



MOTHER OF
GOOD COUNSEL

KidMail

March 10, 2010

Dear MGC Family,

During this season of Lent, I encourage each of you to consider participating in **Stations of the Cross** here at church on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. For Roman Catholics throughout the world, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and especially, Good Friday. The Stations commemorate 14 key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion.

The Stations originated in medieval Europe when wars prevented Christian pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land. European artists created works depicting scenes of Christ's journey to Calvary. The faithful installed these sculptures or paintings at intervals along a procession route, inside the parish church or outdoors. Performing the devotion meant walking the entire route, stopping to pray at each "station." Today, images of the Stations are on display in almost all Catholic churches. (www.ourcatholicfaith.org/stations/history.html)



What a nice way to spend some time together as a family on Wednesday evenings during Lent! I promise it will be more meaningful than whatever is on television.

Faithfully,
Regina Shaw
Principal

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the 5th and 6th grade girls' combined basketball team! They worked very hard all year long and improved their play tremendously. Last weekend, they participated in the St. Roman's Tournament and won the award for **Best Team Sportsmanship** out of the eight teams entered. They received a trophy that will proudly be displayed at MGC. More than one parent or coach from the opposing teams complimented the girls on their effort and attitude. Coach Tracey Carey and Mike Turner are very proud of them and the girls represented their school well. Great job girls!!! Proud to be MGC!!!!

Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest Winners Announced!

Congratulations to the following MGC students who were winners in the Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest. The students received gift cards and an invitation to the Archdiocesan Competition

Spelling

Michael Saito – 8th grade
Briana Lerner – 7th grade
Victoria Lee – 6th grade
Lauren Braun – 5th grade

Math

Lonjay Luenig – 8th grade
Kayla Miller – 7th grade
Kamron Ross – 5th grade

HATS Off Winners....

Congratulations go out to: Amyah Eison-McKinley, Naziah Grandberry, Leonard Brox, Omar Ross, Asia Perry, Krishayla Williams, Talissa Key, Maurion Johnson, Jayla Wilkerson, Brittany Armstrong, Matthew Mortell, Marquise Stennis, Colleen Mortell, Carlos Sanchez, Makita Jones, and Camia Cross.

Band/Orchestra Payments Due

The last payment for band/orchestra lessons is due this coming Tuesday, March 15. Please make sure that your payment is turned in on time.

Tag Day on St. Patrick's Day



Next Wednesday, March 17, is St. Patrick's Day. It is also a Tag Day here at MGC. Students are encouraged to wear their "green" to share the spirit. Proceeds from this Tag Day will be used to purchase a much-needed new printer for the student computer lab. Please be generous!!!

ECP Looking for "Stuff"

Have you started your spring cleaning? ECP is looking for some "Dress up Clothing" for the younger kids to play with. Things like aprons, costume jewelry, purses (any money found inside will be donated to the Food Pantry), men's vests, skirts with elastic waistbands..... we'll even take those wild and crazy shoes that you had to have to go with that perfect outfit. We are not accepting hats or men's ties for health and safety reasons. Please send them to the office and Mrs. Berthold will get them to the ECP staff. Thank You!!

Grazie! Grazie! Grazie!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Mission Trip fundraiser at Pizzeria Piccola on Tuesday, February 16th. We appreciate your generous support! PROUD TO BE MGC!!

Pizza Anyone???

The MGC 8th grade class is having a fundraiser at **Pizzeria Piccola** to help support their 8th grade musical, "DAMN YANKEES". Please come to Pizzeria Piccola on **Sunday, April 11th from 4:00-9:00 PM**. Our very special 8th graders will be there to greet you, serve you, and clean up after you! The restaurant is located at 7606 W. State St. in Wauwatosa. You can dine in, carry out, phone in your order, or even have it delivered. The money raised will be used to help pay expenses from the play. Hope to see everyone on April 11th! Thank you!

24 Winners At Pinewood Derby!

Congratulations to all the scouts who raced in the Pinewood Derby Saturday. The cars were awesome, and fun was had by all (including the parents!) and lessons were learned about good sportsmanship. Those receiving racing trophies were Curly Williams, Devin Carle, Nathan Tourtillott, Matthew Sowinski, and Tyler Williams. The trophies for best design and best in show were Matthew Sowinski and Tommy Golla. Next on the agenda for Cub Scouts is Scouting for Food on March 20 and 27.

I Love to Read Day at MGC!!!

Mark your calendars for March 19 and start planning today!!! We will celebrate reading for the entire day, and students will be allowed to dress as their favorite book character. Prizes are sure to be awarded!!!

