

St. Mary Elementary and Jr. High



Catholic Schools Week—**Dividends for Life**—In these challenging times, the theme reminds us that the dividends of a Catholic school education—students prepared in faith, knowledge, morals and discipline—last a lifetime.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all who qualified as representatives and will be competing in our **Spelling Bee tomorrow, Thursday. Please join us for the bee at 10:00 in the school gymnasium.**

Grade 3	Drew Ackman	Jacob Hoyle
	Chloe Klein	Alternate: Brandon Miller
Grade 4	Travis Williams	Jaedin Canterbury
	Drake Farster	Alternate: Erin Vits
Grade 5	Jacob Rhodes	K.C. Knack
	Michael Powers	Alternate: Kaylin Sarver
Grade 6	Shannon Lahey	Stephanie Simpson
	Clay Jungerman	Alternate: Emily Long
Grade 7	Abby Ammon	Jenna Stevens
	Ken Ellorando	Aternate: Noah Leffleman
Grade 8	Brooke Bailey	Kayla Faley
	Christina Long	Alternate: MaryAlice Oswalt

Special thanks to Jason and Heather Roe at Culvers who treated our entire school to custard for Catholic Schools Week, as well as giving St. Mary's 10% of sales on our Culver's Night.



WIT PRAYER

JESUS, LIVE THIS DAY WITH ME;
LIVE THIS DAY IN ME;
LIVE THIS DAY THROUGH ME.



February 3, 2010

Where Character Counts
www.stmarysdixon.org

- **Feb. 4** -Tomorrow, Thursday, is Blue and Gold Day. Students may wear blue and gold.
- **Feb. 5** - Friday, Mass at Newman—Students must all be in full uniform. Girls wear skirts or jumpers. Bus will return after Mass, between 11:30-12. Students will be dismissed at that time. If your child will not be returning on the bus, because you are attending the Mass, please write a note to your child's teacher. No child will be excused from the bus without a note. No pm bus. All students need their own transportation from school.
- **Feb. 10**-Wednesday will be a half day with bus service. Dismissal at 11:15. School improvement day and inservice for teachers.
- **Feb. 15**—No school. President's Day.

No Aftercare this Friday, Feb. 5.

Jump Rope for Heart

Starting in February your students will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart. They will be joining others around the US raising money to save lives. We will be having a Jump Rope day during the week of February 12. I am hoping that this will be an experience that our children will all remember. Students are also able to earn thank you gifts from the American Heart Association.

Thank You,
Mr. Jesiolowski
St. Mary's Physical Education Instructor

Buy your Valentine Sweetheart an Extravaganza Ticket

We truly appreciate everyone's effort in selling tickets for this fundraiser. We have a great group of families here at St. Mary School and appreciate all extra efforts. This helps out our children and the school. The Home and School really appreciates your efforts.

You can obtain more tickets from the school office.

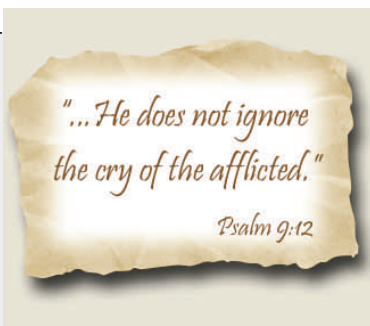
We have 5 more weeks to sell.

Catholics at the Capitol Let's Fight for our Share March 3 in Springfield, Illinois

So many of the programs have been taken away from us or greatly reduced.

If interested in going to represent our Catholic school and let our Congressmen know that we want the Textbook Loan Program, Tuition credits, Transportation Reimbursement....and more, contact Karri Brauman at 815-288-0560.

Special thanks to all who contributed to the Haitian Relief fund. We collected over \$520. to help those suffering from this disaster.



Jean Spohn, Principal

Free Birth to 5 Preschool Screening
Jefferson School
February 5, 12, 19, 26
8-2:00pm Call 8115-284-7724

You won't want to miss this!

John Angotti in Concert

Presented by St. Mary's School Home & School Association

Saturday, February 20, 2010

7:00 pm

Dixon Historic Theater

Tickets are \$15 in advance. \$20 at the door
Family ticket available for \$60 in advance.

Tickets are available at St. Mary School,
St. Patrick Parish Office, Flowers Etc. ,
Venier's Jewelry Store and
Newman Central Catholic High School

To sample John Angotti's music go to:

www.johnangotti.com

**Good luck to our students who will be competing in
the Mathcounts Competition on Feb. 13, 2010**

At Sauk Valley Community College

Mathcounts Team

Jacob Ardis

Connor Knack

Mary Alice Oswalt

Andrew Burke

Mathcounts Alternates

Brandon Burke

Ken Ellorando

Max Oswalt

Coach—Kathleen Knack