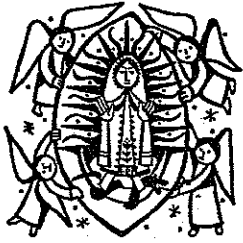


St. Louise de Marillac



May/June Newsletter

First Eucharist

May began with the celebration of **First Holy Eucharist** for our **Second Grade Class**. They spent the year preparing for this important event in their lives. On Saturday, May 2nd, at 2:00 pm they received Our Lord for the first time. The children were very excited and did a beautiful job in the roles they performed at the Mass. Please continue to keep them in your prayers. Thank you to all who helped lead the children to this celebration, especially Fr. Fred, Mrs. Lemkau and Ms. Watylyk.

Eucharist



May Crowning

May is also the month of **Mary, Our Mother**. We dedicate this month to her and celebrated **May Crowning** on May 6th. The president of our **Student Council**, Natalie Crisanti, crowned Mary after Mass. The other members of the Student Council were also part of the ceremony. Our **Second Graders** joined them wearing their Communion clothes once again as they formed the honor guard for the Student Council. The ceremony concluded with the Litany of Our Lady and began the rosary to be finished in the classrooms. We continue to pray to Our Blessed Mother throughout the month. After May Crowning the second grade went to the Colonnade Room for a special breakfast to continue the celebration of their First Communion. Thank you to the Third Grade Room Moms for preparing it.

The Breakfast Book Club



The **Breakfast Book Club** had their last meeting for this year on Friday, May 1st, at 7:30 am in the Colonnade Room. They completed their discussion of the book, **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**. Thank you to Mrs. Walsen and Ms. Voss for preparing the book club discussions this year. The students have really enjoyed reading and giving their ideas about the books this year.

Youth Initiative

The **Youth Initiative** has been the source for many of the programs we have here at St. Louise School. One of these programs is the **focus group** where our students lead discussions trying to give our students a voice in what they would like to see changed or added to the school programs. Those students who lead the discussions must go through a training process. This is being offered on Thursday, May 7th, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, at St. John of the Cross Parish Center. Several of our junior high students will be taking the training.



Talent Show

Did you know that we have many talented St. Louise students? Come to the Annual **Talent Show** to see just how talented they are on Monday, May 11th, at 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm, in the Parish Center. Mrs. Urban and Mrs. Miller will be auditioning the acts and the Eighth Grade will be hosting the show. Thanks to Fr. Fred and his crew for doing the sound and lighting for the show.

Did You Know?

Our **Preschool Class** will be learning about butterflies. They have baby caterpillars in the classroom. They will watch them grow and form into butterflies during the next few weeks. The children are learning about creation and all the wonderful things that God has made for us.



The children are getting excited about the picnic on May 20th. This will be a fun-filled day for all. May is a busy month in preschool.

The **Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades** went to **Graue Mill** in Hinsdale for a field trip. They learned about grinding grain and the Underground Railroad. The children learned that the mill was a stop for the slaves who traveled the Underground Railroad to escape to the North during the Civil War.

The Kindergarten will be going to the Children's Museum on May 15th and their Family Picnic, May 22nd.

Kindergarten parents are invited to come to school to share information about their jobs, hobbies, or special collections with the class. The children get to ask the presenter some questions and learn some interesting information.

Angles, sides, triangles, circles, diameter, circumference, similar, and contruent- these are terms the **Fifth Graders** utilize while constructing figures and studying

geometry. They've found the relationship between a circle's diameter and circumference and are now especially fond of "pi."



The fifth graders are completing their Sacrament studies. They've finished their unit on the Sacraments of Healing and next will focus on the Sacraments at the Service of Communion (Vocation) – Matrimony and Holy Orders. As we celebrate the Easter Season they are completing the connections with the ministry of Jesus, the Triduum, Easter, and the Sacraments.

