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FOR THOUGHT

Mark 10:17-30 Sell all that you have and follow Jesus' way. Jesus' disciples were astonished when Jesus asked them to sell everything they own and follow Him. Jesus wants us to realize that He does

not measure us by our material wealth. He wants us to examine our hearts and be kind and compassionate to everyone we meet. He wants us to take responsibility for our actions and walk proudly alongside Him.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

Pride/Responsibility: Pride is the virtue of being responsible for your actions. Responsibility aids us in taking charge of our lives. When we ask ourselves, "What would Jesus Do?" and we respond as he asks us to, we can take pride in our accomplishments.

COMMITTEE FOR VIRTUES

We are in the process of forming a "Virtues" Committee. The purpose of the committee will be to develop suggestions as to how we can practice the virtues at both home and school. Please contact Sr. Sheila if you are interested in helping on this committee.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER YETTER

I hope you got a chance to read my short note from last week, inviting you to share in the Eucharist here at St. Mary's or in the Parish where you are a member. This week I am inviting you and your family to continue to support our parish with the sharing of your time, talents and treasures. In order to keep the school functioning as we all think, we need everyone's help. Your time, talents and treasures are needed to financially support the parish and the school. Each week we need about \$5000.00 from the Sunday collection to subsidize our school. With the help of various fundraisers such as the Booster Club, candy sale, etc., we should be able to keep the school going for many years to come. Please take the time now to pray about how you are doing your share. God Bless.

PIONEER CAMP

The 7th & 8th grade students will be going to Pioneer Camp on October 21 & 22. This field trip has always been very popular. The Team Challenge Course at Pioneer Camp offers adventure based programs and activities that help the students experience new levels of trust, communication, teamwork, and personal challenges. Pioneer Camp's facilitators are there to lead the group through the activities and to help them set and reach their program goals.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week begins on Monday, October 19. This week focuses on helping our children to "say no to drugs." Our 6th grade class will attend a drug-free symposium on Wednesday, October 21st at Trinity Catholic Academy as part of

SCHOOL CALENDARS AND DIRECTORIES

This week we are sending home your family copies of the school calendar and directory. Please refer to the calendar for upcoming events.

SR. SUZANNE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Sr. Suzanne on the 50th Anniversary of her entrance into the Sister of St. Francis. We have all been touched by Sister's kindness and compassion and her devotion to our school and our community. May God continue to bless her in all of her endeavors.

A MESSAGE FROM SR. SUZANNE

Many thanks to all who attended my Jubilee Celebration this weekend. The reception was wonderful thanks to everyone who baked, decorated and attended the event. Everyone had a wonderful time. The cards and gifts were all such a blessing to me. I am proud to be part of such a wonderful community...indeed it is another blessing. May God bless you all. I wish you all peace.

JEANS DAY PROCEEDS

We are pleased to announce that we have raised \$350.00 from jeans day passes which we will be donating in support of cancer research. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

BOOSTER CLUB TICKETS

It's not too late to get your Booster Club ticket. A \$50.00 prize is awarded weekly throughout the year.

FALL FEST

Will be held on October 30th. Tickets are just \$6.00. Please join us for an evening of fun activities.

OKTOBERFEST

As a reminder, this year's Oktoberfest will be held on October 17th from 7PM to 11PM. Tickets are \$20.00. Tickets may be purchased in advance to reserve tables for up to 8 people. Please contact Terry Gajewski at 688-1277 to reserve your tickets.

KROLICK'S BBQ

Please join us for the Krolick's BBQ which will be held on October 25th from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

PERSONNEL NEWS

- We regret to inform you that our secretary, Barbara Crage, will be leaving St. Mary's. She has accepted a position with Littman Jewelers. We are very grateful for all she has done for the faculty, staff, students, and parents of our school. We wish her well in her new endeavor.
- Stephanie States, our 2nd grade teacher assistant, has graciously offered to fill Barbara's position in the office. Stephanie has been part of St. Mary's school and parish for many years and is excited about assisting our school in this capacity.

FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST

The children of St. Mary's have submitted Fire Prevention posters to the Swormville Fire Department. Winners of the poster contest will be announced at 2 pm this Sunday, October 11th during the Swormville Fire Company's Open House. The Open House will run from 1 - 4 pm. Winners need not be present.