



Look for these Friday Notes on the school web site as well. -- www.aquinas-catholic.com

A Sweet Open House

Thank you all for making the Open House / Ice Cream Social on Tuesday night such a success. Students seemed to really enjoy showing off their classrooms. Teachers got to explain some of the processes of their classrooms. Spirit Club displayed some of the new school spirit items that will be available soon and

parents could purchase a few Scrip cards to support the school. It never hurts to end the evening with an ice cream sundae topped with sweet syrup, sprinkles, and a cherry. **(see pictures)** Hopefully everyone feels a little more comfortable with their school situation and ready for a fun, challenging year! – Mrs. Zook

Thank you!

...to Spirit Club, Lorie Stewart and Heather Oltmer for volunteering to put on the ice cream social at the Open House!

...to 5th Graders and Mrs. Truksa for setting up for the Ice Cream Social.

...to all the parents, students, and priests who stayed to clean up after!

...to our amazing teachers who stayed late to get their rooms ready!

...to Mrs. Comte's 5th Graders volunteers for sitting with the 1st Graders at Mass while their teachers help with test administration. (see picture)

Prayers

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

**Donations may be made to the school to be applied to food/expense

Blackboard Web Sites-Teachers have their class info sites up with useful information you will want to be familiar with. The **login information has been sent to your email** and your classroom teacher can give it to you if needed. ~

We are kicking off our largest and ONLY FUNdraiser for the year—the Spirit T-Shirt!! Your child should have a manila envelope with all the details. Thank you for your participation. This makes a huge difference for our school.

gift cards (SCRIP) for the family as they prepare for the funeral.

For all those in Texas recovering from the devastating flood.

**Teachers will be coordinating an effort to help the TX school children.

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

On Friday, **September 8**, we will celebrate **Mary's birthday** at 2:45 in the prayer garden with rosary and ice cream.



Thank you to the St. Mary's staff Spiritual committee for coordinating some beautiful activities in Sept. and Oct. to help our children enjoy and grow in their faith.

NO SCHOOL ON SEPT. 4

Hope you enjoy a restful 3-day weekend!

10:00 START ON SEPT. 6

Teachers will be training on some technology: using Office 365 for collaboration and some new tools for the SMART boards in each classroom.

From the Spirit Club Spiritual Coordinator

Last week we had a chance to experience the magnificence of the Total Solar Eclipse. I hope that it was an experience that drew each of our students, parents, and staff closer to God. What (or who) else could be responsible for a “coincidence” like the sun being 400 times bigger than the moon...but because the sun is 400 times further away they appear to be the same size and allow us to witness such a spectacular sight. On that note I thought this flashcard to defend our faith was appropriate.

Friendly Defenders Catholic Flashcard—Topic: Existence of God

Tentative Tara asks: Does God really exist?

Joyful Joey replies: Yes, he does. There are many ways we know God exists, including simply looking at the magnificence of the universe. Only God could create the order and beauty of such a thing. “For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made.” (Romans 1:19-20) Can a skyscraper be built without an architect? Can a book be written without an author? Of course not. Neither could the earth, the universe, or man exist without a creator: God.

Other References: Ps 19:1; Wis 13:1-9; Acts 14:15-17, 17:27-28; CCC 27-38, 51-55, 68-70.

Volunteers Needed:

4th and 5th Grade Parents:

You are asked to volunteer to work concession stands for Middle School sports activities every year. This year we have been assigned the following games and will need 2 parents to work for each. Please contact - Joanie Brecka 402-367-8331 to sign up. If you already signed up on the regular volunteer form, Joanie will be contacting you.

Saturday Oct 14 (7-8 VB) concession start time: 8:15

Tuesday Oct 17 (7-8 FB) concession start time: 4:00

Monday Nov 6 (7-8 Girls BB) concession start time 3:45

Saturday Nov 18 (7-8 Girls BB) concession start time 8:15

Saturday Dec 16 (7-8 Girls BB) concession start time 8:15

Thursday Feb 1 (7-8 Boys BB) concession start time 3:45

Parent Volunteers at St. Mary’s:

We have many of the time slots filled for each month, but can still use some more. Please let Jeri know if you can help with any of the blank times on the calendar. *Parents help with any tasks the teachers or school may need—usually copying, shredding, filing, grading papers, one-on-one help for students, even listening to young readers—all valuable tasks that help our school run efficiently and help our students succeed!* You may volunteer morning or afternoon—one time or every month. We really appreciate you considering help in this way.

