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**Mass Schedule**

**Daily:** Saint Margaret Chapel Monday - Friday: 6:30 am and 8:30 am  
 Saturday: 8:30 am  
*Chapel is open for private prayer daily 6:30 am - 5:00 pm*

**Weekend:** Saint Margaret Church Saturday: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm  
 Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 pm  
 Saint Mary Magdalen Mission Sunday: 9:30 am and 11:00 am

**Reconciliation:** Saint Margaret Church Saturday: 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm and immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass

**Mass Intentions June 1 - June 9, 2013**

Saturday	4:00 pm	Sarah Blevins
	5:30 pm	Ann Angier
Sunday	7:30 am	Dorothy "Dolly" A. Thim Edge
	9:00 am	Paul and Josephine Guercio
	10:30 am	Annemarie Fitzpatrick
	12:00 pm	Patrick Haggerty
	9:30 am Mission	Martha E. Hogan
	11:00 am Mission	Martha E. Hogan
Monday	6:30 am	Gilly McNamara sp. int.
	8:30 am	Frank Meadowcroft
Tuesday	6:30 am	Christopher Meadowcroft
	8:30 am	Bernard Michalkiewicz
Wednesday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Betty Rigdon
Thursday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Mary Kelly Reinmann
Friday	6:30 am	Martin J. Fischer, Sr.
	8:30 am	Kathleen Cabbage
Saturday	8:30 am	Legion of Mary Auxiliary sp. int.
	4:00 pm	George Adams
	5:30 pm	Anne Marie Fitzpatrick
Sunday	7:30 am	Donald R. Esposito
	9:00 am	Thomas Kelly
	10:30 am	Amelia L. Scholtz Luce
	12:00 pm	Michael Guercio
	9:30 am Mission	Frank Meadowcroft
	11:00 am Mission	Parishioners of Saint Margaret Parish

**The Parish Office hours:** Monday through Thursday - 9:00 am to 7:30 pm  
 Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm



**Nursery Service Available**

For children up to 3 years of age, nursery service is available in the Preschool building (next to the church) during the 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses and during the 4:00 pm Mass on the first Saturday of the month. This service is available at Saint Mary Magdalen during the 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses. Trained staff will care for your children while you attend Mass. This is a free service.

**Readings for June 9, 2013**

**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Reading I:** 1 Kings 17:17-24  
**Reading II:** Galatians 1:11-19  
**Gospel:** Luke 7:11-17

**Key Passage:** As Jesus approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Luke 7:12-13

**Adult:** What might a greater sense of compassion allow you to do for someone this week?  
**Child:** When did you try to understand what another person was feeling?

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**SAINT MARGARET**  
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*Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ*

Saint Margaret Church

Bulletin for the week of June 2, 2013

Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

**Welcome to Saint Margaret**

*We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our services. We hope that you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts within the community. Your prayers, your presence and your talents are most welcome. Please introduce yourself after Mass. May God bless all of us.*

**Breaking News**

**Meet and Greet**

We invite you to stay after the 11:00 am Mass at the Mission next Sunday, June 9, and get to know your church family. Let's extend the fellowship of the Mass beyond the church into our day-to-day connections. A light lunch will be provided.



**Altar Flowers**

The flowers at the altar and in front of the Blessed Mother statue are in memory of Dorothy "Dolly" A. Thim Edge from Bill Edge and Family



*If you would like to provide altar flowers for a given weekend in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone who is celebrating a special occasion, please call the parish office.*

**Welcome**

**Abigail Naomi Angel  
 Jackson Anthony Vikestad**



who were baptized last weekend into the Saint Margaret parish community. May they continue to receive God's blessings and grace.

