



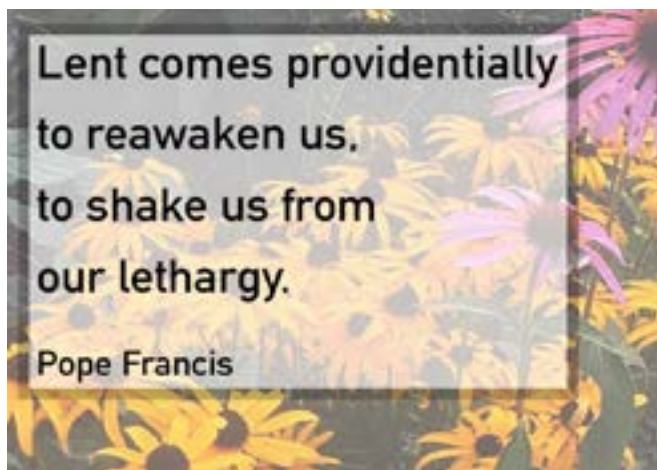
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President's Message

"The forty days leading up to Easter can be some of the most life-giving, perspective-changing, hope-filled days of the year." ~ Margaret Feinberg



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social media!**



The long, bleak days of winter are officially over, and the season of spring is here. Flocks of geese are moving north, robins are returning, and my dog is starting to shed his winter coat. The days are getting longer with more sunlight, which helps us feel a little happier. Soon we will see the trees budding with new life. As we welcome spring, we also celebrate the season of Lent in our Racine Catholic schools and parishes.

Lent is a time of spiritual renewal. We ready our hearts during these 40 days that lead us to Easter Sunday. Across our Siena schools, students are engaged in many traditions and practices that call them to holiness. We began our journey through Lent with Mass on Ash Wednesday, and we follow with daily reflections, collections for others in need, reconciliation, prayer services, Stations of the Cross and many other acts of

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Do you know of someone or something we should feature? If so, please share with us!
Do you want to promote your event? Please tell us about it, and send us your event flyer!

Do you have questions? Just ask us!

It's easy! Email: communications@sienacatholicschools.org



Student Spotlight on: Mary, St. Rita School



What is your favorite subject? Why?

My favorite subject is art. I like art because I like to paint, draw and create things. I like to express myself through my art.

What do you do when you want to relax?

When I want to relax, I like to read a book.

What job do you want to have when you grow up?

Right now I am thinking of doing something with art or animals, but I am not sure yet.

If you could choose an animal for a class pet what would it be?

I would choose a guinea pig because they are really cute. They are also easy to take care of and good with kids.

If you could only use one emoji what would you choose?

I would use a smiling emoji because I like to be happy and make others happy.



If you could create one mandatory course, what would it be?

It would be a cooking class because I like to cook.

Which subject do you think prepares you most for life and why?

I think language arts prepares you most for life because you have to be able to read and write and be comfortable speaking in front of other people to be successful in life. You also have to be able to read numbers to do math, and math is used in everything.





Congratulations!

6 Years

Colleen Benner - St. Lucy
Peter Merkel - St. Catherine's
Lisa Harris - St. Catherine's
Shaun Koleske - St. Lucy

5 Years

Michelle Feick - Siena/St. Catherine's
Sheila Fiore - Our Lady of Grace Academy
Jason Collum - John Paul II Academy
Tony Commodore - St. Catherine's
Robert McKee - St. Catherine's
JoEllen Pitrof - St. Rita
Gloria Schumacher - John Paul II Academy
Mary Kolton-Karpowicz - St. Lucy
Marisa Andersen - St. Catherine's
Marissa Zierl - John Paul II Academy
Sandy Wistert - St. Catherine's
Jeanmarie Diehn - St. Joseph

**Thank you for your
years of dedication!**

President's Message

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prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lent is a time we draw our students and ourselves closer to Christ in our daily life.

When I was a little girl, each member of my family would fast from something for Lent. I used to give up chocolate or ice cream or something else that I really loved. As I grew older, I realized that it was a lot more challenging to give up something like gossiping or complaining. Fasting from complaining and focusing on gratitude during Lent helps me to change something negative that keeps me from being the best version of myself. Sister Joan Chittister, a passionate Benedictine author and speaker, said it well, "Lent is about becoming, doing, changing whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now."