The **Seventh Graders** have been staying very busy. They have read the play *The Diary of Anne Frank*. While reading the play the students had several interesting discussions and asked some thoughtful questions. In religion the students have reached the Middle Ages in Church history. The students have studied the growth of the Church and studied many influential people.

English brings the students sentences with adjective, adverb, and noun clauses. They are becoming quite skilled at identifying the subordinate clause and writing a complex sentence. They are also preparing to write a persuasive piece.

The **Sixth Grade** is pleased to be reading some Greek myths. This is a topic in which many of the students have expressed an interest and have done independent reading in the area.



The **Eighth Graders** have begun to read *Romeo and Juliet*. Despite early apprehension the students appear to be enjoying the story. They are doing a nice job explaining the events in their own words.

Some of our Eighth Grade students have been a part of the **CEP Youth Leadership Junior High Leadership Project** this year. Among them were Robert Arredia, Daniel Golden, Jim Johnson, Angie Korabik, Gina Minella, Matthew Schultz, and Jori Zobel. Their year began at the Junior high Leadership Conference in September. The conference was awesome because it was fun, interesting, taught them leadership skills and the importance of being involved in the community. Their favorite part of the conference was the presenters who taught them different things from leadership skills to sill dances. Throughout the year they met bi-monthly at school to plan community service projects. Some things they did were planning and implementing a pizza sale raising about \$250.00 which they used to buy items off of the Children's Memorial Hospital wish list. They delivered the items and took a tour of their Kohl's House. The other large community service project was participating in Brookfield's Project Nice. They sold t-shirts, raising \$430.00 for Brookfield Beautification. At Project Nice they helped mulch trees, paint, plant flowers and gathered garbage. They also participated in smaller community service

projects such as, the Brookfield Zoo Tree Trimming, passing out flyers, and face painting at community walks. They also participated in reunite nights throughout the year, went bowling, to the movies, roller skating, and had two dances. They had a great year!

Eighteen of the junior high girls and boys have chosen to be part of a **Cooking Class** on Tuesdays through May. They expressed their interest in a class during their focus group sessions. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Bancroft are working with them on some easy and fun recipes that they can do at home.

Eighth Grade Activities and Celebrations

May and June are filled with graduation activities. The first activity involves the **Athletic Banquet**, Wednesday, May 20th, a celebration of all of the sports that those on the teams have excelled in.

Navy Pier is the scene of a field trip for the Eighth Graders on May 19th. The class will see ***Under the Sea*** at the IMAX Theater, go on a scavenger hunt and have lunch down there.

Ribbon Day is the next important event for the Eighth Grade. On Wednesday, May 20th, they will receive their graduation ribbons at the 8:30 am Mass. They will be treated to a special lunch that day, hosted by the FSA. The faculty and staff will join them in this celebration. This is the first step toward graduation.

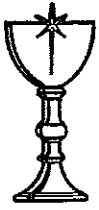
On Monday, June 1st, the Eighth Graders will take an evening **Cruise on Lake Michigan**. Their parents, the junior high teachers, Fr. Fred and Mrs. Bancroft will join them for the evening. This is always a special time and a fun evening for everyone.

The culmination of their years here at St. Louise comes on Wednesday, June 3rd, with **Eighth Grade Graduation** at a 7:00 pm Mass. A reception for the graduates and their family follows the Mass in the Parish Center hosted by the Seventh Grade Moms.

More Celebrations

An important celebration is coming up this month is Fr. Fred's **25th Anniversary in the Priesthood**. He will celebrate that special anniversary on May 17th at the 9:30 am Mass. We want to congratulate him on the years that he has given his life in service to Our Lord





We also want to thank him for his help and support of St. Louise de Marillac School. He is one of our biggest fans and shows it in many different ways. He has direct contact with the students, coming into the classroom to talk to them about their faith, especially the sacraments, helping us with his talent for handling the lighting and sound for our shows, and in many other unseen ways.

Congratulations Fr. Fred and we wish you another 25 years as a priest!