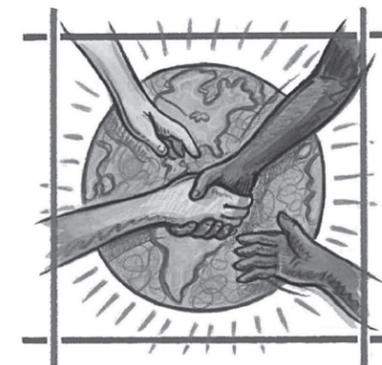
**Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand,  
 Make This World A Better Place...If You Can**

Growing up, I remember hearing Diana Ross make these words popular in one of her many hits. These same words came to mind as I was preparing my presentation to the Finance Committee recently, to review this past year's spending in Outreach and to discuss goals for the coming year. I thought that you all might be interested in knowing where some of your poor box contributions have gone. Although you have helped countless individuals this past year, I thought I would share highlights which have been memorable for me:

- We helped Josie recover the body of her 23-year-old son. He had been missing for a few weeks and then found dead across state lines in Pennsylvania. She was unable to pay for any funeral expenses so we were able to cover the cost of a simple cremation to ensure that she would have her son's remains.
- We kept Tabitha, a single mom with children, working by covering major car repairs. Because of our assistance, she was able to continue night school and avoid eviction as well.
- We assisted seven parish families struggling with health issues and mounting medical bills. This allowed them to remain in their homes.
- We have offered guidance and assistance to families with loved ones struggling with substance abuse. Thanks to Families Anonymous, as well as the four weekly AA and NA meetings on campus, over 60 families have felt our support on their road to recovery.

Know that all over Harford County I encounter individuals whom we have helped. It is humbling and inspiring to see someone beaming with pride and enthusiasm over their new position, wherever it may be. I regularly receive hugs and expressions of gratitude on your behalf. I constantly remind the people that it is not my generosity, but the generosity of Saint Margaret parishioners that they have encountered. As these individuals remain unknown to you, please allow me to extend their sincerest thanks. Just know that you may have made the greatest difference to the person sitting next to you at Mass or assisting you in a store somewhere in town. Through your hands, you are truly making this world in Harford County a better place. I am blessed and honored to share your kindness, love and generosity with those in need.

*Jane O'Hara*  
 Outreach Coordinator



*I like being Catholic...*

"Catholicism is not an exclusive club. Mother Teresa was Catholic, and so was Frank Sinatra. I like being Catholic because we don't all have to agree on everything; in fact, we can disagree on plenty, and we can come at being Catholic from all kinds of directions, yet we are all Catholics. James Joyce, no perfect Catholic himself, said it well when he described Catholicism in this way: "Here comes everybody." – Mitch Finley, author and journalist

## Ironbirds Game and Crab Feast

Please join us for our annual outing to Ripken Stadium on Sat., August 24 at 7:05 pm. All-you-can-eat steamed crabs, hot dogs, hamburgers, corn on the cob and non-alcoholic beverages for two hours or through the 7th inning, game ticket, Ironbirds cap and fireworks. We will all be seated together in the Party Pavilion down the first base side. The cost is \$43.50 per person. Price for adults and children not eating crabs is \$21.50. Please call the parish office to order your tickets for this highly requested event.

## Altar Guild Needs Volunteers!

Sadly, a few of our linen caretakers are retiring. Won't you consider taking part in this most important ministry? The Altar Guild volunteers ensure that there are always fresh linens available for every liturgy at the church and mission. We have a lot of liturgies and in any given week we might need 20 – 25 sets of linens, including corporals, purificators, altar cloths and towels. That's a lot of laundry!

Fortunately, the work is divided among three teams of four or five volunteers. This means that each team only has to prepare the linens once every three weeks. Washing and ironing the linens is a volunteer service that can be done in the comfort of your own home, making it perfect for stay-at-home parents, retirees – or anyone who enjoys the quiet satisfaction of creating clean, crisp linens.

For more information or to receive training in this valuable ministry, please contact Anne Heidenreich at [anneheid@comcast.net](mailto:anneheid@comcast.net) or 410-836-8950.

## Fortnight of Freedom

Come celebrate Mass at the Basilica on June 21, at 7:00 pm with Archbishop Lori. The Catholic bishops of the United States have called for us – as people who believe in the Constitution and the freedoms guaranteed by it – to come together to pray, study and prayerfully act in support of those freedoms, most especially the freedom of religion. For more information, go to [www.archbalt.org](http://www.archbalt.org) or [fortnightforfreedom.org](http://fortnightforfreedom.org).