I wish you a Lent that draws you closer to Christ. As we welcome spring, may we also

welcome Christ into our lives more intentionally on a daily basis. May your journey toward Easter be one that brings you renewal.

Blessings,

Brenda White
President
Siena Catholic Schools

What to give up...

Give up complaining... focus on Gratitude
Give up pessimism... become an Optimist
Give up worry... trust Divine Providence
Give up bitterness... turn to Forgiveness
Give up hatred... return Good for evil
Give up negativism... be Positive
Give up anger... be More Patient
Give up pettiness... become Mature
Give up gloom... enjoy the Beauty all around you
Give up jealousy... pray for Trust
Give up gossiping... control your Tongue
Give up sin... turn to Virtue
Give up giving up... Hang in there!



Taher Recipe of the Month **Strawberry Spinach Mint Feta Salad**

What you need...

Dressing

- 1 Orange, juiced
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1/2 Tbsp honey
- to taste salt and pepper

Salad

- 6 oz. baby spinach
- 1/4 cup chopped mint
- 1/2 cup strawberries, quartered
- 1/4 cup feta cheese crumbles

Nutrition Snapshot: about 1 serving
(recipe makes 3 servings)

215 calories, 17g total fat, 4g sat. fat,
305mg sodium, 12g carbohydrate,
3g fiber, 17mg cholesterol,
5g protein, 8g sugar



What to do...

Dressing

1. Juice the orange
2. Whisk together all ingredients and set aside

Salad

1. Combine spinach, mint and strawberries
2. Whisk the dressing just prior to serving and toss with spinach mixture
3. Sprinkle feta cheese crumbles on top

Claim Your Wisconsin Private School Tuition Tax Deduction

Tax Day is on April 15, 2019. Remember to claim your state private K-12 school tuition tax deduction!

There is a silver lining to the dreaded tax deadline for private school parents. Thanks to advocacy by the Wisconsin Council of Religious & Independent Schools (WCRIS), our state law allows Wisconsin parents to deduct private kindergarten through 12th grade school tuition on their taxes.

Regardless of income, parents and legal guardians are eligible for a maximum deduction of \$4,000 per child in grades kindergarten through eighth grade and \$10,000 per child in ninth through 12th grade. Students transitioning from eighth to ninth grade are eligible for both deductions.

If you have questions about a specific circumstance, WCRIS recommends contacting a certified tax accountant for additional assistance. Learn more about this from the [Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools](#).



Spotlight on: Peggy Peeper St. Rita, First-Grade Teacher



What was your favorite book as a child?

I enjoyed reading the Nancy Drew Mysteries. I would try to solve the mysteries before she would.

What made you want to work in a school?

When I was old enough, I would babysit for neighbor children. I enjoyed working with little ones, helping them with homework or projects. While a student at St. Catherine's, we would walk over to St. Rose School and tutor students there. This led me to go to school to be a teacher.



What do you do in your free time?

I love to visit my children in Minneapolis. My husband and I love to travel and watch dirt track racing. We often combine the two on our adventures.

What did you enjoy studying when you were in school?

I loved my lit classes, especially Shakespeare in high school. In college, I loved the child psychology courses.

What were you like when you were growing up?

I was a typical "nerdy" kid, often oblivious to the world around me. I had many friends in my neighborhood, and we would play outside all day long.

Tell me something about yourself that we don't know.

I am on a quest to watch a dirt late model race and visit a brewery in all 50 states. So far, I have been to 38 states to watch a race and drink a beer.





**Speed painter
Rob Surette returned to
St. Catherine's for a
free public performance
on Feb. 26.**



**The polar vortex may have
changed the original date,
but the rescheduled show
was a success!**





SIENA
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF RACINE
FAITH FORWARD EDUCATION

March 17 - April 13, 2019

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

17 Feast of St. Patrick	18	19 Feast of St. Joseph	20	21	22 Fish Fry Events: Sacred Heart, St. Lucy, St. Patrick, St. Rita	23
24	25 Feast of the Annunciation	26	27	28	29 Fish Fry Events: Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, St. Patrick, St. Rita	30
31	April 1 April Fools Day	2	3 Feast of St. Richard of Chichester	4	5 Fish Fry Events: Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, St. Patrick, St. Rita	6 St. Lucy's "An Evening in Venice" Auction and Dinner
7 National Volunteer Week (through April 13)	8	9	10 National Encourage a Young Writer Day	11	12 Fish Fry Events: Sacred Heart, St. Lucy, St. Patrick, St. Rita	13 St. Catherine's Black & White Ball

