

SMART News

Saint Mary's Active Religious Teens

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Dear Friends,

There once was a group of botanists who were searching in the Alps for rare flowers. A very fine specimen was spotted on a small ledge of rock that could only be reached with a lifeline. The job was far too dangerous for the inexperienced botanists so they summoned a local shepherd boy who was familiar with the terrain. They offered him several gold coins to climb down the rope and retrieve the rare specimen.

Although the boy desperately wanted and needed the coins, he feared that the job was too dangerous. Several times he peered over the edge of the cliff, but he couldn't see any safe way of getting to the flower. Besides, he would have to place his trust in the hands of strangers who would be holding his lifeline.

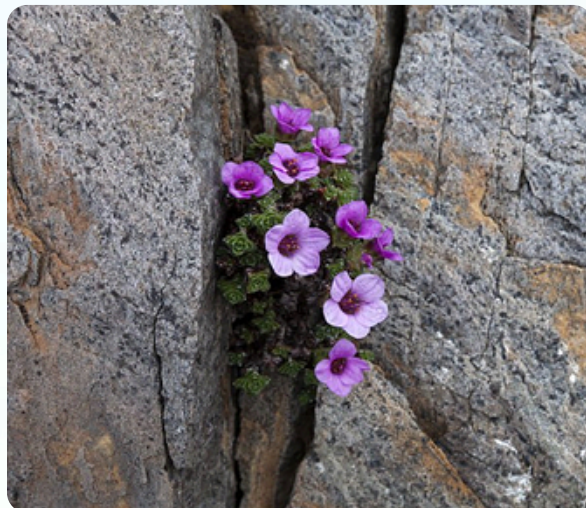
Suddenly, the boy had an idea. He left the group for a few moments, then returned, holding the hand of a woman. The shepherd boy then ran excitedly to the edge of the cliff and said to the botanist,

“You can tie the ropes under my arms now. I'll go into the canyon - as long as you let my mother hold the rope.”

The love of a mother for a child knows no boundaries. Each mother has been chosen by God to be a nourisher, a protector, a guide for the most precious gift that God has given the world – a new life!

Wrap your arms around your Mom this Mother's Day...you'll feel the Blessed Mother's loving embrace present as well...

Patti McTaggart



I have loved you with an everlasting love... Jeremiah 31:3

Upcoming events:

MAY – the Month of Mary

May 3rd – Holy Hour after the 12:10PM Mass

May 9th – Holy Hour at 7PM in the church

May 10th – Senior Breakfast 7AM in the parish hall

May 12th – Mother's Day!

May 15th – Regina High School Baccalaureate Mass - 7:30PM in the church

May 17th – Holy Hour after the 12:10PM Mass

May 19th – Pentecost Sunday

May 23rd – Holy Hour at 7:00PM in the church

May 26th – Most Holy Trinity

May 31st – Feast of the Visitation – Consecration to Mary after the 12:10PM Mass

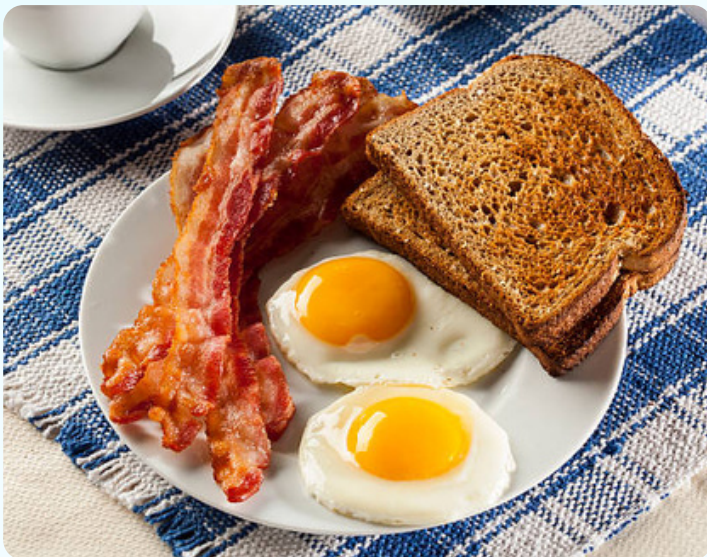
What do you want of me, Lord?

O Lord, help me know your will for me.
Let your light shine in the depths of my heart
that I may know what you want me to do with my life.
Help me believe that you have a special plan for me.
Lord, I know I pass through this life only once;
help me decide how you want me to make a difference.
Like our Blessed Mother,
give me the wisdom to hear your voice
and the courage to answer your call.
Above all give me peace of mind and heart.
I offer this prayer in the name
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Attention Graduating High School Seniors From City High, Regina, West High, Liberty, Clear Creek Amana, West Branch and Homeschooled!!

Each year, a special graduation breakfast is served at St. Mary's in honor of our high school graduates. All graduating high school seniors from St. Mary's Parish and their parents are invited. Please RSVP to the office at 337-4314 if you are planning to attend.



WHEN: Friday May 10, 2024

WHERE: St. Mary's Parish Hall

TIME: 7:00 AM

St. Dominic Savio

"LIVES OF THE SAINTS" Written by Ava Gracia

*Feast Day:
May 6th*

*Born: April 2, 1842
Died: March 9, 1855*

St. Dominic Savio was one of ten children. His father was a blacksmith and his mother was a seamstress. They lived in Italy, near Turin. At the age of four, Dominic could recite all of his prayers and one year later, he became an altar boy. Dominic received his first Holy Communion at the age of seven. On that day, he wrote, "I will go to confession very often and go to communion as often as my confessor gives me permission. I will celebrate Sundays and feast days as holy days. Jesus and Mary will be my friends."

When Dominic was twelve years old, he entered a school that was run by John Bosco. This school trained boys for the priesthood and helped take care of neglected and unwanted boys.

Dominic was always cheerful, studied hard, and helped his friends. He taught them about religion, took care of them when they were sick, and broke up many fights. Dominic was well liked and known for praying frequently, often praising God through song.

Shortly before his fifteenth birthday, Dominic became ill. He was sent home to get better, but he died one month before his fifteenth birthday.

Dominic lived his life doing ordinary things with a smile and a cheerful heart. He did everything to the best of his ability. He used Jesus as a role model and tried to imitate him in all situations. As a student, as a friend, as a son, as a brother, and as a teenager, Dominic lived his life focused on God. As students, as friends, as sons or daughters, as brothers or sisters, we can live our lives focused on God in everything we do.

Dominic is the patron saint of children's choirs.

