Hawk News

May 5, 2017

We, the community of St. Thecla Catholic School, dedicate ourselves to serving God through our growth in faith, education, and love for one another as members of God’s family.
Events:

May 6th Fun Run 8-10 AM
May 7th Confirmation 3-4 PM Reception Following
May 12-13th School Play 7:00 PM
May 17th Honors Banquet Zuccaros 6:30 PM
May 18th Band Concert 2:00 PM
May 21st Piano Recital 1:30 PM
May 22nd Second Grade Field Trip Zoo
May 25th End of Year Musical 2:00 PM
May 26th-May 30th Memorial Day Break
May 30th Skating/Bowling Party
May 31st Field Day
June 1st graduation 7:00
June 2nd Last day of school dismissal 10:30
The Power of Prayer:

SPRING PRAYER
Dear God: Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth. May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too. Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.
Parent Corner:

May has traditionally been “Mary’s month.” Here’s a roundup of ideas and resources for celebrating. May brings the blossoming of fragrant spring flowers (at least here in the northern hemisphere) . . . which may be why, for centuries, May has been celebrated as Mary’s month, usually with May crowning ceremonies. But any Marian devotion or tradition is appropriate this month. Below, you’ll find just a few ideas and resources to try with your kids.

1. **Check out NG’s Mary: The Most Powerful Woman in the World**

*Woman in the World*

National Geographic magazine recently did a wonderful cover issue on Mary that is well worth checking out. Billing her “the most powerful woman in the world,” it chronicles the history of Mary and Marian apparitions respectfully and with surprising insight. It even includes a world map featuring the locations of all the documented Marian apparitions. The article includes a [YouTube clip from the](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exampleclip)
accompanied National Geographic Explorer documentary. You can find the article online at National Geographic.

2. Plan a May crowning
The practice of May crownings dates back to 1837 and Pope Gregory XVI. Since then, it has been traditional for parishes, groups, or even families to hold a ceremony in which a statue or icon of Mary is “crowned” with a wreath of flowers or an actual gold crown, usually by young girls. The ritual varies from place to place and is often improvised, but usually consists of traditional Marian hymns, the recitation of the rosary, and Marian prayers. especially the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It may occur within the context of Benediction, or even a special Mass.

The Church does offer an Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary that can serve as a model for your own home ceremony. You can find a PDF of the rite here.

- Learn more about May crownings from the University of Dayton article Coronation of Mary: Brief History of Coronation.

After your May crowning ceremony, celebrate with a few sweet treats! Check out A Marian Titles May Crowning Luncheon at Catholic Cuisine.

3. Pray the rosary
If you haven’t tried praying the rosary as a family, this might be the month to try. You might start out with the Glorious Mysteries, which include two mysteries that focus on Mary (The Assumption and the Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven). You can find tips for praying the rosary with kids in 9 Tips for Praying the Rosary with Kids; or read about one family’s adventure in Our Accidental Ten-Minute Family Rosary. If you’re looking for a basic guide, try How to Say the Rosary.
4. Work Marian prayers into your family prayer time

May is also a great month to learn some new Marian prayers—and there are enough of them to try out a new one every day! Some basic
Marian prayers that every kid should at least know about (if not memorize) include the Hail Mary; Magnificat; Hail, Holy Queen; Mary, Help of Those in Need; Regina Caeli; Memorare; and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

You can find these prayers and dozens more at the Prayers to Mary page.

5. Sing Marian hymns
How many Marian hymns do your kids know? The availability of Youtube makes it easier than ever to learn new hymns as a family. You can then work them into your family prayer time. Check out this list of traditional Roman Catholic Marian hymns on Wikipedia, then look up the hymns on Youtube.

6. Learn from (and pray with) Marian art

Mary is perhaps one of the most-painted women in the world, and those paintings offer many different perspectives on her from various times and cultures.

You can probably round up a good selection of Marian art on Google images, but for a more curated experience, check out Picturing Mary:
Woman, Mother, Idea at the National Museum of Women in the Arts. The exhibition is over, but the website is still up. You can take a virtual tour of the exhibition that includes a detailed map as well as commentary on the various paintings. Also check out the museum’s Youtube channel for the exhibition, which includes videos with extensive commentary on individual paintings.

