



**ST. ROBERT**  
— SCHOOL —

Educating and inspiring  
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# FAMILY MATTERS

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**5/20—NO SCHOOL FOR  
K4 & K5 ONLY**

**5/27 & 5/30—  
NO SCHOOL,  
Memorial Day Break**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

5/12 7:00 pm  
Music Man

5/13 8:00 am  
All School Mass, 5th Gr.  
May Crowning

5/13 9:00 am  
UEC Riveredge, 5th Gr

5/13 7:00 pm  
Music Man

5/14  
Dramatic Reading at Boswell  
Books

5/14 7:00 pm  
Music Man

5/16  
UEC Riveredge, 5th Gr

5/17  
Mary Tooley, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Gr

5/17 10:00 am  
Art Museum, 4th Gr

5/17 7:00 pm  
Dave Archibald Presentation  
on Human Sexuality for Par-  
ents of 5th-8th Graders

5/18  
UEC Riveredge, 5th Gr

5/18 6:30 pm  
Home & School Meeting

5/19 6:30 pm  
Spring Concert, K-5th Gr

5/20 8:00 am  
All School Mass, 4th Gr

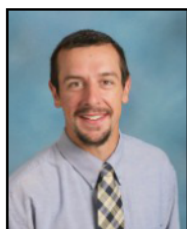
## Principal's Pen

# Theology of the Body

**Date: Tuesday, May 17**

**Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Location: St. Robert School, Reilly Hall  
2200 E. Capitol Drive**



Presenter Dave Archibald,  
MUHS Theology Teacher

Sponsored by the John  
Paul II Center's Nazareth  
Project for Marriage and  
Family

All adults are encouraged to attend an important presentation of the Church's wonderful life-giving teachings on human sexuality. Come to be catechized, inspired, and equipped to talk to your children about this sensitive subject in a world that bombards them with conflicting messages. Highlights of the program include:

- An introduction to Bl. John Paul's teachings on the Theology of the Body
- An analysis of challenging issues facing teens today
- Reflections on changing our culture for the best
- Time for questions and discussion

For a more complete listing of upcoming events, see the on-line calendar (control + click to follow the link):

[http://www.strobert.org/school/Current\\_Parents\\_0092/Calendar0114.html](http://www.strobert.org/school/Current_Parents_0092/Calendar0114.html)

# Notes from the Office



## STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Steve Linn and Leonardo Konewko participated in the first Mountain Bike race of the season sponsored by Wisconsin Off Road Series, WORS, on May 1 in Iola, Wisconsin. Steve finished 2nd in the "First Time Citizen" category, and Leonardo finished 1st in the "Junior 13-14" category. Congratulations to both boys!



## REPORTING ABSENCES, LATE ARRIVALS

Please **call the SCHOOL OFFICE attendance line each day your student will be absent or late (332-1164 ext. 3434)**. Provide student's name and teacher or room number, your name, and reason for the absence (**be specific as to symptoms if ill**—e.g., fever over 100 degrees, cough, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea) or late arrival. If hot lunch is needed, please also indicate which entrée is preferred.

## ATTENTION PARENTS - IT'S SPRING CONCERT AND ART SHOW TIME!

The **elementary school (K-5th) concert** will take place on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the gym. You should plan to have your child **in their classroom** at 6:15 (note: teachers are not available to supervise them prior to this time). Because the beautiful artwork your children created will be set up in the gym space, students will be waiting in their classrooms before and after they perform. Students can wear festive spring attire (pastel colors on top – short sleeves or longer, and khakis or blue pants – no jeans please). We are doing a lot of moving on stage so pants/capris for girls might be preferred, however, dresses or shirt and skirt combos are acceptable.



The **middle school concert** will take place on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the gym. All Choir students need to be in the music room by 6:10 to warm-up. **ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL** students are to wear solid pastel, spring colored shirts and khaki dress pants or skirts.

It is expected that all students will be present for the performance and *stay* for the entire performance. If you have serious, irreconcilable conflicts or would like assistance setting up a ride for your child, **please** let Mrs. Dodge know immediately (332-1164 ext. 3423 or email [ldodge@strobert.org](mailto:ldodge@strobert.org)).

## An Important Benefit for the Allen Family

In October of 2010, Angelique Allen, mother of Amber (8th grade), Gabby (4th grade) and Trey (1st grade), was diagnosed with Stage IV Breast Cancer that has since moved into her bones, brain and liver.



On Wednesday, May 25, the fourth grade class is hosting a very special benefit dinner for the Allen family. The dinner will take place from 5:30-7:00 PM in Reilly Hall and will feature the delicious cuisine of Osteria Del Mondo. Pick up a great dinner and take it home, or stick around and enjoy dinner with us. The evening's menu includes Chicken Piccata, pasta, salad, and rolls with soda or water and dessert.

As one can imagine, the Allen Family is undertaking a very challenging journey, made even more so by Angelique's inability to work during her ongoing treatment. The children of the fourth grade and the entire St. Robert Community would like to lighten their burden as much as we possibly can.

