

April 16, 2010

# St. Therese School Little Flower Preschool Friday Notes



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## Upcoming Events

- 4/27  
Casual Day
- 4/30  
First Communion Workshop 5pm
- 5/2  
First Communion 2pm
- 5/3  
No school 2nd Graders only
- 5/3 -5/5  
5th & 6th Grade Science Camp
- 5/4  
National Teacher Day
- 5/7  
TRIP Payouts  
May Crowning  
Senior Luncheon
- 5/9  
Mother's Day
- 5/13 & 14  
Preschool Conferences  
NO PRESCHOOL
- 5/25  
Casual Day
- 5/27  
Kindergarten Celebration 2:45pm

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

Mass April 23, 2010

The character trait for the month of April is:

# Wisdom

*Understand right from wrong, have good judgment.*

### **Congratulations Ian and Eric**

Congratulations to Ian Boutell and Eric Chandler for each receiving 1st place in the Gun Lake Women's Club Essay Contest for their grade level. Both Ian and Eric have won a \$20 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to Robert Mucci and the 5th grade class for organizing and running an Easter Egg/Scavenger Hunt on Thursday before vacation. The children all had a great time and took home some fun prizes.

### **Criminal Background Check**

The Diocese of Kalamazoo values the safety of children in its care, its employees and volunteers, and the people of whom it serves. Accordingly, the diocese must take prudent measures to protect its human and material resources. Effective September 2, 2003, the bishop of Kalamazoo mandates that criminal history background checks be conducted for all the church personnel as well as volunteers working in any parish or diocesan institution having contact with a child, the elderly or persons with disabilities. Criminal history background checks are required in addition to proper screening, interviewing and reference checks conducted by all hiring agents. **These checks need to be renewed every five years.**

Please complete the attached criminal background check enclosed and return it to the school office in person, so we can verify your information to your drivers license (you may send in a copy of your drivers license and we will return the copy). Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Youth Group**

Friday, April 16th the Youth Group is having a lock-in from 8pm until 8am Saturday morning. All children 5th - 12th grade are invited to attend Youth Group activities and all parents are invited to help at the Youth Group events. Please contact Liz Ryan with any questions.

### **Join us for a Steak Dinner!**

The Wayland Boy Scouts are having their annual steak dinner this Saturday, April 17th from 4pm until 7pm at the Wayland V.F.W. Tickets are \$10 (kids 10 and under \$5) and the tickets are available at the door. Dinner includes steak or chicken, potato, salad, roll and dessert.

### **Annual Diocesan Scout Mass**

All Scout and Scouters are invited. Sunday April 25 at St. Monica Parish in Kalamazoo at 2pm. For more information contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177 or [Lirwin@dioceseofkalamazoo.org](mailto:Lirwin@dioceseofkalamazoo.org).

### **2010 Great Lakes Catholic Encampment**

(Boy Scout Summer Camp "Catholic Style".)  
A week of summer camp for Boy Scouts that is packed with all of the traditions and great programs that Rota Kiwan always provides plus Catholic program features that will let you learn about and explore your faith. For additional details or to request information about registering (as a troop or as an individual) use the "Contact Us" feature of the website [www.2010catholicencampment.org](http://www.2010catholicencampment.org) or contact Rosie Grzebyk at 269-624-1962.

### **School Start Time**

Please get your children to school on time. If they arrive after the second bell, they should stop by the office for a tardy slip.

**The following is taken from our MANS accreditation report**

Commentator  
Terry Thomas  
Profession of Faith  
Alex Lagendyk  
Altar Servers  
Marina Marchesotti  
Eric Chandler  
ReYanna Wasson  
Readers  
Simona Conway  
Emma Rawluszki  
Gift Bearers  
Lawrence Wasson  
John Watson  
Tyler Calkins

Below is the third of the three major strengths our accreditation report cited. We are very blessed to have a pastor so involved and supportive of our school. He helps make it such a great place to work!

Communication between pastor and administrator is exemplary. They both profess a love of the school and it is borne out in all aspects of this report. Staff, parents, and students alike echoed a consistent message of true care and concern for all who make St. Therese a Catholic school.

#### ***Tuition Payments for 2010-2011***

If you have any questions about the automatic tuition payments for the 2010 - 2011 school year, please notify the school office. We are preparing a list of questions for the vending company. We will continue to keep you updated with any new information.

#### ***Volunteer Signups or 2010 - 2011***

The volunteer signup sheet is in the Friday Notes this week. Please sign up for events for the 2010 - 2011 school year. Remember each family is required to participate in four commitments each school year ( one commitment for Preschool families).

