



ST. MARY SCHOOL

Week of 10-27-2011

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October 27, 2011

Hello St. Mary Families!

Trust opens up new and unimagined possibilities.

~ Robert Solomon ~

October is Fire Prevention Month, and this week we had the Riverside Fire Department here to talk to the students about fire safety! We started with a fire drill that went very well, the students filed out orderly the firefighters blocked a door and held two students back,

and still we were out and safe quickly! We then went down to the Oak Room for some more safety information, I told the students it would be a good idea to have a fire drill at home and review the information with you. It never hurts to have a plan in place.

We also were wearing RED all week. The students knew exactly why they were wearing red, we loudly and proudly say NO to drugs here at St Mary School! It was great seeing the students wearing ribbons, hats, sweatshirts, tee-shirts, and coats, all in, you guessed it RED! Our students are the best, so spirited and eager to participate!

Information:

- Lunches brought in after the morning drop off, need to be dropped off at the office ... someone is always going down to the lunchroom, so we guarantee that your son/daughter will get the lunch, no matter what time. Parents, I know you understand the safety concerns we have, when you pull up to the parking lot and the children are on the playground and then walk onto the playground that poses a serious breach of safety. Some of our volunteers may not know everyone, so it becomes awkward and unsafe. The volunteers are told not to allow anyone on the playground whether they know you or not, so please help us, help them. Also, driving onto the apron of the playground poses a potential accident; we seriously want to avoid that as well. I know you want us to protect your children at all times, so please drop the lunches off at the office and we can avoid these breaches in safety!

- A child in Kindergarten was pushed off the slide on our playground equipment And now that young man has a broken elbow that requires surgery to fix. It is very important that only Pre-School and Kindergarten students be allowed on the playground. Even then, parents should be watching them carefully so the children are playing on the equipment properly. Please say a prayer for this little boy, so he heals quickly and can be back at school soon.
- On Saturday, October 29 at 1 PM, Magic Tree Bookstore will have a very special guest, Strega Nona! Tomie DePauola's book called Strega Nona's Gift features Strega Nona who will be there to 'tell your fortune or vanish your warts.' On Friday, November 4th the Magic Tree Bookstore is also having a Jim Gill Family concert at 6:30 PM, so stop by and clap along with Jim Gill.
- Forgotten homework --- if a child forgets homework they will not be allowed to call home for it, we are teaching student responsibility and if they forget their homework they need to understand the consequences, and then maybe they won't forget it again. We cannot be bringing homework to students; we will bring lunches, medicine, eyeglasses and anything else that is urgent, but homework needs to be brought in by the students in their backpacks. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

- Veteran's Day Flag Ceremony --- Thursday the 10th of November we will be having a Veterans Day program out by the flag at 8:10 AM please come join us in raising the flag and honoring our Veterans. If anyone you know, a parent, or grandparent, a brother/sister or aunt/uncle is a veteran, please let our office know so we can be sure to honor them on that day! Parents, we hope you can join us by the flag at 8:10 AM for this ceremony.
- Spirit Day Sales --- on Friday at the Fun Fair in the Parish Center, you will have the opportunity to purchase Spirit Wear! Our students have so much spirit, so stop by and pick out something to show your school spirit!!
- Carmel apple pick up --- Affy Tapple's are in!!! If you ordered less than 10 apples, your son/daughter will be picking them up from the Parish Center Lobby at the end of the school day on Friday, and those of you with orders or more than 10 can pick them up at the Fun Fair Friday night! Don't forget to pick them up, as they are just too delicious to be left sitting around!
- Junior Garden Club of Riverside is offering children in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade an opportunity to create a Thanksgiving Centerpiece! The program is hosted by Riverside's own Shamrock Garden Florist and will be held at the Riverside Public Library in the downstairs conference room on Thursday, November 17th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM! For more

information there is a flyer on our website or call Mary at (708) 446.9620 so you can register by November 12, 2011. It's a great opportunity to be creative and have your table centerpiece ready for the holiday!

