal dependent taken during event may be used in print or electronic media to publicize future events, unless I indicate to the Diocesan Coordinator of Youth Ministry in writing to the contrary.*

Parent/Guardian signature (if participant is a minor): _____ Date: _____

Adult participant signature: _____ Date: _____



MINISTRY TRAINING

Would you like to become one of the following ministers?

Minister of Hospitality (greeter/usher)

Lector/Reader

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
(must be confirmed)

COME TO THE MINISTRY TRAINING SESSION!

WHEN: Tuesday, October 11th, 2011

TIME: 7:00PM for Lectors

7:30PM for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

NOTE: If you would like to become an usher/greeter, no training is necessary -just call the parish office at 337-4314!

*This is an opportunity to offer back to God
your willingness to serve
for all He has done for you!*