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Saint of the Month

April 29 is the Feast Day of St. Catherine of Siena. Catherine was born in Italy in 1347. She was the youngest child in a very large family and began having mystical experiences when she was just six years old. At 16, she became a Dominican tertiary. Catherine is considered to be one of the most brilliant theological minds of the Catholic Church, and in 1970, Pope Paul VI named her a doctor of the Church. She died in 1380 of a mysterious illness, and her body was found incorrupt in 1430. St. Catherine is the patron of firefighters.

Early Bird Registration to Begin Soon

Early bird registration for religious education for the 2009-2010 school year will begin no later than May 1.

Final tuition amounts have not been decided. Please plan though on early bird tuition being no less than \$110 for one child, \$175 for two children, and \$225 for three or more children.

In order to qualify for early bird registration, tuition for 2008-2009 must be paid in full, and all required stewardship hours must be com-

pleted and turned in to the Faith Formation office.

Your initial early bird tuition payment must be at least 50% of the total due. You may pay the remainder of the balance in installments.

Early bird registration will end on June 15. At that time, fees will increase. Please plan on regular tuition rates being no less than \$115 for one child, \$185 for two children, and \$240 for



three or more children.

Please be sure to turn in stewardship forms for 2008-2009. At this time, we have not received very many forms in our office.

Upcoming stewardship opportunities include the high school graduation dinner and VBS.

We also send out e-mail updates as other stewardship opportunities arise.

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Dates to Remember

- 4/1—Early Bird Registration begins
- 4/3—Easter flower donations due
- 4/5—Palm Sunday
- 4/6—First Communion Banner Night
- 4/18 & 4/19—Peer Ministry Retreat
- 4/23—First Communion practice
- 4/25—First Communion celebrations

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It's Time for First Communion

First Communion celebrations are fast approaching. St. Susanna students will celebrate this sacrament on Saturday, April 25.

Students and parents are expected to attend Banner Night on Monday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m.

At this event students will create banners to be dis-

played in the church during the celebration. Students will also learn a special song and participate in other activities to highlight the importance of this sacrament.

Practices for First Communion will be held on Thursday, April 23 at 5:30

p.m., 6:15 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.



Order forms for First Communion portraits will be available soon. Wilbur Tague Photography will be taking individual portraits before each Mass as well as a group shot after Mass.

Honor Loved Ones with Flowers

We are currently accepting contributions for the Easter flower fund. If you would like to donate in honor of or in memory of loved ones, please fill out the form (available in the Faith Formation office or at

www.saintsusanna.com) and return it with a minimum \$5 donation.

The names of those being honored or remembered will appear in the bulletin for Easter.

We must receive all



HS Plans Retreat, Graduation Dinner

All high school students are invited to attend the Peer Ministry Retreat on April 18 & 19 at Jameson Camp.



Students will meet at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 18, and the retreat will end at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 19.

This retreat offers a chance for students to get away from the pressures of life

and to deepen their relationship with God and others.

Cost for the event is \$45.

Please e-mail Mrs. Bedel at bedelym@yahoo.com to reserve your spot by Thursday, March 26.

We will also honor all high school seniors at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 9. A



special dinner for graduates and their families will follow the Mass.

If you are still in need of stewardship hours, we will be looking for volunteers to make food for the dinner as well as volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up.

Please call the office at 838-7722 if you are able to help with this event.

For More Information, Dial...

In an effort to make it easier for you to get your questions answered, here is a quick recap of our office structure.

Mrs. Crouse is in charge of RCIA and adult education opportunities. She also coordinates the Virtus pro-

gram for our parish.

Mrs. Gaughan-Kelly is in charge of religious education for students in PreK through grade 8. She is responsible for First Reconciliation and First Communion as well as youth minis-

try for middle school.

Mrs. Bedel is in charge of religious education and youth ministry for grades 9—12 as well as Confirmation.



Note Times for Penance Service, Holy Week

Mark your calendars for these important dates through Lent and Easter.

Our parish penance service is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 after the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Holy Thursday Mass will be held on April 9 at 7:00 p.m., Good Friday services are at 2:00 p.m. on April 10, and Easter Vigil begins at sundown on April 11. Masses on Easter Sunday will be

held at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.



Sacramental Prep Changes Planned

At the urging of Father Kevin, we have been evaluating the process of sacramental preparation for our students. Along with Father Kevin, we feel very strongly that one year of prep is inadequate.

We want to emphasize the importance of living a sacramental life and conveying the message that the sacraments are to be lived each day.

With that in mind, we are going to change our sacramental prep to a two-year program that will begin with the 2010-2011 school year.

If your child is finishing kindergarten this year, he or she will be receiving First Communion in 2011. This means he or she must be enrolled in the 1st grade religious education program or school for 2009-2010.

If your child is completing 8th grade this year, he or she will be confirmed in 2011. This means he or she must be enrolled in the 9th grade religious education program or a Catholic high school for 2009-2010.

Please help us spread the word to other St. Susanna families about this policy change.

It's Time for Very Big Summer Fun

Mark your calendars now for this year's Vacation Bible School. *God's Big Backyard* will be held June 15—19 here at St. Susanna parish.

We are currently looking for volunteers to serve as sta-

tion leaders for crafts, games, and snacks.

We will begin looking for crew leaders at a later date. Once again, Kelly Parker will be directing our volunteers.



If you would like to volunteer as a station leader, please call us at 838-7722.

Watch the bulletin for additional information!

Rite of Sending Planned for Confirmation

The Rite of Sending for our confirmation candidates will be held at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 26.

A breakfast reception for

candidates, parents and sponsors will follow Mass.

Additional details regarding the confirmation ceremony on



May 3 at Lucas Oil Stadium in downtown Indianapolis will be provided at that time.

Please contact Mrs. Bedel with questions.