- Children's Book Fair is coming once again! St. Mary School and Partners in Education are sponsoring the annual book fair!!! Come get books for you, for your children, or as presents for anyone. Reading is such a treasure, a time to escape from everyday problems and just be taken away! The Book Fair is held on Thursday, November 13th from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM – the same time as our Parent Teacher conferences, and Sunday, November 14th from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM after all masses. The book fair is being held in the Parish Center Lobby so please stop in and at least take a look!

Reminders:

- St. Mary Golden Bishops Chess Club starts November 3, don't forget to get your forms in for the St. Mary Golden Bishops Chess Club this week! So far, we have players from nearly every grade level. Since we have a limit of 40 due to space limitations, I urge you to get your form in before the first session to be assured of a spot. Alternatively, you can bring your form to the first meeting in the school library. Students who attend five consecutive meetings will receive a

complimentary St. Mary Golden Bishops Chess Club tee-shirt. Band members are welcome to join us in the library after practice. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Colette at (708) 853-9375 or Coach Dianna at (708) 442.2535.

- Father Tom's Installation Mass is this Sunday, the 30th of October in the Parish Center at 11:30 AM. Please join us in welcoming Father Tom officially in this mass. Afterwards there will be cookies and coffee downstairs in the Oak Room, so please stop in and celebrate together as we recognize the blessing he is to our school and Parish.
- Don't forget the Fun Fair on Friday, October 28th! It's from 5:30 to 8:30 PM with a costume contest at 7:00 PM! It will be lots of fun, so be sure to dress up the children, and yourselves, and stop on by for an evening of fun!
- Also, the Halloween Dance for the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders is Friday night the 28th of October! It's downstairs in the Oak Room from 7:30 – 9:30 PM. A great time for the Junior High students to unwind, mingle, and dance! Have a good time and be safe!
- Halloween is on Monday, and so many of our students will be dressing up ... don't forget, no masks or anything resembling a weapon will be allowed in school. This is a time for everyone to have fun and enjoy the costumes and parties. Remember there is a parade at 12:45 PM and then

parties following, so stop by with cameras to capture the memories! Trick-or-Treat!

Our students collected money for the Women's Care Services in LaGrange to help the Respect Life campaign. Ms. Kimberly B., one of our very own 8th graders, organized, prepared the baby bottles for the pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, and then collected the bottles to make the donation; we are blessed to have a young woman like her here at St. Mary, thank you sincerely Kim! Once again, the school stepped up to the plate to let everyone know that we are not only learning academics here at St. Mary, but are also good Catholics.

The Lord is our teacher, and from Him, we learn all things. Trusting that change is good takes time. As the leaves change color, as the weather begins to change from hot to cold, and as we grow and change this year, it is my hope that we find the good things in these changes rather than complain about the raking of leaves or the bitter cold wind. Life is too short not to trust in one another, let's begin this fall season with an openness and acceptance of those around us and the changes that are taking place. No one is perfect, except Jesus Himself, so remember His teachings and allow His teachings of peace and acceptance to guide us.

Peace,

Ms. Diane M. Simonaitis
Principal
St. Mary School

November 2011



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| | | 1 All Saint's Day School Mass at 9:30 AM in PC | 2 All Soul's Day | 3 | 4 1/2 day noon dis- missal Teacher Institute | 5 Rite of Candidacy 5:00 PM Mass (A-F) |
| 6 Daylight Sav- ing Time Ends Rite of Candidacy 8:00 AM Mass (G- L) | 7 School Advisory Mtg. 7PM in library | 8 2nd Grade First Reconciliation Prayer Service after 8:30 Mass | 9 Reports cards go home! | 10 1/2 day noon dismissal Flag Ceremony 8 AM Parent/Teacher | 11 No School!! Veteran's Day | 12 Rite of Candidacy 5:00 PM Mass (M-Z) |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Pizza Day P.I.E. Mtg. 7PM TBA 1st Reconciliation Mtg. (A-L) 7:30 PM in OR | 17 1st Reconciliation Mtg. (M-Z) 7:30 PM in OR | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 Van Gogh Picture Retakes | 23 Thanksgiving No School!! | 24 Holiday — No School!! | 25 No School !! | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | PC = Parish Center | OR = Oak Room | |

It's Time for
The Halloween Fun Fair!!!