## Bulletin Due Date and New Address

Information is due by 10:00 am on Monday for the following Sunday. If Monday is a holiday, items should be submitted the previous Friday. Please include name and contact information and fax to 410-879-2518 or e-mail [bulletinsaintmargaret@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinsaintmargaret@gmail.com).



## From Father Mike



Dear Friends,  
**Earlier this year, I began the practice of devoting one bulletin column a month to liturgy.** Over these

past months I have focused on various topics, e.g. the Liturgical Year and the meaning of Lent. **Today I am beginning a series of columns (probably once a month) on the Mass, starting with the Introductory Rites and working our way through to the Concluding Rites.** I hope that this will help to enhance our appreciation of the Mass.

To begin, the Mass has a structure that has been in place for centuries. It consists of four parts: the Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Concluding Rites. **Let's look at the Introductory Rites.**

**We usually begin Mass with song.** From the earliest centuries, singing has enlivened Christian worship. Indeed, singing is a form of prayer and it is valuable to understand it that way. Sometimes we can get so concerned about the tune or the notes or the sound of our voice that we miss the words. I find the words of most hymns so very beautiful. They are often poetic and really lift up our minds and touch our hearts – the essence of prayer! The hymns or songs sensitively express who God is and what our relationship with God is like. The opening hymn or Gathering Song is intended to unite all of us for the liturgy and it often introduces us to the special theme or celebration of the day.

**At the eight weekend Masses here at Saint Margaret, we always begin with a Gathering Song.** When Mass is not begun with song, as at our 6:30 am weekday Masses, we can start with a read verse called the Entrance Antiphon. This consists of just one or two sentences, is often taken from one of the psalms or some other book of the Bible, and is provided in the Ro-

man Missal. Its purpose is the same as a Gathering Song. Often the priest adapts this and includes it in his introductory remarks.

**The Gathering Song accompanies the entrance procession.** As you know, the procession includes the altar servers, the deacon, and the priest. One of the servers carries the processional crucifix, and the other two carry candles that are placed next to the altar. The crucifix focuses us from the very beginning of Mass on the crucified Christ who commissioned us to celebrate the Eucharist in his memory and whose risen life we receive in Communion. The candles speak of Christ who is our light, both in the Word of God and in his sacramental body and blood.

**In the entrance procession the deacon carries and holds high a large, decorated book.** This is the Book of the Gospels. There is a centuries-long tradition of according this Book a special reverence and treating it distinctly from the Lectionary, which contains the readings from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and the letters of the Christian Scriptures (New Testament). The lectors proclaim the Word of God from the Lectionary. The gospels, on the other hand, are the Good News of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. They are the climax of the story and work of salvation. This is why the Book of the Gospels is given such prominence in the entrance procession. The gospel is proclaimed by the deacon or priest.

**The deacon places the Book of the Gospels on the altar.** Both this Book and the altar are symbols of Christ. Placing the Book on the altar where it remains until the reading of the gospel speaks of the unity of the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist in Christ.

**I will continue these comments on the Gathering Rites in my next column on the Mass. I hope these reflections are enriching for our faith.**

*Father Mike*

## Food Pantry



*Needs*

*Lord, open my eyes to those who are hurting and in need of food.*

Remember the power of **1**  
**1 person, 1 food item, 1 Mass**

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# Parish Notes ...



## Marriage Moments

“This is my body that is for you.” (1 Cor 11:23) Christ gives his body to us in the Eucharist. Spouses give their bodies to each other in the marital act of intimacy. Cherish and honor each other’s body. Although we don’t have complete control over our health, do what is possible to keep your body healthy for your beloved. © Susan Vogt

## Western Themed Donations Needed for VBC

Our Vacation Bible Camp is in need of donations. We are looking for used items such as cowboy boots, saddles, cowboy hats, wagon wheels, lanterns, horseshoes, barrels and a horse on a stick. The items will be used during classroom lessons, games and decorating the stage. Donations can be placed in the cardboard boxes in the back of the church. Thank you for supporting the parish children. If you have any questions please contact Keri Geibler (kgeibler@stmargaret.org)



Teachers for several grade levels are still needed for this summer’s Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) as well as a registered nurse for each day that week. In addition, general volunteers are also needed! Current middle and high school students are encouraged to help with this program. Earn service hours and have a blast at the same time! Contact Keri Geibler if you are interested.