The suggested donation for dinner is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 4-12. Kids under three eat for free. Please RSVP to Sara Coffou at [sara@ambgrp.com](mailto:sara@ambgrp.com) or to the school office (find a form on the website) by Friday May 20. If you are unable to join us, we welcome any donations to help ease their hardship.

## School Supplies for 2011-2012

Want an easy, convenient way to shop for school supplies??? Try School-Pak! They'll pack up the supplies and ship them directly to your home. If you'd like to check it out, here's the link!

<http://www.schoolpak.com/shopdisplayproducts.asp?id=447&cat=St%2E+Robert+School>



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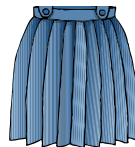
# Home & School Association News

## Middle School Showcase

Bring your family and friends to see our middle school students perform "The Music Man, Jr." on May 12th, 13th, and 14th at 7:00 pm in the St. Robert Gymnasium. Tickets are available at the door: \$6/adult and \$3/student.



have *gently used* St. Robert uniform apparel that you no longer need, please consider donating it to the Home & School Used Uniform Sale. Donations can be dropped off at any time during the summer at the home of Laura Pfaff (please leave at the BACK DOOR if no one is home). All sale proceeds go directly to the Home & School Association. Remember to look for the next Used Uniform Sale during Registration in August.



**May 12 to May 14** – The Music Man  
**May 18** – Monthly Home & School Association meeting - 6:30 pm in Room 207

The **Holy Moly Money Raffle** is off to a great start! Look for ticket sales at the Music Man Performances and at mass this weekend. If you've sold some tickets, please remember to turn them into the school office marked Attention:



Jen O'Keef. If you need more tickets to sell, we have a supply in the school and parish offices as well. Thanks to everyone who has already turned in their volunteer sign up information for the 2011-2012 school year. There are additional copies of the information on the school website. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy ([wendy.m.wallace@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.m.wallace@gmail.com) or 414-704-8428) or Sara Coffou ([sara@ambgrp.com](mailto:sara@ambgrp.com) or 414-906-4512).

As always, thanks for all you do.

Sara Coffou

## Spring Dramatic Reading

Join us Saturday, May 14th at 11 am for the SPRING 2011 Dramatic Reading event at Boswell Bookstore on



Downer Ave. Students in K5-5th grade are invited to participate in this fun and casual lesson in public speaking. Have your child choose a poem, book or short story or write

their own material to read aloud in front of the group. Please limit your choice to 3 minutes. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Jennie Fox at [jenniefox@me.com](mailto:jenniefox@me.com) or call 414-852-6204 to participate.

## Battle of the Books 2011-12

Mark your calendar! The 2011-2012 Official Battle of the Books List will be available on Thursday, May 26!

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT THANK YOU

Thank you to Lisa Lewein for chairing the Grandparent's Day event. It was a great opportunity to share our school with those special people in our children's lives.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Saturday, May 14** – Dramatic Reading at Boswell Books

## Used Uniform Drive!!!

With the end of the school year upon us, you might be ready to purge the old and get ready for the summer! If you

# St. Robert School "Effortless Fund-Raising Day at Culver's in Shorewood

On Monday May 23rd, Culvers will donate **10% of ALL SALES between 5:00pm and 9:00pm to St. Robert School!** (If you need to come earlier or later, simply mention that you have come to support the fundraiser, ask to have this noted on the receipt, and St. Robert School will be given credit for your purchase.) Please support your school by eating at Culver's and encourage friends and family to do the same! Spread the word! Bring the baseball team or the soccer team after practice!



We encourage you to purchase Scrip cards before you go. That way both School and Parish benefit. Cards are available in the parish office, in the back of church on May 14th and 15th, and outside of Culver's on the evening of the fundraiser. Cards can also be preordered using your Green Scrip Order Form or the form below.

### ST. ROBERT PARISH – CULVER'S SCRIP ORDER FORM

	# of \$20 Culver's cards _____	\$ _____
	# of \$10 Culver's cards _____	\$ _____
Name: _____	Total	\$ _____
Phone: _____		
E-mail: _____	I would like to pick up in school office _____	
Order Date: _____	I would like to pick up in parish office _____	
Check #: _____	Please send home with my child _____	

# Parish News

## St. Robert Fair Needs You!

The 39th Annual St. Robert Fair will be held this year on Saturday, June 4th (noon-10:00 p.m.) and Sunday, June 5th (10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.). The fair is a wonderful school, parish, and community event for all ages. There will be music, food, games and much, much more. We still need volunteers, so please contact Grace Collopy at 962-2725 or [jgcollopy@aol.com](mailto:jgcollopy@aol.com).

