

# St. Ann School

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# Wednesday Memo

## Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive by 11:15 AM

Total for 20 Lunches for May: \$55.00

Monday, May 12 Supervision	Beefy Italian Dunkers Wood, Ross
Tuesday, May 13 Supervision	Breaded Chicken Patty Schipper, McCormick
Wed., May 14 Supervision	Scalloped Potatoes and Ham Clark, Bergman
Thursday, May 15 Supervision	Hamburger or Cheeseburger Sorensen, Wiese
Friday, May 16 Supervision	Mini-Corn Dogs Royko, Clark

## Reminders

May 7, St. Jude Walk-a-thon

May 9, Peter Pan, Jr., 7 PM  
Stoughton Opera House

May 10, Peter Pan, Jr., 1 PM  
Stoughton Opera House

May 11, May Crowning at the Beginning of 10:30 AM Mass. Bring flowers if you have some in your garden.

May 15, Final tuition payment due for 2013-14 school year.



## Home & School Notes

Please add these important dates to your calendar. We hope to see you at all these events.

1. **HOME & SCHOOL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING** – The final Home & School Steering Committee meeting of the year will be held this **Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 – 8:00 PM.** At BBG. If you have questions, would like to attend the meeting or have an item you would like to add to the agenda, please contact Lynn Wood (lwood@wcgpr.com) or Kari Fernholz (karifernholz@gmail.com).

2. **ALL FAMILY MEETING**– Mark your calendars for the All School Family Meeting on **Tuesday, May 27th at 6:30 PM** in Healy Hall. Please plan on attending as we will discuss volunteer opportunities for next year.

3. **FAMILY PICNIC**– **May 31** - Save the date for the final 50th Anniversary Celebration. The St. Ann School End-of-the-Year Birthday Party/Family Picnic will take place **Saturday, May 31, 1:30 – 4:00 PM.** at East Side Park on S. Lynn St., Stoughton. The picnic will be followed by a 4:00 PM outdoor Mass at the park. All school and parish families are encouraged to attend and to say farewell to Ms. Leonard. Enjoy outdoor games and relaxing, picnic fare and birthday cake. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided by Home & School. Watch for more details about RSVPs and Sign-ups.



Thank you everyone who ordered in April! We earned \$162 in profit! This month is the last month to order Market Day for the school year! This is your last chance to stock up for the summer! May's two free items are a Micro Fiber Drying Mat with a \$40 purchase and a 4-Pack of Cheesecake Pops with a \$90 online purchase with the promo code: MAYBONUS. Anyone who qualified for the Frequent Buyer item needs to spend at least \$40 this month to receive their free Storage Basket at pick up! All orders need to be placed by Thursday May 15. Paper orders need to be outside the teacher's lounge in the Market Day basket by 3pm and online orders at marketday.com by 11pm. Our last pick-up date is on Monday May 19, 4-6 PM in the gym. Remember that there is very limited freezer space to hold orders. Please make arrangements to have your order picked up. You can contact Koreen Kuhn with any problems or questions at 712-4126 or jhkuhn@charter.net.



# Principal's Corner

## Advance Your Child's Spiritual Life

This past week, I have traveled to and from several interviews in Wisconsin and Illinois. I have arrived early in the various cities to get a “lay of the land” plus I took the opportunity to spend some time sitting and walking along the river in all the cities visited. As I sat on the river banks, I prayed for myself as a new chapter of my life was beginning beyond Stoughton. My spirit was reenergized through the gentle breezes and the quiet lapping of the water. I experienced a sense of wonder and awe at how God is ever present and ever working in my life. My mind also wandered back to a workshop that I attended a few years ago entitled, “How to Advance a Child's Spiritual Life.” The workshop shared some practical suggestions of how parents and teachers could guide children to develop spirituality. I offer these suggestions today to you.

**Promote quiet time:** Scripture reminds us, “Be still and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10) Introduce a period of quiet time each day to your child where he or she can rest, read or just sit quietly and reflect upon God's presence in his/her life.

**Model the spiritual life for your child:** Like the apostles and the saints, be the best possible role model for your child through your words and actions. Be aware of your child's words, actions and values. Pay attention to how they treat friends, adults, strangers and animals. Model how to speak courteously to others, how to treat animals with kindness, how to show respect to people from all walks of life.

**Teach your child to pray:** As soon as your child can understand language, teach him/her how to pray. During Spring as you observe trees budding and flowers opening, thank God for the beauty of creation and the new life that surrounds us. Express gratitude to God for friends, for caring teachers and for loving family members. Pray whenever you hear a siren, asking God to watch over and bless anyone involved in an emergency. Create a litany of thanks as you share your evening meal together.

**Encourage stewardship of the earth:** Spirituality includes respect for what God has created and given to us. Teach your child to set time aside to collect newspapers, bottles and cans for recycling, to turn off the lights when they leave a room, not to litter, to walk or ride their bike whenever possible. Allow your child to plant bulbs, seeds or flowers and to take care of your yard throughout the year.