## Summer Dance

St. Francis de Sales Church  
Saturday, June 8, 2013  
7:30 – 10:30 pm  
Kilduff Hall  
Beer, wine, soda and hors d’oeuvres  
John E. Sax – DJ & Big Wheel  
\$10 per ticket



## Outreach Notes

For more information, contact Jane O’Hara at 410-838-6969/410-879-2670, ext. 143 e-mail johara@stmargaret.org.

## Relay For Life

Friday, June 7, beginning at 6:00 pm at Havre de Grace High School. If you or someone you love has been affected by cancer, come to the track at some point that evening to experience opening ceremonies, the cancer survivor lap, dedicate a luminary and walk the track. Our Emmaus peer ministry group has a team and would appreciate your sponsorship. Contact Kristin Ruppercht at 410-838-6969, ext. 166 to donate to the fight against cancer.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

We will have our final gathering of the summer on Tuesday, June 11, from 9:30-11:00 am in the Adult Education Center. Please join us in knitting or crocheting prayer shawls for the sick and homebound in our community. Novices are welcome!



We currently have a very nice selection of prayer shawls available in the Outreach office. If you know of anyone who is ill or in a hospital or nursing home and would want one, please consider giving this hand-crafted spiritual gift. A good-will donation of any amount is appreciated to help support this ministry.

## Holy Roller Trip Assateague Island

Holy Rollers are on the move again! This time it’s a trip to Assateague Island for a wonderful guided wildlife cruise and all-you-can eat-crabs, shrimp and fried chicken lunch at Hooper’s Restaurant. Details: Saturday, June 22, leaving the Mission at 8:00 am and returning around 7:30 pm – (please bring your own morning coffee and evening snacks).



Total price for bus, lunch and cruise is \$125 per person. Please contact Terry Castagnera at 410-879-6241 or castagnera@verizon.net.



This is just a note to say that Coffee and Conversation will NOT be meeting during June, July and August. We wish all a wonderful summer and look forward to getting together in September!

## Habitat for Humanity Volunteers

Saint Margaret has a build day scheduled and needs your help. On Saturday June 15 volunteers over the age of 16 can come and work on a home for a family in need. If interested please e-mail or call alyssapettus@comcast.net or 410-776-3811.

## Bag Bingo Event

To benefit the Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders Center at Johns Hopkins Dept. of Neurology. Wed., June 12 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm (games start at 5:15 pm.) Hart Heritage Estates Assisted Living, 3709 in Street, MD. Tickets are \$10 each. Please contact Kim Cooke for tickets: 410-638-6087.



## Health Ministry

An all-day educational program for the community entitled ‘Managing Parkinson’s Disease’ is scheduled for June 17th at the Chenoweth Activity Center. The \$10 program fee includes lunch. Register by June 5th. For more information call 410-838-9434 or e-mail harfordpd@comcast.net. If you are interested in information on Parkinson’s Disease, but are unable to attend the program, contact the Health Ministry Team by sending an email to saintmhealthministry@stmargaret.org.



## Substance Abuse Ministry

If you or a loved one is struggling with substance issues, please come to one of the weekly meetings on our campus.

Mondays, 7:00 pm - Families Anonymous  
Fridays, 7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous  
Saturdays, 7:30 pm - Women for Sobriety  
Sundays, 6:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous  
Sundays, 8:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous

## Corner



May the word of the Lord be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart.

So, if the "Order of the Mass" doesn't instruct the Assembly to do this, why do we?

Our nuns and CCD teachers taught us. The deacon and priest do it. Our moms and dads do it. We can't remember ever not doing it.