## Candy Needed for St. Robert Fair Candy Booth!

Looking for donations of candy that can be sold at the candy booth at the fair. If you are able to donate a bag or two, it would

be greatly appreciated. It can be dropped off in the school office from now until the fair. Any questions, call Lynn Frieeseke at 332-2987. Candy

Wish List (check Sam's Club or Old Fashion Candy online): laffy taffy, licorice ropes, sour batch straws, push pops, blow pops, gummy fishes, smarties, spreeds, nerds, nerd ropes, m&m's, baby bottle pops, candy buttons, lemonheads, cherry drops, marshmallow ice cream cones, pixy sticks, sweet tarts, now and laters, razzel, candy necklaces, tootsie rolls, wax lips or bottles, ring pops, pumpkin seed, lip sticks.



## What would YOU do with \$10,000?

Take a trip to Europe?

Pay for a few years of tuition at St. Robert?

Holy Moly! What are you waiting for? The days are ticking away...buy your raffle tickets now...

Raffle tickets will be on sale at this week's Music Man production and after all the weekend masses.

Remember, once 1,000 tickets are sold, the sale is closed - don't miss your chance to make money and help the school and fair.



## Spiritual Exercise

Just as physical exercise strengthens our bodies, spiritual exercise strengthens our faith. Personal prayer ideally flows from Sunday Mass and back toward it in a weekly cycle of prayer. Also, we can greatly enhance our experience of Mass if we are spiritually prepared each week. This comes when we read Sunday's readings ahead of time, and make this part of our personal prayer.

On the internet, there is a very useful website that can help you and your family or friends prepare each week for Sunday Mass: [www.liturgy.slu.edu](http://www.liturgy.slu.edu). On this site, you will find links to Sunday's readings, prayers, spiritual reflections, and interesting explanations all based on those readings. There is also a section that helps you pray with the music of the Mass. The material is designed for ordinary Catholics of all levels of understanding - the people in the pews. Please consider spending a few minutes each week with this website as part of your personal prayer. The site is completely free of charge, sponsored by the Center for Liturgy at Saint Louis University.



## Scrip Corner

### Think Spring, Confirmation and Graduation!

- Outfits- Macy's, Boston Store, Brooks Brothers...
- Celebrations- Winkies, Kohls, Sendiks, Pick n' Save...
- Gifts- Amazon, Culvers, Stemper, Speedway, BP, Gap...
- Spring Clean-up and fix-up- Bliffert Hardware, Bayside Garden, Home Depot, Lowes, Target, Walmart...

Questions: Kathy Wyatt: 962-5691, [kpwscrip@gmail.com](mailto:kpwscrip@gmail.com)



# Quotable Kindergarteners



Teacher asks: "Oh, did you get a haircut?" Student replies: "No, I took a bath".

## Vacation Bible School at Holy Family



**Our 2011 VBS will be August 8-11<sup>th</sup> ~ Registration is now open!**

Step back into ancient Egypt as we follow the footsteps of Joseph from prison to palace! This exciting adventure for all children entering K4-4<sup>th</sup> grade (in fall) will include games, crafts, Bible stories and music. Open to all ~ registration form on school website. Questions? Call Gail DeFrancisco at 332-1164 ext. 3032.

### 2011 VBS Volunteers needed

Our Summer VBS program is still in need of Adult leaders as well as High School and Middle School students. We need adults or teens who are entering their junior year of high school to help co-lead games, music (already have 1 person) and crafts (already have 1 person). Materials are available for you to use. If you are interested in participating, please contact Gail DeFrancisco at 332-1164 x3032 or [gdefrancisco@strobert.org](mailto:gdefrancisco@strobert.org). We need to have the leaders established before the end of May. Thank you for your consideration - it is a lot of fun. There will be one meeting in July with the leaders.

Counselors (entering grades 7 and up) and junior counselors (entering grades 5 & 6) are also needed. Volunteer forms are available on the school website. There will be one meeting in the beginning of August.

## Community News

### Convent Camp Out

Girls, do you ever wonder what religious life is all about? Here is your chance to find answers to the questions you may have, grow closer to God – and have a great time with other girls who think like you do! **Convent Camp Out** will be held again this year on Friday, June 10 to Saturday, June 11. The School Sisters of St. Francis have invited us to stay at their international and province headquarters here in Milwaukee, the St. Joseph Center, 1501 South Layton Blvd. The camp is open to girls in grades 6, 7 and 8. More information and applications can be found at [www.HowDoIKnow.org](http://www.HowDoIKnow.org) or from Susan Kurek, 414-747-6437. This event is sponsored by the Vocation Ministers of the Milwaukee Archdiocese (VMMA).



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**TAVERN**  
Shorewood

## 4th Annual ANNIVERSARY

### Celebration!

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THANK YOU TO OUR CUSTOMERS & STAFF

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↔ May 12th thru 14th ↔

**Thursday**  
Special  
Anniversary  
Edition Trivia  
7:50pm

**Friday**  
Jazz Duo  
Lovas & Miller  
9:50pm  
no cover charge

**Saturday**  
Dueling Guitars  
Heinrich & Davis  
9:50pm  
no cover charge

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