Our little **Four-year old Preschoolers** have worked very hard this year and are ready to go on to Kindergarten. They will be leaving us for the summer on May 22nd with a special celebration. They are working with Mrs. Urban on some special songs to perform for their family and friends. Mrs. Butcher will give them their certificates and end the day with end with refreshments. We look forward to seeing some of them back with us for Kindergarten next year. A happy summer is wished to all.

The next celebration will be for our **Kindergarteners**. On May 27th, the Kindergarteners will begin the day with the Mass that they have planned. After Mass they will come back to the Parish Center to entertain their families and celebrate all that they have learned this year. Thank you to Mrs. Gyorke for all that she taught them this year. On to First Grade!



We appreciate all of the parents who put so much time into helping with the extras around the school: School Advisory Committee, FSA, Art Awareness, Library, and Manna. One way to show this is inviting them and all the volunteers of the parish to the **Volunteer Dinner**, on Wednesday, May 13th. Dinner is preceded by Mass at 6:30 pm with the reception dinner in the Parish Center. Be sure to RSVP to the rectory and join us that evening.

More May/June Activities

On Thursday, May 14th, all of the students will take part in our annual **Olympic Day**. During P.E. class each group will go through the Olympic events set up by the Sports committee of the Student Council. Mrs. Krajniak will be helping the committee to keep things going.

St. Louise students enjoy their sports, but they also excel in academics and service. On May 21st, St. Louise School will recognize our students for their achievements at the **Awards Assembly** at 1:00 pm in the Colonnade Room. Some of our Eighth Graders will be receiving special awards like being inducted into the Junior Honor Society. Those who achieved the honor roll and have given service to the school will also be receiving awards.

Prior to the awards, the **LaGrange Park Police Department**, especially our **Adopt-a-Cops**, will treat the students to a pizza lunch. We appreciate all the time that they have taken to work with our students and create a good relationship.



The faculty will have a **Staff Development Day** to work on curriculum and planning for the next school year on Friday, May 8th. There will be no classes for the students on that day.

For those of you who love to play bingo, there will be three **Super Bingos** in May, the 3rd, 24th and a family bingo on the 29th, and one on June 21st. Tell your friends and bring them along. Doors open on the Sundays at noon, play begins at 2:00 pm. The Friday night bingo begins at 6:00 pm. There will be a special bingo for the children.



We want to wish all of our moms, dads, grandmoms, and granddads, a very **Happy Mother's Day**, May 10th and **Father's Day**, June 21st. A **Happy Memorial Day** holiday to everyone also. Enjoy the long weekend.



Some Final Important Information

The dates for both the **May and June Market Days** have been changed. May's Market Day will be on the 16th, one week earlier and June's Market Day is on the June 13th. Other summer dates are July 11th and August 8th.

Market Day could use your help. We need someone to advertise the Market Day sales. The time spent will go toward your volunteer hours. It takes about an hour a month and can be done from home.

St. Louise de Marillac **Third Grade Brownie Troop 107** would like to say a "**BIG Thank You**" for the generous donations during our recent Pajama Drive. Thanks to our school and parish support, we were able to donate over 120 pairs of warm PJ's to the Constance Morris Woman and Children Shelter. Thanks for making a Difference!

For the next school year, 2009/2010, we will **not** be using **SmartTuition**. We have found that it was not helpful in collecting tuition as we had hoped, nor did it save time for the office. We will return to our previous program, through the office with tuition envelopes going home monthly. Should anyone wish to use a credit card, please contact the school office.

We say **good-by** to everyone for the summer on Friday, June 5th. We begin the day with 8:30 am Mass. Students will return to school to receive their report cards and then be dismissed at 10:30 am.

If you are looking for something to do this summer, **Vacation Bible School** is being offered June 15th through 19th.

Our summer office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 7:30 am – 12:00 pm beginning June 16th through June 30th. We are closed during the month of July. Messages will be checked on a regular basis. Summer hours resume August 4th. Regular office hours begin August 10th.



Everyone is wished a very happy and safe summer.