******Friday, October 28th******

5:30p.m-8:30p.m.

Join us for games, food and fun!

Costume Contest @7:00p.m.

**The Cake Walk and Junk Food walk are the most popular games;
please plan on sending small packages of baked goods or junk food.**

\$10 for unlimited fun & games per child

Wrist Bands 1 for \$10 # _____ x\$10 = _____

(Wrist Band is needed to play games for ages 5 and up)

Hot Dog Meals \$2 # _____ x\$2 = _____

(hot dog/chip/drink)

Family Name _____ Total = _____

**We need 6th, 7th and 8th graders to work the
games from 5:15-7:15 for service hours.**

Name _____

Parents we need your help for games & food.

I can work 5:15-6:15(food only) _____

I can work 6:15-7:15(food only) _____

I can work 7:15-8:00 _____

I can work 8:00-8:45 _____

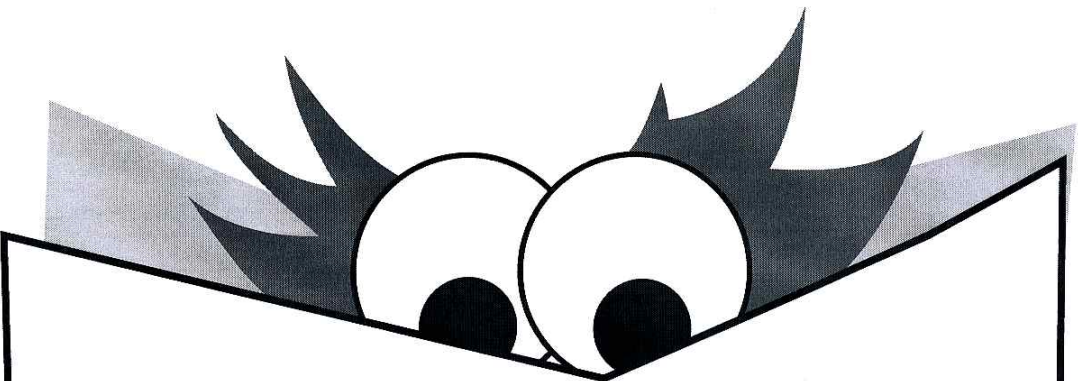
I can work clean up _____

I would prefer to work at _____

I have a great idea _____

Make checks payable to St. Mary PIE

**If you have any questions or comments please call/email
Rita Domeier 442-5171or markdomeier@ameritech.net**



ST. MARY SCHOOL & PARTNERS IN EDUCATION
present the

2011 P.I.E.

Childrens' Book Fair

Thursday, November 10th

12:00 pm – 8:00 pm

(during parent/teacher conferences)

Sunday, November 13th

8:00 am – 1:00 pm (after all masses)

Location

St. Mary Parish Center Lobby



*Get an early start to your holiday shopping by
browsing tables full of outstanding
new childrens' books,
as well as some old favorites.*



OUR FAMOUS CHEFS ARE ALL LINED UP
JUST WAITING TO SERVE YOU!
DON'T DISAPPOINT THEM!



IT'S THE
ST. MARY'S
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
CUBI/
BOY SCOUT

ALL YOU CAN EAT

On Sunday, November 13, 2011

From 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hosted by Pack & Troop 92 of St. Mary's of Riverside

Donation:

St. Mary's Oak Room
126 Herrick

Adults: \$5 advance, \$6 at door
Children 5-10 yrs: \$4 advance
\$5 at door

Call for tickets
Chris - 708-447-6812

Children under 4: FREE

Market Day Thanksgiving Food Drive

Market Day, will again be sponsoring a food drive for our sister Parish, St. Agatha. You can choose from the a la carte list or an entire holiday meal! This not only benefits St. Agatha's, but St. Mary School as well! Your donation will be greatly appreciated by both.

