

St. Ann School

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Wednesday Memo

Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive by 11:15 AM

Total for 21 Lunches for April: \$57.75

Monday, April 14	Hamburger or Cheeseburger
Supervision	Matheny, Herbst
Tuesday, April 15	Soft Chicken Tacos
Supervision	Horton Villarreal
Wed., April 16	Pizza Dippers
Supervision	Wolter, Teche
Thursday, April 17	French Toast Sticks
Supervision	Teche, Bailey
Friday, April 18	Good Friday, No School

St. Ann Parish Confirmation Class presents ... The Living Stations of the Cross

Come and join us this Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 PM or Sunday, April 13 at 7:00 PM for the Living Stations of the Cross at St. Ann Church. This is a powerful way to prepare for the climax of our Lenten Season.



Market Day

Thank you everyone who ordered in March! We earned

\$119 in profit! The free items for this month is a California Blend vegetables with all \$40 orders and Chicken Gems with all \$90 orders and the promo code: APRBONUS at check out. Do not forget to qualify for your free Frequent Buyer gift! Make two purchases of \$40 between February and April then one more in May to receive your FREE Storage Basket! All orders need to be placed by Thursday April 24. All paper orders need to be placed in the Market Day box outside of the teacher's lounge by 3pm or all online orders at marketday.com placed by 11pm. The pick-up date is Monday April 28, 4-6pm in the gym. If you have any questions or issues with pick-up, please contact Koreen Kuhn at 712-4126 or jhkuhn@charter.net. Remember we have very limited space in the freezer so please make arrangements if you are unable to pick up your order.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry this Friday April 11

Friday Fish Fry April 11— serving 5:00-8:00 PM.
Menu: Deep Fried and Baked Fish), coleslaw, roasted potatoes or French fries, dinner roll, dessert, coffee, milk, lemonade
All you care to eat! Take-out available.
Child (5 and under) FREE
Youth/Senior (6-12 & Seniors 65+) \$8.00
Adults (13-Adult) \$10.00

Science Fair April 15



Come enjoy the creative minds of our fifth grade class as they present their projects at the Science Fair in Healy Hall, Tuesday, April 15th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

Communal Reconciliation

Students in grades 2-8 will take part in Communal Reconciliation on Wednesday, April 9 at 9:00 AM. Parishioners are welcome to participate.

Please Note - Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home on **FRIDAY, APRIL 11**. Please check your child's backpack.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STEERING COMMITTEE

The next Home & School Steering Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, April 10 in Healy Hall from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The committee will be discussing the Home & School volunteer opportunities for 2014/15. If you have information to share with the committee or would like to attend the meeting, please contact committee Co-Chairs, Lynn Wood lwood@wcgpr.com or Kari Fernholz kariferholz@gmail.com. Also, mark your calendar for an ALL PARENT MEETING on May 27 in Healy Hall. We will present the committees and volunteer opportunities for next year and will review important information about the committee sign up process.



Principal's Corner

A Celebration of Joy

I was out of school last week for two days experiencing the miracle of God's gentle presence and loving touch as I accompanied my sister, Joleen and my mom to University of Iowa Hospitals where mom had to have surgery on her bile duct because of a dozen stones that were blocking her duct and causing much pain and liver failure. Journeying with mom for four days was a true gift for me as I shared her pain, celebrated simple joys, such as walking down the hallway or eating for the first time, and experiencing her motherly wisdom, unfailing courage and her unconditional love of family.

For four days I sat in the background watching the doctors and nurses and my sister, Joleen, as they ministered to mom as she was bathed, examined, prepared for surgery and eventually laid in recovery mode. No matter what was being done to her, mom was always pleasant and thanked the doctors and nurses for helping her. Truly, she experienced the unconditional healing love of God through her health care providers and also through Joleen and myself as we supported her.

As I gazed upon mom's bruised arms, IV tube and monitors, I reflected upon how very vulnerable and weak mom was due to all that she had endured through the surgery. For six days she waited for healing and the reassurance that her body would respond and allow her to eat. We waited patiently, watched her sleep, prayed for healing and trusted that God was touching mom gently with his healing love. Although weak, she experienced a sense of joy as the doctor declared that mom could eat and work up to semi-solid food, that the IVs could be taken out and hopefully her body was ready to bless her with movement again and a trip home on Sunday to return to the normal life of an 89 year old.

As I write this reflection this morning, I just talked to mom on the phone. When asked how she was feeling today, her response was, "I am feeling with my fingers. I have already played a few hands of cards. It felt good to sleep in my own bed again. And Joleen is getting ready to shop for the fat-free, soft foods that I need to eat. But other than that, I am feeling better." Thank you for your prayers and support of my mom and my family during her hospitalization and recovery. She will continue to rise from her suffering to a personal celebration of Easter joy brought on by God's healing touch

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A Special Thank You

A special thank you is extended to the Edward E. and Janet L. Bryant Foundation for the \$50,000.00 grant that St. Ann School received. The grant money will be used to enhance our Reading, Science, Physical Education and Technology curriculum.

"God's Not Dead"

A great family movie to watch with older children. Playing at Cinema Café on Friday.

