

FAMILY BULLETIN

Calendar

April 30: First Holy Communion, 11:00 AM, Church

May 1: May Crowning, 11:00 AM, Church

May 2: Safe Environment Training, 6:30 PM

May 4: School Mass, 8:15 AM, Church, 4th Grade Leaders

May 5: Calling All Fifth Graders Field Trip

May 6: Home & School Dress Down Day

May 6: First Grade Praise Rally, 8:20 AM, Church

May 6: SBS Talent Show, 1:15 PM, Church

May 7: Kentucky Derby Mother/Daughter Tea & Fashion Show, 10:00 AM, Cafeteria

May 11: School Mass CANCELLED

May 13: Cub Scout Pack Meeting

May 15: SBS Family Mass, 11:00 AM, Church

May 15: Summer at Benilde Registration Day, 12:00 PM



Oh Mary We Crown Thee

Can you believe that we are to May? As the school year enters its final month, it is time to continue some proud school traditions. First, this Saturday at 11:00 AM, our Second Grade students will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion with their peers from the St. Benilde Parish CCD program. We are very proud of them. Then on Sunday - May 1 - we invite all of our families to join us for May Crowning at the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Benilde Church. During Mass, those who just received First Holy Communion will lead a procession of children in Church, bringing flowers for Mary. All children of the school are invited to participate in this procession and bring flowers to be placed before Mary in honor of her special roll in Salvation History as the Mother of God. As an added bonus, the school's choir will lead the congregation in song. We hope to see you there!

The Kentucky Derby Mother/Daughter Tea & Fashion Show

Before the big race, the Home & School Association is sponsoring a Kentucky-Derby style tea and fashion show for their semi-



annual mother/daughter event. To help prepare for the event, we are giving a Dress Down Day on Friday May 6. Bring in deserts and pastries such as mini cakes, petit fours, assorted mini chocolates, tarts, eclairs, cannoli mini muffins and bakery items for the Kentucky Derby Mother/Daughter event and get a dress down day.

Welcome Mrs. Mary Munoz!

Earlier this school year, we announced that Mrs. Mary Munoz has been appointed as the **Director of Early Childhood Formation**. Since that announcement, Mrs. Munoz has been working with our early childhood staff as a consultant on a part time basis. Starting this past week on Monday April 25, Mrs. Munoz assumed full time responsibilities as the Director Early Childhood Formation. Prior to working for SBS, Mrs. Munoz worked as the Assessment Coordinator/Environmental Rating Scale (ERS) Anchor for the State of Louisiana Quality Star Program through the Tulane University Medical Center. Mrs. Munoz has over twenty-five years experience in Early Childhood as a teacher, director, site manager, consultant, and assessor of early childhood programs in Louisiana. She has a B.A. in Sociology with a minor in Early Childhood Education from the University of Louisiana in Lafayette and Tulane University. As the Director of Early Childhood Formation, Mrs. Munoz will be the primary supervisor and administrator of our formation programs for children from nursery through Prekindergarten 4. Families can contact Mrs. Munoz at mmunoz@stbenilde.com.

Becoming a Catholic School for the 21st Century

In the Catholic Church, schools are not meant to merely *educate* children. They are meant for **formation** of children. In secular schools, the common buzz word is “whole child education.” But what secular schools - both public and private - mean by “whole child education” falls well short of what the Catholic Church understands as formation.

In Catholic schools, children are meant to be formed in four ways:

- ♦ **Spiritual Formation:** To help each child have a personal experience of and develop an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.
- ♦ **Intellectual Formation:** To help each child develop the ability to think, reason, and understand the world according to their unique styles and abilities so that they can become contributing members to society as adults.
- ♦ **Human Formation:** To help each child build character, acquire virtues, and adhere to moral principles and values in all of their actions.
- ♦ **Apostolic Formation:** To help each child learn how to serve the needs of the Church and humanity, especially the needs of those who are poor and vulnerable.

St. Benilde School has focused our efforts at school improvement around these four pillars of formation. Over the next month, we will detail who we are doing in each of these areas and what we have planned for next school year!