All orders must be prepaid by check, made payable to Market Day or cash. Please do not include with any personal orders. Please fill out form below, and send with payment to the attention of : Cindy Nikischer and return to school, rectory, or drop off at 170 Michaux Rd. Any questions – 447-5216. Thanks for your support!

Name _____ Phone _____

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Price</u> | X | <u>Qty</u> | = | <u>Total</u> |
|--|--------------|---|--------------|---|--------------|
| Holiday Meal (Petite Boneless Sliced Ham, Praline Sweet Potato Casserole, Supersweet Corn, Gourmet Green Beans, Classic Apple Pie & Pumpkin Pie) | \$62.76 | | _____ | | _____ |
| Ground Beef | \$15.29 | | _____ | | _____ |
| Chicken Steaks | \$14.89 | | _____ | | _____ |
| American Cheese | \$13.79 | | _____ | | _____ |
| Supersweet Corn | \$ 7.99 | | _____ | | _____ |
| Gourmet Green Beans | \$ 9.79 | | _____ | | _____ |
| French Toast Sticks | \$ 6.99 | | _____ | | _____ |
| Classic Apple Pie | \$12.00 | | _____ | | _____ |
| | | | <u>Total</u> | | _____ |

FORMS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH.
YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AT MARKET DAY PICKUP TO PARTICIPATE.

HOLIDAY PIE SALE

The holiday's are upon us, and what better way to end a delicious holiday meal, but with a slice of Pumpkin Pie or French Silk, or maybe a slice of Cheesecake!!

Market Day Pie's are perfect for holiday entertaining. Dessert can be ready in minutes, just pop one out of the freezer and bake or thaw and enjoy!

Please have your forms filled out with payment included – checks made payable to St. Mary School - returned to school by Nov. 9th.

Pickup will be Nov. 16th from 6:30-7:30pm in the link area.

Questions? call Cindy Nikischer 708 447-5216

Proceeds will benefit 8th Grade fundraising

DESSERT

Bonus Days

The more desserts purchased, the more your group earns.
Up to 99 Desserts... Earn 15% Profit
100-499 Desserts... Earn 30% Profit
500+ Desserts... Earn 45% Profit



4628 | NEW!



4519 | NEW!



4870



4625



4800



4861



4806



4780



4521



4878 | NEW!



4879 | NEW!



4880 | NEW!



4877 | NEW!



4881 Peanut Butter Cup Pie **NEW**

Pastel de Crema de Cacahuete
Super decadent and loaded with roasted peanuts and peanut butter cups. Peanut graham crust with whipped chocolate and peanut butter filling. Thaw and serve. 9 inch/\$16.00

All products may contain traces of nuts and tree nuts. Taxes included where applicable. © 2011 Market Day Corporation #9300

4628 Classic Apple Pie **NEW**
Pastel de Manzana Clásico
Gourmet pie packed with crisp, sweet apples and spices. Tender, flaky crust. Homemade taste. Bake and serve. Made with Michigan apples. 10 inch/\$12.00



4519 Candy Cane Pie **NEW**
Pastel de Bastoncitos de Caramelo
Chocolate ganache and peppermint on a dark cookie crumb crust with real whipped cream topping. Thaw and serve. 9 inch/\$14.00

4870 Chocolate Pecan Caramel Supreme Pie
Pastel Supremo de Chocolate con Nuez y Caramelo
With pecans, caramel, chocolate & cream cheese. 9 inch/\$14.00

4625 Fruit Medley Deep Dish Pie
Pastel de Combinación de Frutas de Base Gruesa
Tart apples, mixed berries and eye-opening rhubarb piled mile high in a flaky deep dish crust. Bake and enjoy. 10 inch/\$12.00

4800 French Silk Pie
Pastel de Seda Francesa
Silky chocolate, thaw and serve. 10 inch/\$14.00

4861 Cherry Streusel Pie
Pastel de Cereza con Streusel
Flaky pie crust filled with tart, red cherries and topped with a buttery streusel. Bake and enjoy. 9 inch/\$13.00