#### ***Cookbook Orders***

Remember to turn in your orders for your cookbook. Advanced sales for the cookbook are \$10, once the cookbook arrives the cost is \$12.

#### ***Schwann's Fundraiser***

The Schwann's truck will be here again on April 25th from 8:45 until 1pm. Stock up for Memorial Day. The next truck will be here on June 6.

#### ***School Plaid***

Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct school plaid. Lands End refers to the plaid as "Hunter/Classic Navy Plaid". A sample is hanging in the school office.

#### ***Dress Code issues for spring***

Kindly remember the school standardized dress code as the days begin to get warmer. Students are expected to be ready to go outside every day for recess. Shorts, skirts, skorts and jumpers must be finger tip length.

#### ***Protecting God's Children***

If you are interested in helping at school or going on field trips, you will need to complete a PGC session. Upcoming opportunity:

Monday, May 3, 2010, 6pm - St. Sebastian Parish

If you need help registering on-line please stop by the school office.

#### ***Goodsearch.com***

Support our school by downloading the Goodsearch web browser into your toolbar. Our school will receive \$.01 each time you browse the internet. Shop through Goodshop.com and the school will receive a donation.

#### ***Paper Gator***

After a long awaited time, St. Therese is getting a Paper Gator. The Paper Gator will be at St. Therese 24/7. You can place any newsprint, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, phone books, office/school paper, and hard and soft cover books. Please do not place any cardboard or grocery item paper in the bin. The Paper Gator will replace our paper drives in the future, we will be having a paper drive every day from now on. Please watch for the Paper Gator to arrive. It should be here within the next few of weeks.



#### ***Recruitment Credit***

All school families are eligible for a recruitment credit. Any current school family that recruits a new K - 6 school family is entitled to a \$100 tuition credit. Current families that recruit a preschool family are also eligible when that family begins kindergarten.

#### ***Flick's Family Film Festival at Celebration Cinema.***

Kids 12 and under receive FREE admission for each film. Just \$3.50 for adults.

Visit celebrationcinema.com for theatres and show times.

April 16 - 22                      The Spy Next Door

#### ***TRIP***

Please remember that TRIP orders are due on Sunday at noon. Please remember

to thank our TRIP workers for volunteering their time each week to keep the program going.

If you shop at Family Fare be sure to mention our school code 56420 on April 18 - 24. This is a "Class for Cash" week. St. Therese will receive 2% of your purchase.

### ***Tax Deduction***

Are you looking for another deduction on your tax return? Using TRIP is a great way to get a deduction. Any TRIP credits that are allocated to the school, religious education general fund, Angels fund, Home and School or the endowment fund are tax deductibles. Unfortunately, administrative fees and TRIP credits allocated to a school or religious education tuition account are not deductibles. Another great reason to use TRIP. Allocations can be changed at the end of every quarter to include one or more tax deductibles areas.

### ***Home and School***

Positions Available: President, Vice President and Secretary - If you are interested, kindly notify Mrs. Gee or one of the current officers - Gianni Marchesotti, Sharon Jansma or Jessica Harnish.

### ***School Board***

There will be two open positions on the school board for next year. Adults of school families may turn in a notice of intent to the school office by April 19.

## ***Focus on the Family***

### ***Meet the House Family!***

This week we'd like you to meet the family of Ron House and Michelle Marceau. There are three children in the House family; all attend St. Therese or Little Flower. Angelo is in the first grade. Mia and Noelle are in preschool. Though Michelle stays home right now, she is a teacher and has taught at WMU and in the Kalamazoo Public Schools. Ron works at his House Family Chiropractic Center. Pets include cat Baby Tiger at mom's and dogs Trigger and Eddie at dad's. Everyone in the family enjoys outdoor activities such as camping, skiing, boating, and swimming. Northern Michigan is a favorite travel spot including Great Wolf Lodge, Mackinaw Island, and Caberfae. The children enjoy individual sports including skating, hockey, gymnastics, soccer and dance. When asked why Michelle and Ron choose to send their children to their parish school they responded: "As a parent I appreciate that the teachings of Jesus and God's love for us all can be interwoven throughout the school day." and "I send my children to St. Therese School for a high quality education as well as the small class sizes for more individual help."

We are delighted to have the House family as part of our school and parish family!



## ***PANTHER PRIDE*** ***a Section Just for Kids***

I hope everyone had a good spring break. Keep the 2nd graders in your prayers because they will be making their First Communion in a few weeks.

I am still looking for jokes and input for the Panther Pride.

### **Joke of the Week:**

What do you make kites out of?  
*fly paper*