



ST. SEBASTIAN SCHOOL

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Catholic Education

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Dear St. Sebastian School Community,

This morning after mass, our staff and school children in grades 2-8 had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Students who are either not Catholic, or are, but have not yet received the Sacrament are also always invited to speak with a priest if they wish, as an opportunity to talk about ways they are wanting to grow, poor choices weighing on them, and/or a relationship they hope to reconcile. It is a powerful scene to look out in the church and see our students spread out, with time to personally reflect. Fr. Larry and our guests priests spread across the front of the church, hearing what is on the hearts and minds of our children, and helping process how to spiritually grow. For us adults, below are: **12 Reasons You Shouldn't Go to Confession This Lent**, taken from (www.jesuitpost.org - February 27, 2018)

It's Lent. God is still looking to draw us deeper into relationship, but who has time for that? For all zero of us that need more of an excuse, here are some reasons not to go to confession this Lent:

- 1. You just went last month.** Be careful or else you might get into a good habit.
- 2. You haven't gone in years.** I haven't gone to the gym in years, either.
- 3. You haven't killed anyone.** Because that is the only sin, right?
- 4. You can't find when the sacrament of reconciliation is offered.** Not like there is a [website](#) that you can pull up.
- 5. It's not 4pm on Saturday.** This is the only time most parishes offer the Sacrament. They can't be serious about "by appointment" could they?
- 6. You aren't going to die soon.** Right?
- 7. You might feel better.** Why would you want to do that?
- 8. The priest might be mean.** This actually happened to me once. I got to forgive him, too.
- 9. Pope Francis goes to Confession.** Who wants to be like that guy?
- 10. You might have to wait in line.** ...and there might be a loud old lady in front of you. It's annoying when other people want reconciliation with God and neighbor, too.
- 11. You have to admit you have sinned.** Who wants to do that? I mean it's not like God is offering forgiveness and a way forward, right? Wait...
- 12. Your sins will be forgiven.** Sometimes change is hard. We are called to amend our lives. God can't be serious about helping us, right?

Have a fruitful day, and God bless you!

Ms. Grams

8TH GRADE PIZZA LUNCH FUNDRAISER - The next PIZZA LUNCH will be Friday, April 12th. Order forms can be found in the newsletter attachments and copies are also available in the school office. Order forms are due TODAY.

Questions? Contact Christine Conway at: cconway31@gmail.com

ONLINE PAYMENTS - We know how busy everyone gets, so we want to make it as fast and easy for everyone to submit payments – and donations! – to St. Sebastian School and Parish. Here are a few online payment options, including weekly or other recurring payments, or a one-time expenditure. You'll receive a receipt via email for your records. If you have any problems or comments, just contact Joann Perleberg – jperleberg@saintsebs.org.

Payments:

- School Program/Non-Parishioner Tuition – <http://bit.ly/SebsPaySchool>
- Hot Lunch – <http://bit.ly/SebsPayHot>
- PAL Day Care – <http://bit.ly/SebsPayPAL>
- 2019-2020 Registration -- <http://bit.ly/SebsReg>
- 2019-2020 Parishioner Program Fees -- <http://bit.ly/SebsFees>
- 2019-2020 Non-Parishioner Fixed-Rate Tuition -- <http://bit.ly/SebsNPTuition>

Donations:

- Parish Tithing – <http://bit.ly/SebsPayParish>
- Parish Debt Elimination – <http://bit.ly/SebsPayDebt>
- Playground Project -- <http://bit.ly/SebsPayPlay>
- School Foundation – <http://bit.ly/SebsPayFound>

SAFEGUARDING SESSIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS - Anyone wanting to work with students, or chaperone on field trips, needs to complete a 3 hour Safeguarding training course and complete a background criminal records check. To sign up for a Safeguarding course:

Go to <https://milwaukee.cmgconnect.org/> and register for a new account. Be sure to choose St. Sebastian (Milw) as your site. Once you have an account, you will then need to click: Required Training Curriculums.

Required Training Curriculums

1. INITIAL LIVE TRAINING ONLY – Safe Environment Curriculum/Code of Conduct – Milwaukee. You will need to sign up for a LIVE SESSION and complete some online items.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.

