

St. Gregory the Great Parish School Newsletter

Positive People, Learning, Living, and Growing in Christ Through Faith and Service

"Called to Serve"

April 13, 2017

Greetings St. Greg's Parents and Families,

Today is Holy Thursday of Passion Week. Holy Thursday is also known as "Maundy Thursday" which refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper that they should love and serve one another. As we move into the holiest days of the year, let us be reminded of how we are to live the Christian life and be rejoiced in God's true love for us.

Report Cards

The third quarter report cards are being sent home today. Please take some time to review your child's progress and discuss achievements and improvements. We are on to the final quarter of the year. Let's make it our best one yet!!!

Forward Testing

Students in grades 3-8 have completed the Wisconsin Forward Exam. The results of the assessment will be included in our State Report Card which will be released in the fall. Individual student results will be distributed as we receive them. We will begin the final session of MAP testing for the year on April 25th.

Ice Cream Social and Young Artist Exhibition

Our spring social gathering is right around the corner on May 1st. We hope you are able to join us for an evening of gallery-walking, community-mingling, talent-praising, ice cream-eating fun!!! Be sure to fill out an order form for your student's free spirit-wear t-shirt for next year.

St. Gerard Scholarships

Remember that St. Gerard Scholarship applications are due to St. Greg's no later than April 24th. Please be sure to be specific about your volunteerism and participation on the application, the more information offered, the better chance to receive a scholarship. See flyer for details about qualifications.

Spaghetti Dinner

We could always use more help with the spaghetti dinner fundraiser. If you can help in any way, please contact Maria Diener or Stephanie Kenney at our Home and School [email link](#).

Camp Gray

We wish our 5th graders well on the traditional overnight trip to Camp Gray on April 27-28. The students will participate in a variety of outdoor activities, enjoy a spiritual retreat, and learn about environmental stewardship. I know the students look forward to this trip all year and will create lasting memories of their experience for years to come. Thank you to Mrs. Bayer, Mrs. Gallo, 5th grade parents, and other volunteers/sponsors for making this trip possible.

Wishing all a very Blessed Easter,

Amy Schlegel
Principal



Holy Thursday, April 13

8:15 am Morning Prayer in Church
7:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

We enter into the three most holy days of the church year with this liturgy. Unique to this evening's prayer is the presentation of oils, the washing of feet, the collection of our Lenten alms, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel until 9 pm.

Good Friday, April 14 (a day of fast and abstinence from meat)

8:15 am Morning Prayer in Church
1:30 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

In our proclamation of Jesus' passion and our communal veneration of his Cross, we reflect on how our own suffering and death are not eliminated but transformed. This is the only day in the entire year that we do not celebrate the Eucharist.

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 15

8:15 am Morning Prayer in Church
(No individual reconciliation on Saturday)
4:00 pm Blessing of Food
7:30 pm Solemn Vigil of Easter

The Church gathers in darkness to celebrate the Light. We listen to the story of our salvation, complete the initiation of those we have been praying with and for, and renew our own baptism. This Eucharist is the heart of our entire year.

Easter Sunday, April 16

Masses at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Below contains information regarding support for immigrants from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

<https://justiceforimmigrants.org/news/resources/>

[Enforcement Actions on Sensitive Locations](#)

[Enforcement Actions On Sensitive Locations-Spanish](#)

Attention! Upcoming Spring Concert Information!



Dear St. Greg's Families,

With the arrival of Spring, our **2017 Spring Concert** is fast approaching and it will be held, **May 10, 2017 (1pm and 6pm) in Tenpenny Hall.**

The students have been working very hard and I am very excited about the concert. This year's theme is **"Folksongs and Festivals Around the World"**. It is wonderful to see the students learn about other cultures and sing music in other languages from around the world. In addition, I am sure many of you would like to know about the **"Dress Code"** for the concert. The students are being asked to wear their **"Church Best"** clothing. That means dresses, skirts, ties of any color. There should be no writing on the shirts. Please, no jeans or shorts. The students are always welcomed to wear their school uniform. Please choose proper shoes so the students are able to walk safely. They will need to walk up and down risers so please keep that in mind.

Finally, I would like to remind all families that **Spring Concert Attendance is Mandatory** and is 20% of the student's grade for the Final Quarter. "Excused" absences will be given to students due to sickness or being out of town. There must be **a written letter from a parent** giving the reason for the absence. A **written assignment** will be given to those students with "Excused" absences and it will be **due by Wednesday, May 24th, 3pm**. Attendance is expected at both performances. An "unexcused" absence from either performance will result in an incomplete grade.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at mzampino@stgregsmil.org or call my cell, 262-325-4445.

Thank you so much and I look forward to see everyone!
Blessings!

Mrs. Zampino, Music Specialist

HEY KIDS! GUESS WHAT?
THIS YEAR ST. GREG'S IS HAVING A.....
TALENT SHOW!!!!

To Be Held on: Monday, May 15, 2017

Time: 1:30pm

Where: Tenpenny Hall

Auditions are for Grades 4-8th

When: Monday, May 1 and Tuesday, May 2

Time: 3:15 - 5:30 Where: Music Room, (Rm. 204)

(SignUp Sheets will be on the Music Room Door)

The Top 10 Acts will Perform
Any Talent

is Welcome to Audition: **Singing, Acting, Magic, Comedy etc...**
(You can perform by yourself or with others!)

****Acts are to be 3 to 5 Minutes long.**

Any Questions: See Mrs. Zampino mzampino@stgregsmil.org

St. Greg's Athletic Association Announces

OPEN GYM For Grades 5-8 During April, May and early June

Starting the Monday after spring break, the St. Gregory the Great Athletic Association is sponsoring Open Gym on during the months of **April**, **May** and early **June** for boys and girls in grades 5-8. **Mondays** we will offer basketball and **Fridays** volleyball.

