



Look for these Friday Notes on the school web site as well. -- [www.aquinas-catholic.com](http://www.aquinas-catholic.com)

### Reflections on the eclipse

Several of our priests and Bishop Conley shared some beautiful thoughts on the total eclipse as it relates to our faith. Here is a brief (and certainly inadequate) summary of a couple of them: (1) Mary is often referred to or related as the moon. Jesus can be thought of then as the Sun. It is almost impossible to look directly at the Sun, but during the total eclipse, we can look directly at the Sun (Son) by the intercession of

the Moon (Mary). (2) The center of the monstrance at Adoration looks much like the sun/moon during the total eclipse as the rays of the sun shine all around.

I think these are wonderful ways to remind children about God's beauty in the world around us and how Mary and the Saints intercede on our behalf all the time. Hopefully the memory and impact of this event remain with us all for years to come. — Mrs. Zook

**AUGUST** is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary so prayerfully consider one more decade or one more rosary.



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL/  
OPEN HOUSE,  
TUE., AUG. 29,  
6-8 PM**

Bring your children on Tuesday evening for a chance to see some of your students school work, hear about their classroom, and have a tasty ice cream sundae. You may stop in between 6-7 to visit classrooms with ice cream from 6:30-8 PM. The ice cream and toppings are compliments of St. Mary's Spirit Club of parent volunteers.

### Thank you!

...to all the staff for preparing our students so well for the eclipse!

...to all the moms who will be serving as Room Moms this year.

...to all the parents who have completed their volunteer forms. We are grateful to have your help!

*If you have not yet filled a volunteer form out, please call the school or fill out the attached form.*

### Prayers

Please keep the **Ratkovec family** (Nicole, Mackenzie-K, and little Isabella) in your prayers for the loss of their husband/father Shawn.

*Please feel free to let us know of other prayer needs to share with school families (email or call).*

**ECLIPSE—truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience! The students were very well-behaved and were amazed with the total eclipse. Senior buddies from Aquinas helped first graders keep glasses on. Students were very attentive at Fr. Rooney and Sr. Karen Marie's presentations on the eclipse and faith/science. They seemed to enjoy the tour as well. See some of the pictures on the following pages.**

**Penance and Eucharistic Adoration Service:**

**Wed., August 30 – After Mass**



## A few photos from the Eclipse Field Trip



Eclipse presentation by Sr. Karen Marie of Villa Marie



Tour of St. Gregory Seminary by senior seminarians



Some of the St. Mary's group-- couldn't get them all in one picture.



First Grade Boys, "We could do this all day!"



Smart girls with their eclipse glasses.



5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys taking it all in.

*Sorry so blurry*—Senior Boys helping out 1<sup>st</sup> Graders.





## Spirit Club Announcements

Welcome back to school! The Spirit Club has some exciting events planned for this year. Look for our monthly announcements!



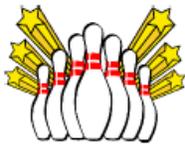
Please join us for the Open House and Ice cream Social Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> from 6-8



Decorative Monarchs Door Paw will be sold at the Open house. Paws already sold made a profit of \$1,642.36 for St. Mary's & Aquinas school.



Box Tops Due Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Remember monthly Class Room Contest on the most Box Tops collected



### Save the Date!

September 30<sup>th</sup> • Mother and Son Bowl-A-Thon  
More details to follow

#### Spirit Club Officers:

Kelli Augustin – President  
Cecilia Banholzer- Vice President  
Joanie Brecka- Secretary  
Kristy Pohl- Treasurer  
Courtney Hein- Spiritual Coordinator  
Angie Krivanek- Box Tops Coordinator