**Help your child recognize God's presence in nature:** Psalm 139 expresses awareness of God “in the heavens, during the dawn and on the far side of the seas.” Pause with your child to praise God for the beauty of the Spring skies, for the gentle rain, for the budding trees and sprouting perennials. Pause and listen to the birds in the morning or stand under a starry sky. And remember, He said, “It is good.”

**Stress the Golden Rule:** “In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, “ Jesus taught. (Matthew 7:21) Whenever you see or hear your child acting unkind, remind them that they don't like to be treated badly themselves, so why treat others unkindly. If your child says that another child in school is being ridiculed and put down, comment about how sad and lonely that child must feel. This way you will elicit kindness from your child toward a classmate.

As this Spring unfolds and we approach the end of the school year, may your family be blessed with moments to pause, reflect and enjoy the presence of God in the activities and routines of your every day life. Enjoy the little joys which are spiritual moments... the smell of freshly baked cookies, a brilliant sunset, a swiftly moving cloud, a gentle rain shower, the hug of a child, an unexpected email from a friend....!

*Joan Leonard*

# It's a CLASS ACT

## “That was REAL?” by Rustie Prechel, 2nd grade teacher

A few weeks ago, the second grade class was learning all about Holy Week. Thursday was our last day of class and we concluded by discussing some of the Holy Artifacts that exist today like the shroud of Turin, pieces of Jesus' cross, and Veronica's veil. When we were just about finished, one of the children blurted out quite seriously, “You mean that was REAL?” Unfortunately, very often non-Catholics and Catholics alike question the realities of what we read in the Bible.

I recently watched “Heaven is for Real” and “God's NOT Dead” at the movie theatre. In both of these movies a central theme was faith. Why is it difficult for us to believe that there is a heaven, or that God created the universe? One of the questions I hear so often is regarding Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. Second graders don't seem to have any problem with this question at all. They may question Jesus' death since a 7-year old has little experience with death; but it is much easier for them to accept Jesus in the Eucharist since they have so much experience with love.

A second grader knows and trusts that God loves them. They know that Jesus sacrificed for them just as their parents would sacrifice for them. They know that a body can be seen and a soul cannot; and that bread can be seen and Jesus' presence in the bread cannot. They accept all of this with faith and are so excited to receive Jesus!

If you need a renewal of faith, watch a second grader or the new members of our church (former RCIA candidates) as they receive Eucharist. Their faces show all the love of Jesus.

If you'd like, please join us at a short reception to recognize our second graders after Mass this Friday, May 9 in the gym.

## Spring Concert Final News Up-Date by Ms. Boersma

It is May and spring cannot be far off! Our students will present their spring concert on Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 in the evening. It will be held in the school gym. Your child(ren) will need to be at school, in their homerooms, by **6:10 pm on May 20 if they are in elementary school, and 6:00 pm if they are in grades 6, 7 or 8.**

As we are preparing for the concert, I wanted to let you know how I am asking your child(ren) to dress for the evening:

- ◆ If your child is in **elementary school**, (K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) they need to wear dress pants (no jeans, sweat pants, shorts or T-shirts) and a nice shirt, church appropriate attire. Girls may also wear skirts with nice blouses or dresses. Think spring!
- ◆ If your child is in **middle school**, (Grades 6 through 8) they need to wear black dress pants (girls may also wear skirts or dresses) and a nice, solid colored shirt. Students can choose which color they would like, but please avoid patterns and words. Think spring!

The students have done a great job preparing a variety of music for the concert and I am excited for you to hear what they have accomplished.

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## Second Grade Poets

Two of our St. Ann School students in second grade, Alex Baily and Keegan Langenohl, received awards for their recent poetry submission in the Kegonsa Working for Kids Poetry Contest.

**Peace** by Alex Bailey 1st Place for 2nd Grade

*Peace sounds like people playing together.*

*Peace smells like people eating warm hot fudge.*

*Peace tastes like eating a really good meal with your family.*

*Peace looks like making friends with other people.*

*Peace feels like watching a movie with my sister.*

*Peace is having fun with friends and family.*

**Keegan's Limerick** by Keegan Langenohl, Honor Award for 2nd grade

*There once was a sloppy pig*

*Who always would dance a jig.*

*He fell in a hole,*

*Landed on a bowl,*

*And now his belly is big.*



## Gratitude for my Mother

Dear Lord, today I turn to you to give you thanks for my mother. With your own gift of life, she bore me in her womb and gave me life. She tenderly, patiently cared for me and taught me to walk and talk. She read to me and made me laugh. No one delighted in my successes more; no one could comfort me better in my failures. I am so grateful for how she mothered me and mentored me, and even disciplined me.

Please bless her, Lord, and comfort her. Help her loving heart to continue to love and give of herself to others. Strengthen her when she is down and give her hope when she is discouraged.

Most of all, Lord, on this Mother's Day, give my mother the graces she most needs and desires today. I ask you this, in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior forever and ever.