MARCH 18-29: FORWARD TESTING

**APRIL 6: ST. LUCY'S "AN EVENING IN VENICE"
AUCTION AND DINNER**

APRIL 13: ST. CATHERINE'S BLACK & WHITE BALL
SAINTCATS.ORG/BLACK-AND-WHITE-BALL

FISH FRY EVENT INFORMATION:

SACRED HEART
5-7 P.M., JPIIA GYM

ST. JOSEPH
5-7 P.M., ST. JOSEPH CAFETERIA

ST. LUCY
4-7 P.M., ST. LUCY GYM

ST. PATRICK
10:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M. AND 5-8:30 P.M.,
CRISTO REY HALL AT ST. PATRICK PARISH

ST. RITA
5-7 P.M., ST. RITA GYM

LOOKING AHEAD...MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

APRIL 14: PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 18: ST. RITA: STATIONS OF THE CROSS
APRIL 19-28: EASTER VACATION
APRIL 21: EASTER
MAY 3: JPIIA: CARNIVAL
MAY 4: ST. RITA: FIRST COMMUNION
MAY 6: JPIIA: "MUFFINS WITH MOM"
MAY 9: ST. RITA: SPRING CONCERT
MAY 12-24: STAR TESTING
MAY 14: OLOGA: SPRING CONCERT
MAY 27: NO SCHOOL, MEMORIAL DAY
JUNE 3: JPIIA: "DONUTS WITH DAD"



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The **BLACK WHITE BALL**

**Saturday, April 13, 2019
5 p.m. at St. Catherine's**

Please join us at our signature fundraising event
benefiting the school's student activities and athletics!

Admission is \$100* per person and includes
hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, a sit-down dinner,
entertainment and more.

Purchase your admission online:
saintcats.org/black-and-white-ball

To learn more or to donate an item/experience to our auctions, please contact
Lisa Schumacher at lschumacher@sienacatholicschools.org or 262-753-1531.



**Participation in the live and silent auctions and raffles are at an additional cost.*



St. Lucy's Parish School

An Evening in Venice

Auction and Dinner

April 6, 2019



Have you sold your tickets? You can win \$1000, \$500 or a \$250 gift card to Amazon.com. In addition, the class who sells the most tickets will win a reward of a movie and popcorn!



Have you sent in your registration form yet? Still trying to decide if you are coming to the auction? Here are some of the auction items and prizes that you could win if you come. These prizes will only be available to win that night! *Madonna and Child painting from Colombia donated by Fr. Javier, JoJo's pizza party, Lebanese dinner hosted by Fr. Nabil, Dinner at the Fire Department, One week at Camp Anokijig, Green Bay Packer tickets, and so much more!!!!*



Have you signed up to volunteer through the signup genius? Many hands make light work! Not to mention that you get to meet a lot of people that way!



Have you purchased Bucket Raffle tickets? You can get deep discounts by buying bucket raffle tickets in advance. Some of the prizes on the bucket raffle are: *SC Johnson Basket, Brewer Basket, Vera Bradley purse set, Michael Kors designer purse, Lottery & Liquor Basket.*



We are still accepting donations. Please drop off new or unused items at the school office.

Please reserve _____ place settings at \$30.00 per person.

OR We are unable to attend. Enclosed is our donation of _____.

Name _____
Address _____
City/Zip _____
Phone _____

Please make check payable to St. Lucy Parish.

Any questions, contact Janet Urban
at 262-554-1801, ext. 212

Purchase your drink tickets in advance! Tickets are \$1.00 each. Bartenders will be taking tickets rather than cash. You may purchase drink tickets with your reservations and they will be ready for you at check-in OR they will be available for purchase at the auction.

Soda/Water-\$1.00

Domestic Beer-\$3.00

Imported Beer/Wine: \$4.00

Please indicate how many tickets you would like to purchase on your response card below.

_____ # of drink tickets