Home & School News

If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete the **Home & School Fundraising Survey** that was included in last week's KidMail. Your response would be most helpful in determining plans for next year. *Every* family should send in a response by this Friday.

Invitations for the **MGC Family Event**, a prize incentive for the Fall Magazine/Gift Fundraiser for selling 11 or more items, were e-mailed to the following families: Hagen(Bangs), Berthold, Braun, Dauer, Gilbert, Gleesing, Katzka(Glosson), Gross, Gutierrez, McClain(Hines), Humm, Meyer-Johnson, Semons(Johnson), Erica Smith(Jones), Prueher, Reyes(Robinson), Saito, Tourtillott, and A. Williams. Be sure to RSVP by Saturday, March 13th if you can or cannot attend so plans can be finalized. If there are any questions about this invitation, please contact Chris Tourtillott 771-4728.

PIUS XI High School Possibilities. Preparation. Purpose.

Pick-Your-Fun Night for 5th, 6th & 7th Graders!

Basketball, Crafts, Guitar Hero®, Volleyball, Rock Climbing, Games, DJ and more!

Date: Friday, March 19, 2010 from 7-9 PM

Location: Pius XI Field House

Free Admission: No RSVP; *signed permission slip required at door* (visit www.piusxi.org)

Titanic: The Musical

Pius XI High School is proud to present this Tony-Award winning musical—a joint collaboration between students, faculty, parents, alumni and the professional theater community! It is rarely performed due to the sheer size and scope of the production. This promises to be a musical as grand as the Titanic itself. Buy your tickets today!

Dates: March 25—27, 2010 @ 7:00 PM

Location: Historic Pabst Theater (144 E. Wells Street, Milwaukee)

Tickets: \$10-\$35; Reserved Seating Only

Contact: Pius XI Bookstore @ 414.290.8151

Group Pictures for Yearbook



On Thursday, **March 18**, our school photographer, VIP, will be here to take **group pictures for the yearbook**. As in the past few years, pictures will be taken during the school day. Any student who participates in Scouting may wear their uniform to school on March 18. For athletic teams, students will not wear their athletic uniforms. Only students who are present in school will be photographed with the groups.

Math Corner

“Finding Facts” – Help your child practice basic facts. Use two groups of objects like pennies, toothpicks, noodles, etc. Say a fact, such as $7 + 9 = ?$ Show the fact on a flashcard too. Ask your child to count out 7 objects and then to add 9 objects more to find the sum. After your child counts to find the sum, she/he should write the fact on paper, chalk board, white board, etc. This is excellent hands-on practice for your child when learning and memorizing math facts, and it's a fun activity you can do together!



Yearbooks!!!

It's time to order yearbooks!!! Order envelopes are coming home today. Please return with payment.

This Week's Parable

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to him, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them he addressed this parable. Then he said, "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

MGC Auction - April 24, 2010

Find us on Facebook! We have set up an event called "Mother of Good Counsel 10th Annual Auction." Check it out and be sure to invite your friends.

Did you know - -

We are accepting donations (items, goods, services, cash, or time)?

That room parents will be contacting you to get your suggestions for baskets?

This adults-only evening is filled with all things great? Great food, great fun, great friends!

It isn't too late for you to send in your auction basket donation. Do it today.

We have an auction link on the MGC webpage? www.mgcparrish.org

Choice Forms

It's time to complete **School Choice** forms for the 2010-2011 school year. Forms have been sent home. Please look for them if your child currently receives School Choice funding. If you do not currently participate in the program, but think that you might qualify, please contact Mrs. Baumann or Mrs. Shaw for information. It is very important for families to complete their **2009 federal tax returns** very soon. The application cannot be accepted without the tax return. **Parents of returning students are asked to please complete these applications and return them with tax forms no later than March 20.** We have a limited number of seats available for School Choice recipients as they are not reserved for returning students. Please don't lose your spot!

MGC Sports Teams Locked Out From Playing Next Year!!!!???

Do not let this happen! We need to fill the following positions on the MGC Athletic Board or else we may need to reduce or eliminate sports at MGC!