7. Feast with Mary

The Church doesn’t call them “feast days” for nothing, and no celebration of the mother of Jesus would be complete without appropriate food. Catholic Cuisine has covered all the bases and then some; you can check out a wealth of possibilities both traditional and
new at their [May: The Month Dedicated to Mary](#) page.

8. **Plant a Mary garden**

A Mary garden is, as the name suggests, a garden planted for Mary, usually with flowers (and sometimes herbs) whose names or forms are traditionally associated with Mary. The garden will also often have
a statue of Mary as its centerpiece.

Wikipedia has this to say about the origins of Mary gardens:

*The practice originated among monasteries and convents in medieval Europe.* During the Middle Ages, people saw reminders of Mary in the flowers and herbs growing around them. *The first reference to an actual garden dedicated to Mary is from the life of St. Fiacre, Irish patron saint of gardening, who planted and tended a garden around the oratory to Our Lady he built at his famous hospice for the poor and infirm in France in the 7th Century. The first record of a flower actually named for Mary is that of “seint mary gouldes” (St. Mary’s Gold or Marygold) for the Pot Marigold or Calendula, in a 1373 English recipe for a potion to ward off the plague.*

- American Catholic’s article “Honoring Mary in Your Garden” describes the history of Mary gardens as well as some suggestions about what to plant.
- *Fish Eaters* has way more history about Mary gardens, plus an extensive chart of flowers and herbs to plant.

http://www.pbgrace.com/may-is-marys-month/
Community Events: From Father Brian

Encounter, Grow, Witness, Continues at St. Thecla

A few months ago the Archdiocese of Detroit held an historic event call Synod 16. The purpose of Synod 16 was to help our whole Archdiocese – vicariates, parishes and schools - to begin to change our "DNA" from a focus on maintenance to one of mission. As Pope Francis says, we are all called to become a band of joyful missionary disciples who lead others to Christ. Here at St. Thecla we have been working hard to realize this vision as well. To help people encounter Christ anew we have offered Alpha, Alpha for Teens, and we will be offering Alpha again in March; We are also currently offering an inspiring program on prayer called Oremus; We continue to offer the uplifting Encounter program on the last Wednesday of each month; And at our weekend Masses we have started Children’s Liturgy of the Word, the Food Collection at the Offertory, and Name Tag Sunday. Next fall we will be helping our young people to grow as disciples by introducing a program called American Heritage Girls. A fun, faith-based program that is becoming more and more popular throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Catholic Church in the United States, American Heritage Girls will work to help our girls grow in their relationship with God while learning to live their faith every day in relevant and meaningful ways. To learn more about American Heritage Girls you can visit: https://www.americanheritagegirls.org/.
New AED in the Gym

Thanks to The School Health Team, Sports Program, Booster Program and the generous donations from our families for the last jean day, we now have an AED in the gym. The AED is located next to the doorway that you walk through to get to the Parish Office. The AED in the gathering space will remain in the same location it has been. We are going to come up with a date in the near future to inservice any CYO coach that is planning on or thinking of coaching a team. This inservice will also be open to any parishioners or families that would like to learn more about the AED as well. Keep a lookout for the date!
Upcoming Events:

Come to Our Fun Run on May 6th from 8-10 AM.

St. Thecla’s 13th Annual School and Parish Family Fun Run and Year Round Advertising for your Company Well, it’s that time of year again!! The School Health Team is planning the 13th Annual St. Thecla School and Parish Family Fun Run! This year the Fun Run will be held on Saturday May 6th, 2017. Please join us for tons of fun, exercise, entertainment, raffles and prizes for kids and adults, and a nutritious breakfast (after the run, of course!) Please see the registration form attached. Also, if you own, or work for a business or a company and want some advertising for it year round, we have an answer for you. The School Health Team is offering to put your business or company name on the T-Shirts we give out at our annual Family Fun Run. For a nominal fee of just $100, you can have advertising year round when any of our many participants wear their T-shirts around town. If you are interested, please email your company’s logo you want on the shirt to shethac@comcast.net or mcmbg@gmail.com by April 22nd. If you have any questions, please call Christy Sheth at 586-246-4877 or Colleen Lueck at 586-321-8179. With today’s economy, every little bit helps! Hope to see you all at the Fun Run


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