The ritual gesture of the faithful signing their foreheads and breasts emerged by the ninth century, with the thrice-signing coming sometime in the 11th century. However, it wasn't until the 2002 edition of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* that the practice by the faithful was specifically mentioned with instructions to the Gospel reader concerning "...making the sign of the cross with his thumb on the book and on his forehead, mouth, and breast, which everyone else does as well." (GIRM 134)

Making the Sign of the Cross, as we prepare to hear the Gospel, not only is a profession of our faith, it is a reminder to us of what that faith calls us to do – to receive the Gospel of the Lord with an open mind, to speak it faithfully and to treasure it in our hearts.

### Embracing Our Mission ~ Campaign News

Your generosity continues to bring us closer to our goal! There are significant challenges and opportunities ahead. Our 44-year-old church building needs some critically important repair, renovation and liturgical enhancement. Yellow Capital Campaign envelopes are included in your packet of envelopes each month and are also available at the doors of the church and Callahan Center. Because we have exceeded the goal assigned for the capital campaign by the Archdiocese, every gift or pledge now made can be given as a restricted donation exclusively for the Saint Margaret church project. The goal of this campaign is \$4 million. To date, we have pledges of \$3.6 million.



## Adult Faith Notes

Marie Dekowski  
410-879-2670, ext. 126  
mdewowski@stmargaret.org

### Flip Flops and Faith

Join us this summer for conversations about our faith in a welcoming and casual environment. All gatherings will be held in the Adult Education Center from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. For more information and to register, please contact Marie Dekowski.

- June 5 Spirituality: What's the Buzz?
- June 12 Who is Jesus?
- June 19 Do We Need the Spirit?
- June 26 Can I Accept God's Mercy?
- July 10 Can Mass Make My Life Meaningful?
- July 17 The Church and Me

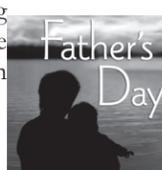


### Christian Initiation for Children

(CIC) is the equivalent of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). The CIC program is offered to children and teens ages 10 – 18 who are new in learning about the Catholic faith. These students may have been baptized in another Christian faith tradition or have the desire to be baptized Catholic. It is also for students who have been baptized Catholic and are longing for an understanding of their faith or who may be behind on receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. After completing the CIC program, the children are brought up-to-date with their sacraments and encouraged to participate in the parish's faith formation program at their appropriate age level. The CIC sessions include an overview of the basic beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church as well as sacramental preparation. Summer sessions start on June 19.

### Father's Day Cards

Spiritual bouquets are a beautiful tribute to remember and honor our fathers, living and deceased during June. Cards are available at the church, the mission and the parish office.



## Youth Ministry

Kristin Rupprecht  
Youth and Young Adult Minister  
410-879-2670, ext 166  
krupprecht@stmargaret.org

### High School Youth Ministry (HSYM) FiRE House



#### FiRE House Schedule

FiRE House is open for high school students Mondays and Thursdays after school, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Just want to chill for awhile after school? It's a great place to meet up with your friends before you go home.

#### "Faith on Fire"

Faith sharing for 11th and 12th graders. We meet each Monday at FiRE House, 5:00-6:30 pm and dinner is provided. Come join us!

#### High School Hangout Nights!

Every Tuesday, 7:00 - 9:30 pm. Come join us - movies, games, fun!

### Service Camp

Open to middle and high school students, June 17, 18 and 19, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. We will visit various local sites for service and learn about Catholic social teaching. Cost is \$45. To register, contact Kristin in the parish office. Registration deadline is June 1.

### Hersheypark Trip

Thursday, June 20. Open to everyone! Bring the family! Those not in at least 6th grade for the 2012/2013 school year must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: \$58/person (includes bus transportation and park ticket). Permission forms are available in the parish office. Call Kristin Rupprecht for more information.

### College Ministry

Social, serving others, spiritual. Looking for something to do on Wednesday nights this summer? Stay connected to your faith and your community with weekly social/service and faith sharing events! Come to our Kick-Off Event on Wednesday, June 12, 7:00-9:00 pm at FiRE House (329 Wright Street) – food, fun and fellowship!