INTRODUCING CURBSIDE COMPOSTING – See the attached flyer regarding Milwaukee’s curbside compost pilot program. A composting cart (similar to your recycling cart) would be picked up curbside and taken to a compost site. To learn more, there will be an info chat in the multi-purpose room on Thursday, April 11 (tomorrow) at 6:00 PM.

FIELD DAY - We are currently looking for some awesome parent volunteers to help **PLAN** Field Day, which will be held on Thursday, June 6th at Wick Field. Please email Lindsey Mahn (lindseymahn@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping plan a fun filled day for our kids!!

RETURNING RICE BOWLS - As we come to the close of this Lenten Season, it is time to return your Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl. We will begin collection of the Rice Bowls next Sunday, Palm Sunday. Collection baskets will be located in front of the altar. Our hope is that most families return the Rice Bowl at the Holy Thursday Mass (7:00 pm at Saint Catherine), but you may return it anytime until April 28th. The money you donate will be distributed to our Food Pantry (25%) and to the international work of Catholic Relief Services (75%). If you prefer to write a check, make it payable to the parish with a notation RICE BOWL. If you have not done so, be sure to check out Family Suggestions and recipes from around the world <https://www.csricebowl.org/families>

ST. SEBASTIAN SPRING SOCIAL: “FIELD TRIP!” MAY 11, 2019, 7-10 PM. - This year, we take the Spring Social off campus, to AXE MKE, to throw sharp axes at large targets. At 7pm, all attendees will meet at the school, enjoy merriment, jump on a Yellow Bus, and head to on the adult field trip to AXE MKE. We will have AXE MKE rented for two hours, six death-defying lanes, from 8-10 pm. We encourage all to wear lumberjack gear: plaids, tartans, and steel toes. The tickets will be \$45 per person, which will provide transportation to the bar (but not back), open bar (beer, wine, rail), light snacks, an axe-throwing lesson (first time phrase in the Sebs School newsletter), and ninety minutes of axe-throwing. We will end our experience at AXE MKE at 10 pm, at which point attendees will find their way home...or elsewhere. Note well, the space at AXE MKE is limited to the first 48 people, so first come, first serve. Attached please find the RSVP, which, along with a check, will reserve your spot. Please contact Molly Ambrose at mambrose@saintsebs.org with any questions.

HOME & SCHOOL OPEN POSITIONS FOR 2019-20 - Home & School has two open positions for the 2019-20 school year. Please consider volunteering as the **Treasurer** or the **Fish Fry Volunteer Coordinator**. Please contact Molly Ambrose at mambrose@saintsebs.org for more information about either position.

FAX MACHINE NEEDED – If you have a fax machine that is gathering dust at your home or office, please consider donating it to the school office.

READ-N-QUIZ UPDATE - Congratulations to the following student(s) for earning the following points using the ReadnQuiz reading incentive program for 1st-5th graders. Keep reading!!!!

5+ Points

Miranda Ausberry
Jonathan Frost
Cora Hatten

10+ Points

Marcos Rivera

25+ Points

Kylah Kabore
Graeme Sanders
Sully Terry

50+ Points

John Davis
Leo Sanders
Owen Troy

100+ Points

Ryan Mahn

550+ Points

Margot Rexroat

ROSIE READER - Congratulations to the following student for his outstanding progress in the Rosie Reader program:

Completing the letter "I" in reading:

K5 - Kameran Sanders

Great job Kameran!!

HOME & SCHOOL

High Interest Day is coming back as DISCOVERY DAY!!!!

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 24th, 8:00-12:00

Do you have a cool talent? Do you cook? Love science? Have a great idea for DISCOVERY DAY? Want to share your fun ideas with some pretty great kids?!?!?

Please contact Brad Rochford bprochford@gmail.com

We also need volunteers to greet presenters, lead groups to different activities and help kids participate in fun activities led by presenters. Please contact bprochford@gmail.com if able to help in any way! All help is much appreciated.

Upcoming H&S events

Fish Fry 4/12 - K5 Carry out only

Fish Fry 4/19 - K4 Carry out only

Fish Fry 5/3 – 7th grade Sit down/carry out

Teacher Luncheon -week of 4/15/19-(3rd grade & St. Coletta)

Next H&S committee meeting-5/1 5:30

Grandparents Day 5/17

Beats & Eats 5/31