



Anima Mariae

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Sisters of Mary Immaculate Queen

Dear Friends,

The Easter Alleluias were so much more heartfelt and joyful this year for having been rather in the catacombs last year. The Holy Mass and the Divine Office continue the refrain as the approaching close of the school year brings a renewed reason for rejoicing.

The last month of school at St. Michael's Academy is replete with activities of various sorts. This year the National Honor Society sponsored weekly events for the students of the entire school, among them a Spelling Bee for Scholarship, and a clean-up-the-grounds day for Service. Grades five through eight had their third annual Latin Day: a morning of academic activities complete with togas and other Roman costumes, and an afternoon of gladiator battles and a mini-Olympics, as well as some practice in Gregorian chant. The school "May Day" was observed on the feast of Mary Help of Christians. It began with Holy Mass during

which the high school girls sang hymns to Mary. After Mass, since rain precluded the usual procession to the Lourdes grotto, the students prayed the Little Crown in chapel, with two students from each grade level presenting flowers to Our Lady at the twelve invocations. The crowning closed the ceremonies in church, after which a special picnic lunch was served. By that time, the rain had stopped, and we were able to go outdoors



Our annual procession in honor of Mary Immaculate Queen to show our gratitude for her protection.

for a series of races and activities. The students were divided by color groups, which contained kindergarten through 12th grade students. It was heart-warming to watch the high school students coach the little ones through the various activities

Field trips were less easy to arrange this year. The grade school students got a charge out of a visit from an amateur scientist who brought several machines he had constructed to demonstrate various aspects of electrical current and static electricity. And there was nothing to stop the kindergarten and first grade classes from visiting the novitiate farm, to see the newest additions.

A new calf born around Easter time quickly earned for herself the name Atty, which, yes, has something to do with her attitude. Although she is extremely cute, she is

NOT a very docile novice. She will allow herself to be on the lead rope if she can walk next to you, or if she is following mom, but just try to get in front and lead her where *you* want her to go and the little hooves dig into the ground for all they are worth.

One of the hens hatched several chicks, while a couple dozen more hatched in the incubator during Easter week. The incubator then went to the fourth grade classroom with another batch of eggs. The children were able to observe while some of them



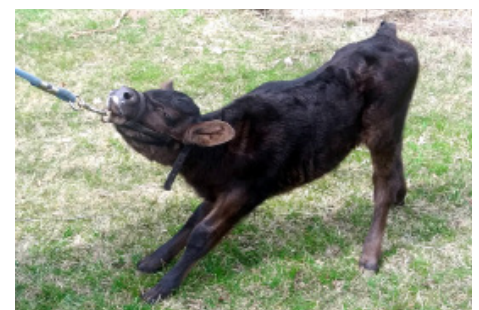
Mr. Welburn, a local amateur physicist, wows the students with the power of static electricity.



All dressed up in togas, the students of grades 5-8 of St. Michael's Academy play Latin Jeopardy.



Sr. Michael Marie and Sr. Madeleine Marie tour one of Idaho's silver mines with the 7th grade.



Atty demonstrates just how she got her name. Twenty minutes later — no change, no fatigue.



The New England Sisters visit the beautiful LaSalette shrine in Enfield, NH.



Sr. Mary Evangeline use the skills learned in a cake decorating class to make a First Communion treat.



A home visit to prepare for Confirmation was a necessity that the Sisters at the City of Mary didn't hesitate to assist.



Four Sisters traveled to California to assist two parishes with the liturgical chants of Holy Week.



The young ones participating in the children's retreat at the City of Mary (Idaho) pray concluding prayers after the Stations of the Cross.



While sharing a "Last Supper" experience with students in Middleville, Michigan, during Holy Week, Sr. Mary Teresita explains how the paschal lamb prefigured Christ.



Sisters and parishioners worked together to make the Corpus Christi procession of Most Holy Rosary Church in Middleville its most beautiful one yet.



Sr. Mary Loretta leads the First Communicants as they strew flower petals before the Blessed Sacrament, while the other Sisters form the choir.



Sr. Marie Janae flew down to Utah to assist at the baptism of an entire family whose catechumen instructions she had been giving via Zoom.



Sr. Louise Marie directs the First Communion class as they present flowers to Our Lady on Mother's Day.