4806 Pecan Pie
Pastel de Nuez
Whole pecans, thaw and serve. 10 inch/\$12.00

4780 Pumpkin Pie
Pastel de Calabaza
Aromatic spices & a buttery crust. Bake & enjoy. 10 inch/\$12.00

4521 Lemon Supreme Pie
Pastel Supremo de Limón
Cream cheese, whipped cream & a lemony filling. 9 inch/\$14.00

4878 Turtle Cheesecake **NEW**
Pastel de Queso Tortuga
Deliciously rich and super creamy vanilla cheesecake on a graham cracker crust. Topped with rich chocolate ganache, caramel and pecans. Thaw and serve. 8 inch/pre-sliced/\$14.00

4879 New York Cheesecake **NEW**
Pastel de Queso Estilo Nueva York
Super creamy formula made with real vanilla. Slow baked on a crunchy graham crust. Thaw and serve. 8 inch/pre-sliced/\$13.00

4880 Grandma's Carrot Cake **NEW**
Pastel de Zanahoria de la Abuela
Rich and moist just like homemade. Made with carrots, coconut, chopped pecans, topped with cream cheese frosting. Thaw and serve. 8 inch/\$13.00

4877 Red Velvet Cake **NEW**
Pastel de Terciopelo Rojo
Extra moist cake with a rich flavor and beautiful shade of red. Topped with real cream cheese frosting. Thaw and serve. 8 inch/\$14.00



Our Most Indulgent Pie!



**P.I.E.
ST. MARY GOLDEN BISHOPS
CHESS CLUB**

Research has shown that chess enhances scholastic ability, including test scores!

All levels welcome, especially beginners

Thursdays after school, November 3 through March 30

Grades 3-8

Starts Thursday, November 3

2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

School Library

(band participants welcome to attend after 3:30 p.m.)

Limit of 40 students—first come, first served

COST: \$10

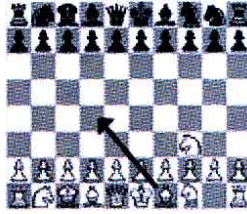
(one-time fee to cover costs of drinks/snacks/handouts)

Coaches:

Colette Fairchild Saganich and Dianna LaMantia

Optional area-wide tournament hosted by St. Mary's in March

Questions: Colette Fairchild Saganich
(708) 853-9375; colettefairchild@aol.com



**ST. MARY GOLDEN BISHOPS
CHESS CLUB**

SIGN UP FORM

Thursdays after school, November 3 through March 30
(2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; band members welcome at 3:30 p.m.)
\$10 per student*

Sessions will feature an instructional period followed by match play

** One-time fee for all sessions for drinks/snacks/handouts; all students welcome regardless of ability to pay. Contact Coach Colette at (708) 853-9375 or Coach LaMantia at 442-2535 with any questions.*

- Group 1: Limited or no playing experience
- Group 2: Some playing experience/intermediate

Coaches reserve the right to place players in appropriate group based on ability.

Student name(s) _____

Group (see above) _____ Grade/Room Number _____

Phone _____ Parent e-mail address _____

Amount enclosed _____

Parent signature authorizing participation _____

Return form via school envelope as soon as possible or bring form to first session on Thursday, November 3. Students accepted on a first come, first served basis (maximum 40 due to space limitations).

Optional area-wide tournament will be hosted by St. Mary's sometime in March at an approximate cost of \$50 (fee collected at tournament).



Junior Garden Club Program
Thanksgiving Centerpiece Craft



For all kids grades 3rd, 4th and 5th

Come create a fantastic pumpkin centerpiece
for your Thanksgiving table!

This program will be hosted by Riverside's own
Shamrock Garden Florist.

Date: Thursday, November 17th - 5:00 to 6:00 pm

**Location: Riverside Public Library
(downstairs conference room)**

\$5.00 Material fee at the door

Register one of three ways:

Leave your family's name and how many children will be attending.

By phone (708) 446-9620 - and leave message

or

By email: mary@shalvisgroup.com

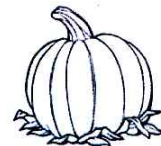
or

By mail or drop a letter by: 445 Uvedale Road, Riverside IL 60546



Please register by November 12th.

Any questions? Call Mary (708) 446-9620



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