Volleyball - Fridays

Grades 5 & 6 6:00 - 7:30	April 28th	May 5th	May 12th	May 19th	June 2nd
Grades 7 & 8 7:30 - 9:00	April 28th	May 5th	May 12th	May 19th	June 2nd

Basketball - Mondays

Grades 5 & 6 6:00- 7:30	April 24th	May 1st	May 8th	May 15th	May 22nd
Grades 7 & 8 7:30 - 9:00	April 24th	May 1st	May 8th	May 15th	May 22nd

Parents are encouraged to stay and observe/participate with their children. We are also looking for Virtus trained parents to help supervise. Parents or an adult must sign their child in & out each session.

Sign up at the St. Gregory the Great gym on any Monday or Friday mentioned above. The cost will be \$10 per sport, per five week session (total of \$20 if you chose to participate in both sports). Please pay with a check, made payable to St. Greg's Athletics, or the exact amount in cash. **Payment is due at time of sign-up.**

Please call Kurt Schwenke, St. Greg's Athletic Director, at (414) 294-3318 or email athletics@stgregsmil.org with any questions.

Save the Date!



St. Gregory the Great Parish School Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Sponsored by Home and School Association

Date: **May 20, 2017 at 4:30 pm**

Hello St. Greg Families,

We will be hosting a spaghetti dinner again this year and we hope to see you and your family members there. As you know, this is one of our TOP fundraisers of the year. The money raised will help fund the Playground Project as well as additional activities for the teachers, students, and families throughout the year. At this time, we would like to reach out to any individuals that are willing to help with the event this year. We need at least 40 volunteers the day of the event in order for this event run smoothly. Please email us at StGregsHomeAndSchool@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with the event. At this time, we are also asking for any suggestions on ideas for raffle items and kid baskets so that we have baskets that each child would be interested in winning. If you know of any organizations that would consider donating to this event please let us know and we will gladly reach out to them! Feel free to email us with any questions about any volunteering opportunity.

Thank you in advance for all of your help.

Kind regards,
Maria Diener

(Please see attached [volunteer form](#))

Calling All Volunteers

We are in need of **bakers** to bake their favorite desserts for this year's Spaghetti Dinner. We are looking for some NUT FREE desserts as well this year! Donations may be sent to school on Friday, May 19th. PLEASE email me to let me know what you will be baking.

The Spaghetti Dinner is in need of a parent from each class to put together a **Class Raffle Basket**. Each volunteer chooses a theme and collects donations from classroom families of items fitting the theme or cash donations to purchase items. Baskets will then be raffled off at the Spaghetti Dinner on May 20th.

Classrooms in need of a volunteer are:

K4, K5, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 5th grade and 6th grade

Some past raffle basket ideas have been Fun in the Sun, Coach Purse filled with gift cards, Salon products, and American Girl Doll of the Year.

THANKS SO MUCH for helping to make our Spaghetti Dinner School Fundraiser a success!!

If you are able to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Jaimie Sponder at mjsponder77@gmail.com or 721-6698

Dress Down Days for Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, May 12th will be our last out of uniform day for Spaghetti Dinner. Students who bring in a \$1 donation towards the children's raffle baskets may be out of uniform for the day. Please be sure to review the out of uniform policy in the parent handbook for appropriate attire on these days. Students in violation will be asked to change and/or forfeit any remaining out of uniform days.



Come out and enjoy a delicious treat and support our school!

Home and School is having restaurant night at
Daddy Yo's Frozen Yogurt.

4874 S 74th Street, Greenfield, WI 414-817-1100
Thursday, April 27th, 2017 11am - 9pm

10% of sales will be given to St. Greg's. No flyer is needed.

Marquette Junior Hilltoppers

2017 Football Registration Open

Looking for players 4th through 7th grade interested in playing tackle football for Marquette Jr. Hilltoppers. Register now to secure a spot on the team.

Please find more information, & register for the upcoming season at www.jrhilltoppers.com.

Tax Deduction

Tax Day is coming up on April 18, 2017. Don't forget to claim your private school tuition tax deduction! For more information, please follow the link below.

<https://www.wcris.org/its-tax-time/>

Attachments:

[April Breakfast Menu](#)

[April Lunch Menu](#)

[April Calendar](#)

[Catholic School Annual Report](#)

[Home and School Winter Newsletter](#)

[Youth Choir/Schola Newsletter](#)

Links:

[Power School Parent Log In Instructions](#)

Mark Your Calendars

April 14 - 21

Easter Break

April 21st & April 22nd

Christian Women Rummage Sale, Friday (9am - 7pm) Saturday (9am - noon) (Tenpenny Hall)

April 26th

Home & School Parent Meeting, 6pm (Tenpenny Hall)

April 27th

Home & School Restaurant Fundraiser at Daddy Yo's, 11am-9pm ([flyer](#))

April 30th - May 6th

Safe Environment Week: "Serve with Love" (visit the Archdiocese [website](#) for more information)

April 30th

Young Artist Exhibition (Tenpenny Hall)

May 1st

Ice Cream Social & Young Artist Exhibition (Tenpenny Hall)

May 2nd

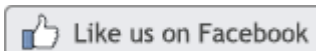
[Mass of the Atonement](#) - St. Alphonsus, 7pm

May 5th

Shrimp Dinner (Tenpenny Hall) ([advanced ticket order form](#))

May 10th

Spring Concert, 1pm & 6pm (Tenpenny Hall)



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