

# St. Mary's

## BLUE NOTES



Wednesday, March 2, 2011

### St. Mary's School

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### Dates to Remember:



**THIS Sat., 3/5:** First Penance, St. Mary's Church, 10:00 A.M.

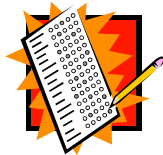


**Wed., 3/9:** **Lent begins:**  
all-school Mass for Ash  
Wednesday, 8:00 A.M.

**Mon., 3/14 –  
Fri., 3/18:** NO  
SCHOOL,  
Spring Break



**Fri., 3/25:** Solemnity of the  
Annunciation, all-school Mass at  
8:00 A.M.; Wellness Day & St. Joseph's  
Altar in the school gym (more details to  
come)



**Mon., 4/4 – Fri., 4/8:**  
ITBS testing, grades 1  
through 8; *please make  
sure your children are*

*well rested and receive a good  
breakfast each morning*

**Thurs., 4/21:** Holy Thursday, **11:30  
dismissal** (not noon)

**Fri., 4/22 – Mon., 4/25:** NO  
SCHOOL, Good Friday through Easter  
Monday

### Principal's Corner

Dear Families & Friends,

With the beginning of March, we anticipate the beautiful and solemn season of Lent, only a week away. In the meantime, a new month also means a new virtue to practice: *mercy*. How fitting that at the beginning of the Lenten season, we will be putting into practice a mercy that is a reflection of the ultimate mercy of Jesus Christ!



St. John Vianney was an image of God's mercy through the sacrament of Reconciliation, which he practiced with such devotion and zeal that hundreds of thousands of people came from all over Europe to have him hear their confessions and give them absolution. St. Faustina Kowalska received a vision of the Divine Mercy of Jesus in order to make known the special message of His mercy to the modern world. Thanks to her fellow Polish



countryman, Pope John Paul II, we now celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on the Sunday after Easter. And Mother Teresa—now Blessed Teresa of Calcutta—exemplified the mercy of Christ to the poorest of the poor all over the world, and continues to do so through her daughters in religion, the Missionaries of Charity.

May we, like them, have mercy on others, as Christ has mercy on us.

In Christ,

Sister Andrea Marie, O.P.

Principal



### MARDI GRAS

### DINNER & DANCE *Thanks!*

Over \$7,500 was raised for the St. Mary's School endowment fund during the Mardi Gras Dinner and Dance last Friday! Many thanks the following parents for all their hard work: Micheria Dick, Margo Davis, Karen Zebroski, Susie Allen, Stephannie Whitehouse, Laura McKenna, Michelle Scott, and Maia Neimann!

# City of Oak Ridge SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS!



Congratulations to the **St. Mary's students who made a CLEAN SWEEP of the three top awards** last weekend at the City of Oak

Ridge Science Fair, grades 3 through 5! Jacob Burbar won 1st place in the Physical Science category and overall Grand Champion. He will receive an all-expense paid trip for a himself and a parent to Space Camp as well as a \$100.00 savings bond. > Lindsey Burtis-Fuller won 1st place in the Earth Science category and second overall. She received a lap top computer and a \$100.00 savings bond. Olivia Milloway won first place in Life Science category and third place overall. She received a \$100.00 savings bond and a Kindle. Erin Van Berkel won second place in Life Science and a \$10 gift card to Walmart. Nathan Kidder won third place in Physical Science and a \$10 gift card to Walmart. In addition, their science teacher, Mrs. Cathy Lowden, was awarded \$450 in gift certificates to School Box. Many thanks to all who participated!

## Basketball & Volleyball Clubs at St. Mary's

St. Mary's School is now offering students the opportunity to hone their basketball and/or volleyball skills once a week after school. Please contact the office or Mrs. Hair for permission slips.

**Volleyball Club:** every Monday, the gym will be open from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. for 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls to work on skills and conditioning for next year's volleyball season.



**Basketball Club:** every Tuesday, the gym will be open from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. for 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls to work on skills and conditioning for next year's basketball season.



## Eat at Illinois Ave. **TOMORROW, March 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

Be sure to stop by for a meal or a treat at the Sonic drive-in on Illinois Ave. in Oak Ridge **TOMORROW, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, between 5:00 and 8:00 P.M.** St. Mary's School will receive 10% of all purchases during this time!

## Posting Announcements in RenWeb & Blue Notes

All general/school-wide announcements must be submitted to Bettie Johnson at [bjohnson@smcor.org](mailto:bjohnson@smcor.org) **by 3 p.m. on Tuesday** to be posted by Wednesday in RenWeb and/or *Blue Notes*. RenWeb and Blue Notes will only be posted/updated by noon on Wednesdays. Be sure you have Adobe Reader 9 to read/download the *Blue Notes* (available as a free download at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>)