Athletic Director:

- The “Grand Poobah” of MGC Athletics
- Hold a monthly athletic board meeting
- Act as an ambassador for MGC with the various sports leagues
- Maintain and enforce Archdiocesan requirements as it pertains to Athletics
- Enforcement of Athletic Fees and physicals
- Scheduling of the gym usage
- One year of on-the-job training with current Athletic Director

Uniform Coordinator

- Order, store, inventory and distribute of uniforms for various sizes and sports
- Purchasing and distribution of personalized 7th / 8th grade basketball uniforms
- Purchase, distribution and provide upkeep of first aid kits
- Collect money for sales of sports uniforms and give money to the treasurer for deposit
- Voting on any Athletic Board policies or procedures

Treasurer:

- Collecting fees and money from sales of uniforms, concession stand sales, and gym admissions for deposit into the athletics account
- Submitting check requests for reimbursement or payment of supplies and equipment
- Attend athletic board meetings and provide a monthly report of expenses and income for athletics
- Voting on any Athletic Board policies or procedures

These positions do not take much time and the Athletic Board meets just once a month as a group. Help plan ways to take your kids away from the video games and experience the fun of playing sports.

If you would like more information, please contact Glenn Saito at 414-535-1279 (athletics@mgcparish.org).

School Committee

MGC School is just one of the ministries sponsored by MGC Congregation. The MGC School Committee, a working committee of the Parish Council, provides vision and develops school policies consistent with the parish mission. One of its vital tasks is budget development. Comprised of school parents and parishioners, it meets monthly. The School Committee email address is schoolcommittee@mgcparish.org.

Chairperson	Laura Fischer	445-9156
Members	Shawn Gleesing	873-3476
	Tracy Martin	535-9227
	Rick Tourtillott	771-4728
	Jim Sowinski	438-1086
	Susie Stoner	453-2867
	David Brunow	688-2476
Ex Officio	Ana Sanchez	456-9139
	Regina Shaw, Principal	442-7600 ext 119
	Fr. Bob Marsicek, SDS, Pastor	442-7600 ext 103

Parents are encouraged to talk to School Committee members about any school issues.

School Committee meetings dates are listed on the school calendar.

Minutes are posted on the MGC website (www.mgcparish.org).

MGC School Calendar 2009 – 2010



1 – 12	-	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills
10	-	After School Algebra Tutoring
11	-	Children’s Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
15	-	Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
	-	Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
16	-	Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
	-	Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
17	-	Tag Day/St. Patrick’s Day
	-	After School Algebra Tutoring
18	-	Children’s Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
	-	Yearbook Group Picture Day
19	-	Family Lunch Day
22	-	Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
	-	Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
23	-	Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
	-	Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
24	-	After School Algebra Tutoring
25	-	Children’s Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
29	-	Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
	-	Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
30	-	Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
	-	Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
31	-	After School Algebra Tutoring



1	-	Holy Thursday; Prayer Service 10 AM; 11:30 Dismissal
2 – 9	-	Easter Break
12	-	Students Return
	-	Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
	-	Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
13	-	Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
	-	Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
14	-	School Committee 6:30 PM – School Library
	-	After School Algebra Tutoring
15	-	Children’s Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
16	-	11:30 Dismissal – End of Third Quarter
19	-	Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM



- Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 20 - Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 21 - After School Algebra Tutoring
- 22 - Children's Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
- 23 - Tag Day
- 24 - H & S Auction
- 26 - Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 27 - Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 28 - After School Algebra Tutoring
- 29 - Children's Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
- 30 - Family Lunch Day
- 1st Eucharist Retreat Day – 8:30 AM – 3 PM
- Parents join children for lunch and rehearsal at 1 PM



- 2 - First Eucharist Liturgy 10:30 AM
- 3 - Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 4 - Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 5 - School Committee 6:30 PM – School Library
- After School Algebra Tutoring
- 6 - Children's Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
- 7 - 9 - 8th Grade Musical – *Damn Yankees*
- 10 - Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 11 - Homework Club 3:15-4:30 PM
- Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 12 - After School Algebra Tutoring
- 13 - Children's Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
- 14 - No School – Teacher Inservice
- 17 - Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 18 - Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 19 - Family Lunch Day
- After School Algebra Tutoring
- 20 - Children's Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
- 21 - Tag Day
- 24 - Art Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 25 - Math Club 3:15-4:15 PM
- 26 - After School Algebra Tutoring
- 27 - Children's Choir 3:15 – 4:15 Church
- 28 - Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day 11:30 Dismissal
9:30 AM – All-School Liturgy
- 31 - No School – Memorial Day





- 2 - H & S Gen. Mtg. following End-of-the-Year Family Potluck 6 PM
- 3 - Prayer Service 2 PM
- Last day for K4/K5/8th Grade
- 5 - 8th Grade Graduation – 5 PM Liturgy
- 10 - 11:30 Dismissal
- 11 - 8:15 Liturgy - 10:30 Dismissal – Last Day of School