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>
<i>9/4-No School</i>	<i>9/5-Misty Kastl</i>	<i>9/6-</i>	<i>9/7-Beth Roh</i>	<i>9/8-Dawn Jackub</i>
<i>9/11-Marilyn Smith</i>	<i>9/12-</i>	<i>9/13-</i>	<i>9/14-Andrea Meysenburg</i>	<i>9/15-Angie Coufal</i>

A few photos from the past week...



5th Graders helping 1st Graders during Mass

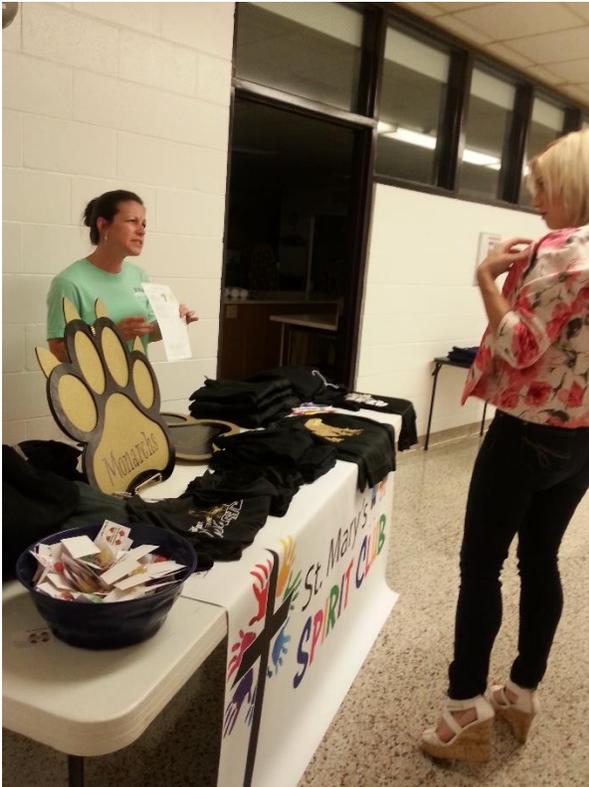
Open House/Ice Cream Social, Tue., Aug. 29



First grade
quilt



2nd Grade Butterflies



Spirit Club sharing Monarch spirit!



4th Graders share about their classroom.



Kindergarteners and S'more Learning

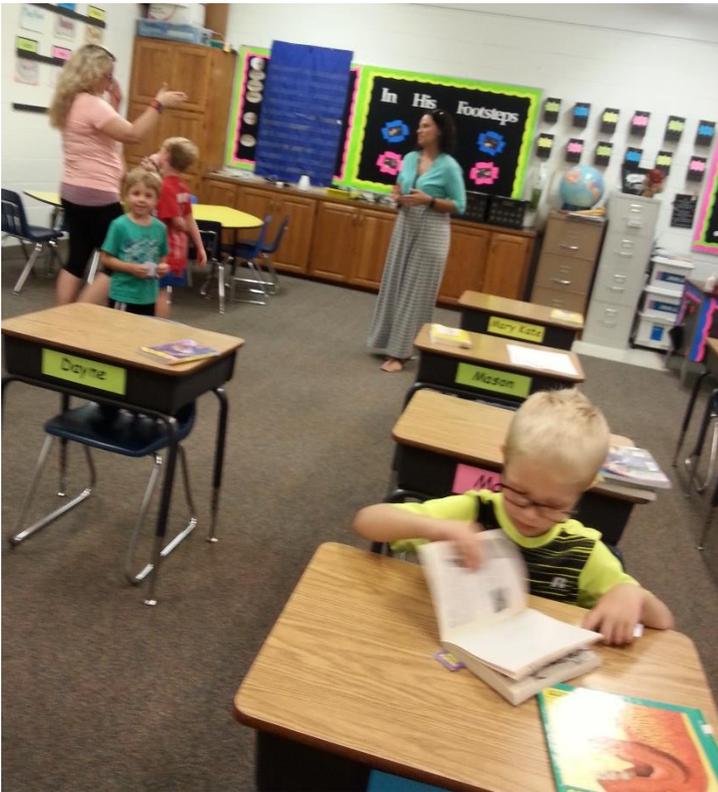


5th Grade perspectives



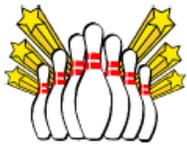
Preschool parents and Sisters Anne Marie and Serena

3rd Grade reading



Spirit Club Announcements

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



Save the Date!

September 30th • 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