Present-day college freshman and devout Christian, Josh Wheaton, finds his faith challenged on his first day of Philosophy class by the dogmatic and argumentative Professor Radisson. Radisson begins class by informing students that they will need to disavow, in writing, the existence of God on that first day, or face a failing grade. As other students in the class begin scribbling the words "God Is Dead" on pieces of paper as instructed, Josh find himself at a crossroads, having to choose between his faith and his future. Josh offers a nervous refusal, provoking an irate reaction from his smug professor. Radisson assigns him a daunting task: if Josh will not admit that "God Is Dead," he must prove God's existence by presenting well-researched, intellectual arguments and evidence over the course of the semester, and engage Radisson in a head-to-head debate in front of the class. If Josh fails to convince his classmates of God's existence, he will fail the course and hinder his lofty academic goals. With almost no one in his corner, Josh wonders if he can really fight for what he believes. Can he actually prove the existence of God?

It's a CLASS ACT

Science Fair by Aimee Stano

Ever wonder why a cat uses its whiskers or why rockets fly? How about your reflexes are they fast or slow? Wondering where bacterium lurks? These questions and more will be answered at the annual science fair on Tuesday, April 15. This year the participants are the fifth grade class. There will be 19 projects displayed for your educational and viewing pleasure. The morning will consist of parent judges helping to evaluate the projects. In the afternoon the fair will be open to all grade levels and parents that cannot attend in the evening. In the evening the fifth graders will be asked to share their expertise with parents and siblings.

This has truly been an educational experience for the fifth grade class that spanned the entire curriculum. Not only did they learn about the scientific process, but they also learned about the research process, writing and editing research papers, organizing project boards, utilizing long term management of the project, and finally how to become a better public speaker.

The fifth grade class is very proud of their accomplishments with this project. We hope that you are able to join us on the 15th.

Comboni Missionaries

A Note From the Klevens

To date, our school has collected \$2,015.00 for the "Kleven Projects in Malawi." Here is a note recently received from the Kleven family.

Wow, St. Ann School has really done an amazing job at sacrificing and giving so much to the people of Malawi!!! We continue to assist the nursery schools, mostly on an administrative level. We plan to take a trip soon to the CTC to purchase wooden chairs and table to replace the plastic chairs that keep breaking. We plan to introduce new styles of learning to the existing program, which right now mostly consists of "parrot" learning, where the student memorizes the words or statements without really knowing what they mean or understanding the context of the information. The tables and chairs will provide a space where the students can learn more with manipulative action and artistic practice. The funding for these tables and chairs is coming from St. Ann School in Stoughton. We cannot thank you enough for this wonderful gift. A portion [of your donation] will go to the preschools but we won't need all of it at this time to complete the efforts we have in place. We have some larger projects we are working on with the church, but things move very slow here! We're requesting to begin a library as well as creating more spaces for the Catechism classes, as right now they sit in the field (in the sun) or cancel class during the rainy season. St. Ann School's donation funds would be a huge contribution to either of these efforts, though we must be patient and determine which option is best for the future of the church and which option the church community will embrace and take care of even when we're no longer here.

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"Wisconsin is a hotbed of folk art!"

by Mrs. Jamison, Art Teacher

That is according to the Kohler Foundation, part of the John Michael Kohler Arts Center located in Sheboygan. That's good news for us here in Stoughton, since many wonderful examples of folk art are within a manageable driving distance. You won't be visiting any indoor museums though, instead you will be traveling to beautiful parts of the state. Much of the folk art you will see has been created by everyday ordinary people who were compelled to create, using whatever was at hand, such as scrap metal, cement, broken plates and glass, empty bottles and other items found around anyone's home and land. All these sites are inspirational, all are free to see and all have something everyone in the family can relate to. Here are three that are within an hour's drive or so:

Dickeyville Grotto: Located in Southwest Wisconsin, near the Illinois and Iowa borders this should be on everyone's list of visits. Parish priest Father Mathias Wernerus was a German immigrant, and an energetic man looking for a way to express his great love both for God and his new country. The series of shrines sprawls across the grounds of Holy Ghost Parish and are made from different materials such as sea shells, geodes, petrified wood, fossils, broken dishes, and a rock from every state and many countries.



Dr Evermore's Art Park: How many of you have seen those gigantic metal sculptures just to the side of Hwy 12, 7 miles past Prairie du Sac, on your way to Devil's Lake State Park? Tom Every, the creator of these magnificent pieces, began as a teenage 'salvage man,' assembling industrial scrap into new shapes born from his creative thinking. It's located right next door to Delany's Salvage Yard, also a very interesting place.

Grandview: In 1930 Nick Engelbert was inspired by Dickeyville, though it was humor that emerged in his sculptures. Engelbert's home in Hollandale, called Grandview for the spectacular vista, is entirely encased in colorful stones. The yard displays his whimsical creatures, including an elephant, birds, monkeys, and a Viking warrior standing in his own boat. This one's out in the country, southwest of Mt. Horeb.

P.S. If you are into Geocaching, there is a hide at each of these locations.

You are invited to the next Family Enrichment Activity!

Come join us as Cerissa Wills, a family therapist from

The Rainbow Project, uses games and laughter to teach us ways to connect as a family and a community. Her focus will be on showing us how to help our children deal with issues like bullying and managing peer relationships.

Where: St. Ann's School in Healy Hall

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Date: Friday, April 11, 2014

See the flyer sent home last week and emailed today.