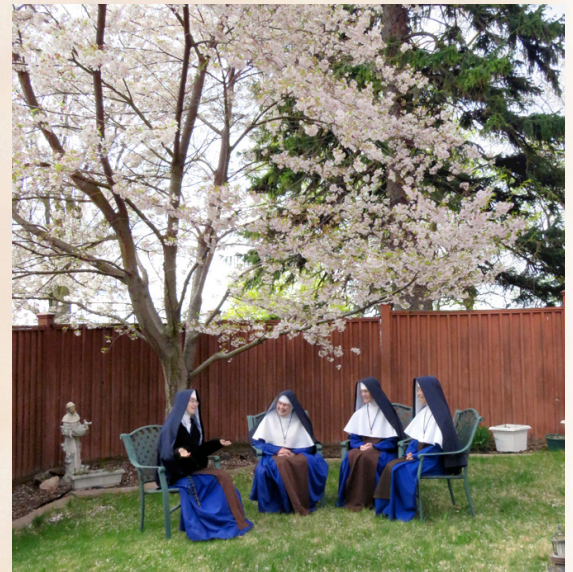
Rev. Mother Mary Agnes, principal of St. Michael's Grade School, applauds the nine kindergarten graduates for their accomplishment.



Every day during Lent, Sr. Mary Petra, Tacoma, WA, discusses Catholic symbolism with her students.



Sr. Maria Goretti enjoys the simplicity of the last month of her quiet cloistered year.



Enjoying a beautiful spring day, Sr. Madeleine Marie shares a story under the ornamental plum tree.

Our Apostolate of Prayer

Are you or someone you love in need of special prayers? Send your intentions to the Sisters to be remembered in our daily prayers, Masses and good works.



At the end of our Queenship procession, after the statue is returned to its place in the dining room, the Sisters kneel and chant the Litany of Loreto.

hatched. This made close to fifty chicks to add to the poultry population. The wild turkeys are about in abundance, but so far we have not domesticated any, nor added them to the freezer. An itinerant mountain lion seemed to have left a good number of feathers about though.

Besides the end of the school year, the month of May has to be a favorite for our Sisters because of the special devotions in honor of Our Blessed Mother. At this time, we prepare for our annual renewal of Our Total Consecration to the Blessed Virgin on the Feast of the Queenship. In addition, we recite the Little Crown of the Blessed Virgin, and take turns crowning the statue of Our Lady of Fatima each day.

This year we also decorated the doors of various rooms in the convent in honor of Our Lady under her many titles, or along the lines of a theme from the "Praises of Mary."

We have much for which to thank Our Lady always, but in particular, our convent made some promises to her in return for her protection during the past year. Although a few of us came down with the dreaded covid-19, the percentage was small and everyone recovered. The restrictions imposed by the state have been a nuisance, but have been a means of offering many sacrifices. We have been spared the ravages of riots and protests.

And so the Sisters have offered to Our Lady each month an all-

Sisters' Summer Support



The Sisters have no income from tuition during the summer while our schools are closed.

As this is our main means of support, please consider sending a donation to help us with our needs over the next few months.

Thank you for your charity!

Calendar

July	1-2	Workshops for teaching Sisters
	9	Sr. Maria Goretti's feastday
	12	Sr. Mary Veronica's feastday
	20-21	Continue workshops for teaching Sisters
	25-30	Camp St. Philomena (see CMRI.org for details)
August	9	Sr. Marie Vianney's feastday
	11	Sr. Philomena Marie's feastday
	11-16	Ladies' Retreat at Mount St. Michael
	15	Feast of the Assumption BVM
	18	Sr. Helen Marie's feastday
	22	Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
	28	Sr. Augustine Marie's feastday
	30	Sr. Rosalyn Marie's feastday
Sept.	12	Sr. Marianna's feastday
	15	Sr. Maria Dolorosa's feastday
	16	Sr. Mary Andrea's feastday
	17	Sr. Sophia Marie's feastday
	29	Feast of St. Michael: Titular feast of St. Michael's Convent
		Sr. Michael Marie's feastday

night vigil preceding one of her feasts. We began last May the practice of a yearly procession carrying the statue of Mary Immaculate Queen on the feast of her Queenship. Lastly, we have completed the first stage of having a more beautiful shrine for her statue in our convent. Actually, the intent was not that it be done in stages, but after the new shrine was installed, we decided to enhance it even more, so the work of love and gratitude goes on.

Join us in praising and thanking our incomparable Mother Mary, and following her footsteps as she leads us to her Son.

Put First Things First...

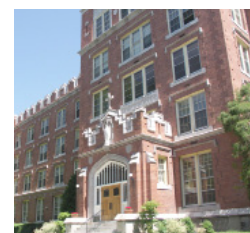
St. Michael's Academy — Girls' Boarding 2021-2022

It is not easy today for young traditional Catholics to persevere in the Faith after high school and college.

And girls who attend a traditional Catholic high school staffed by priests and nuns are certainly more equipped to face the dangers to their souls they will face out in the world.

With eternity in the balance, a solid Catholic education is worth almost any sacrifice.

So isn't it time to put first things first?



Boarding confirmation deadline:
July 31, 2021



*** Boarding for the 2021-2022 school year is contingent upon sufficient interest.**

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