### Summer Drop-Ins Return!

Mark your calendars. Summer Drop-Ins return in July. All middle and high school students are invited to come hang out and play games on Wednesdays in July, 1:00-2:30 pm at Saint Mary Magdalen. Dodgeball, kickball, Nerf battles, relays, and other fun! Hope to see you there!



# Education Notes ...

## Faith Formation

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**Preschool and Elementary**  
Keri Geibler, kgeibler@stmargaret.org  
**Middle and High School**  
CecCee Meholic  
cmeholic@stmargaret.org

### Register For Next Year

Faith Formation registration forms for next year are now available at [www.stmargaret.org](http://www.stmargaret.org). The deadline for reduced tuition rate is July 19.

### Volunteers Needed

Teachers for several grade levels are still needed for this summer's Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) as well as a registered nurse for each day that week. In addition, general volunteers are also needed! Current Middle and High School students are encouraged to help with this program. Earn service hours and have a blast at the same time! Contact Keri Geibler if you are interested.



### Children's Stewardship of Time

My good deed this week was:  
Read a story to my little sister. Helped my mom fold the laundry. Said bedtime prayers with my sister.  
Children's envelopes are available near the doors of the church and the Callahan Center and in the parish office.

## Saint Margaret School

Madeleine Hobik – Principal  
Elementary Campus 410-879-1113  
Middle School Campus 410-877-9660  
Principal: mhobik@smsch.org  
Assistant Principals: ashanahan@smsch.org  
and pfederowicz@smsch.org  
Admissions: cpleiss@smsch.org

- Jun 3 Dining Out, Chick-fil-A 4:00-9:00 pm Forest Hill
- Jun 5 Early dismissal; H.S.A. Teacher Luncheon
- Jun 6 Early dismissal; ES Recognition Ceremony 10:30 am in Church
- Jun 7 Early dismissal; EDC Closed; End of trimester 3  
Last day of school Mass, 8:30 am  
Honors Assembly 9:30 am in church

### News From the Admissions Office

Thanks to all of our school families who participated in our new Finder's Fee referral program by introducing your friends and

### VBC Registration Deadline

Only five days left to register for Vacation Bible Camp! The deadline is Friday, June 7. There will be no registrations accepted after this date! Registration forms are on the parish website [www.stmargaret.org](http://www.stmargaret.org) titled Vacation Bible Camp, at the church and mission and in the parish office.



### New 9th Grade Faith Formation Program Announced: Ignite!

Ignite is a four-day adventure in faith formation for incoming 9th grade students. It will be held Monday, August 5 through Thursday, August 8 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm daily and will fulfill your 9th grade faith formation requirement along with the four Large Group sessions held throughout the school year. See more details in the registration packets. Registration deadline for this program is July 1, 2013. No exceptions!



### Your Family: Loved by God

Families are a micro-cosm of the larger church. As domestic churches, they nurture spirituality when they pray, heal, teach and serve the poor as Jesus did... The church of the home, like the larger church, celebrates. They celebrate the big and little milestones in the life of the family, from welcoming the new baby to the death of a grandparent. Each family celebrates in a way that is uniquely theirs. Today's families live in busy and demanding times. Family spirituality is not something that most of them have even named. Families need to be reminded that they are church—the church of the home—and their work is holy work. They have a unique spirituality to be drawn upon but it needs to be fed and nourished. Family spirituality is the soul of the family. By Deacon Gary and Kay Aitchison, Presidents of the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements. Reprinted with permission.



### Congratulation SMS Class of 2013

Our graduating class consisted of 83 students who have enrolled in Catholic, private and public high schools. We are proud of their accomplishments! Good luck, graduates! We will miss you!



### Honors Assembly and Closing Mass

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend our last school day Honors Assembly and closing Mass. Mass begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Honors Assembly. Grade 5 recipients of the Presidential Awards for Educational Excellence and Educational Achievement, among others, will be recognized. Hopefully, we will finish by 11:00 am. Students will return to their classrooms after the assembly to get their report cards and then be dismissed. Please note that pick-up may be hectic due to the increased number of students on campus. Please follow normal parking and pick-up routines.