



S.M.A.R.T. NEWS

Saint Mary's Active Religious Teens January 2012

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

Dear Friends,

New Year's is a time to learn to depend more on the grace of God in our lives. If this last year, you didn't practice relying on the Lord, there is no time like the present to make a faith-filled New Year's resolution to do it.

The author Max Lucado states,

**"You know your Goliath. You recognize his walk,
the thunder of his voice.**

**He taunts you with debts you can't pay, people you can't please,
habits you can't break, failures you can't forget,
and a future you can't face.**

**But just like David, you can face your giant,
even if you aren't the strongest, the smartest,
the best equipped, or the holiest.**

And David.

**You could read his story and wonder what God saw in him.
His life has little to offer the unstained, straight-A saint.
He fell as often as he stood,
stumbled as often as he conquered.**

**But for those who know the sound of a Goliath,
David gives this reminder:**

**Focus on giants---you stumble;
Focus on God---your giants tumble.**

**If you're ready to face your "giants" in 2012, let David's story inspire you...
and rely on the very same God who helped David to help you...He's up to
the challenge...**

Patti McTaggart

I can do everything through Him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13



Confirmation Candidates 2012:

ALL FORMS MUST BE IN – YESTERDAY!

REMINDER:OUR CONFIRMATION ADVANCE IS SATURDAY, JANUARY 21st, 2012 beginning at 9:15AM 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 19th from 5:00–6:00PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS



JANUARY

1 - BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

15 - ST. MARY'S SKI TRIP - City Wide (see flyer and web site)

19- Casserole-Making for Free Lunch 5-6PM in the parish hall

21- CONFIRMATION ADVANCE 9:15AM-7PM in the parish hall

22 - TEEN BIBLE STUDY 7-8PM in the parish hall

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PRAYER 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 my deepest longings.**

**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 of my strength right to the end.
Jesus, I trust in you. Amen.**

**Have you thought about becoming a priest or sister?
If so, please contact Fr. John or Fr. Rick at 337-4314
or Fr. Thom Hennen (vocation director) 563-888-4388,
or Sr. Agnes 337-4314, or Patti at 337-4314.**

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TEEN BIBLE STUDY GROUP

For Junior High and High School Youth

WHEN: Sunday, January 22nd, 2012

7PM-8PM in St. Mary's Parish Hall

Come join in the FOOD and FUN of learning more about the Bible!!!

You won't be disappointed!

It's a Ski Trip!

WHO: Youth in Grades 6th -12th

WHEN: Sunday Jan. 15th, 2012

WHERE: Sundown Ski Resort
Dubuque, IA.

TIME: 1:00PM - 10:00PM

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

COST:

\$65.00 skis/pass/lift

\$50.00 pass/lift only

\$70.00 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 9th, 2012

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 15th 1:00PM

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

Date and Anticipated Time of Return: Sunday January 15th 10:00PM

Method of Transportation: Chartered Buses

Student Cost: \$65.00 for Bus, Pass, & Skis \$50.00 for Bus & Pass only \$70.00 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

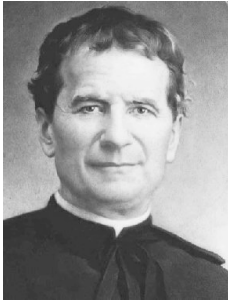
Emergency Phone Number

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

Shoe/Ski Size (same) _____

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

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Age: _____



LIVES OF THE SAINTS

By: Joseph Malanson
Junior, West High School

St. John Bosco - Feast Day: January 31st – John Bosco was born on August 15th, 1815 in Becchi, Italy. His family worked as farmhands and lived without luxury, especially because the area was recovering from the Napoleonic Wars and drought. When he was nine years old in 1825, St. John had the first of a series of dreams. In this dream, a man "appeared, nobly attired, with a manly and imposing bearing" telling him to show others how virtue is so much better than sin. His family's poverty prevented any real education, but he was determined to become a priest. When he was twelve, he left his family and traveled the countryside to try and fulfill that goal. Finally in 1830, an elderly priest took him in.

As a priest, he first took over as a chaplain in a girl's boarding school, but he also visited prisoners, taught catechism and helped in county parishes. John Bosco saw how many street children arrived on feast days and Sundays but were often chased away. He decided that he was going to help these children, and he put into motion what would become the "Oratory of Saint Francis de Sales." He began to use teaching methods that emphasized love, not punishment, as a way to help these boys-- almost all of them homeless and/or delinquent. Many priests and even the reigning Pope at the time, Blessed Pius IX, supported him and the expansion of his work.

However, not all groups liked John Bosco, who hated many of the ideals espoused by Enlightenment figures. He criticized and wrote to political leaders who tried to seize the Church's property or tried to control monastic orders. Nationalists in the region thought he was training young people for a revolution, and the police in Turin believed his actions might be a threat to the state. Even other Catholics denounced him, saying he was taking away children and adults from their congregations. Assassination attempts, including stabbing, bludgeoning, and shooting were all used against him, but St. John continued on in his holy work.

In 1859, St. John formed an official group that would become the Salesians in order to help young boys. During the next years, not only did he work to expand that group, but he also worked to create a group of religious sisters to help young girls. He finally succeeded in 1871 when the "Daughters of Mary Help of Christians" was formed. Influenced again by dreams, St. John also became obsessed with missionary work. After much research, he believed the people in his dream were the native people of Patagonia in Argentina. Negotiations began, and the Archbishop in Argentina said he would be glad to have the Salesians come; almost all volunteered for the work that started in October, 1875.

St. John Bosco died on January 31st, 1888, and his funeral in Turin was attended by thousands. Soon many called for him to be canonized, and the groups he founded gave witness to it. Others though, including some cardinals, weren't sure of him and felt he had been too headstrong. However, Pope Pius XI pushed forward. In 1929 St. John Bosco was declared Blessed, and finally in 1934 he was canonized on Easter Sunday with the title "Father and Teacher of Youth." The Salesians continue to carry on his important work; they have founded many educational centers that exist to this day.



*2012 Diocesan
Jr Hi Youth Rally*

Heaven

Planted in Our Hearts

Sunday, March 25

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~ Regina High ~ Iowa City

Featuring
**Vince
Nims**



WHO: 6th through 8th graders

Cost: \$21.00

T-shirts cost \$10;\$12 for 2X & 3X

Registration deadline:

March 11, 2012 before 4PM

Contact info: Patti McTaggart

319-337-4314 or pmctaggart@icstmary.org

Diocese of Davenport ~ 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
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: **March 25, 2012 – Diocesan Junior High Youth Rally at Regina High School Iowa City**

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, Regina High School 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: _____