

# NEWSNOTE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Happy Wednesday!

Thank you to everybody who attended our Ready Set Read/Battle of the Books event this past Thursday evening. It was a lot of fun for our students. Congratulations to all of the winners.

This Thursday evening is our sports banquet. I hope to see all of our talented athletes there. Our teams have had fabulous seasons and I know I speak for all of SME when I say that we couldn’t be prouder of all of your accomplishments.

Please remember to join us for Living Stations this Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 and 7:00.

God's Peace and Love,  
Mrs. Kwitowski



Your commitment fee now includes supplies with the exception of Middle School calculators, headphones & other technology needs!

Do you know someone who is interested in joining our family? Registration packets are available in the school office!

Transportation requests are due to Public School Districts on April 1. Parents of Catholic school students must request transportation services directly from the public school district in which they live. The deadline for submitting written requests for transportation is April 1, 2018 for the 2018-2019 school year. Failure to submit a request by this deadline might lead to the suspension of bus privileges for those families. Chris Riso, Assistant Superintendent of Government Services and Special Projects for the Diocese is urging parents of the necessity of meeting this deadline. Since April 1st falls during Easter Break, please submit requests no later than March 27th.



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 3/21 - Report Cards Uploaded to Portal after school
- 3/23 - Living Stations 1 & 7 pm, Church
- 3/25 - Pancake Breakfast 8:30-12:00 Parish Center
- 3/29 - Holy Thursday, No School
- 3/30 - Good Friday, No School
- 4/1 - Easter Sunday
- 4/2 - 4/6 - No School
- 4/9 - School Resumes
- 4/11 - 4/13- NYS Testing ELA Gr. 4 & 8
- 4/13 - Christian Witness Mass (March), 8:30
- 4/24-27 - Spring BOGO Book Fair
- 4/25 - Parent Night / Open House 6-8:00pm



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### FUNDRAISERS BY THE NUMBERS

#### SCRIP:

From Mar 12 – Mar 18, 2018, the Scrip rebate profit earned for the school was \$153.26.

Monthly Scrip Sales Goal	Monthly Scrip Profit Goal
\$30,000.00	\$1,500.00
March Sales-to-Date	March Profit-to-Date
\$7,329.00	\$380.07

Easter is almost here and we have gift cards in stock for all of your needs: Tops, Federal Meats & Crusciki Bakery for your Easter feast; Fowler’s & Dark Forest Chocolate Makers to help fill your baskets and Kohl’s & Target to help you look your best!

#### CANDY BAR SALE:

We sold 931 boxes of Chocolate...  
553 Gertrude Hawk  
221 Niagara Chocolates  
157 Fowlers Chocolates

To date we have collected \$45,600

**We still have  
\$780 OUTSTANDING**

Our sale has ended.

Please remit your payment today!

#### Mega Raffle:

Tickets Sold to date: **268**

Tickets Remaining: **382**

*Did you get yours?!*

The past two years we’ve sold out before the event!

## TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Per the directive of the Diocesan auditors, we are no longer able to supply families with our Tax Identification Number. The recommendation for any family requesting this information is to indicate "Religious Exemption" in the area where the Tax Identification Number would be placed. The practice of sharing this information has ended since 2017 and we have not had any issues with regards to this change in procedure. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy DiBerardino: Administrative Assistant (ndiberardino@buffalodiocese.org 716-847-5504).

## HSA

Thank you to the families that came out to celebrate in our St. Joseph’s Table. It was wonderful to see you there!

If you have not yet done so, please pick up your Gertrude Hawk order in the school office.



Please join us at our next Pancake Breakfast, this Sunday, March 25<sup>rd</sup>, between 8:30-12:00 in the Parish Center. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family of four or more!

## SCRIP

Toys R Us has officially filed to liquidate and close all US stores. A spokesperson for Toys R Us stated on March 15, 2018 that they will accept gift cards for the next 30 days. We have 5 - \$25 cards in stock. If you are interested in purchasing them and using them for Easter gifts, spring/summer gear, etc, please submit your order as soon as possible! If you have any remaining Toys R Us gift cards or ScripNow we suggest you use them immediately while they can still be redeemed. **We cannot accept returns.**





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LIVING..."

## READY SET READ

Thanks to everyone who came to our event! The SET committee is so proud of all the reading SME students did during the Reading Challenge -SME students read for over 215 hours! Included in the electronic version of our NewsNote are the results for the Pre-K & Grade K-3 challenges.

## BENEFIT

If you are interested in donating a basket for the benefit to be held on April 29th for the Lipiarz Family; there is a drop off at St. Mary's High School on Saturday, March 24th, from 10:00am - 12:00pm. A flyer with more information on the benefit is going home today.

## BISON FUND

Giving Parents a Choice.  
Giving Children a Chance.

Current families will be e-mailed a link to complete the requalification process starting on February 15, 2018. The families will log into the scholarship database and upload their financial information. As a reminder the deadline for that paperwork is April 13, 2018.



## 8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

Our 8th Grade Class of 2018 is holding a Chiavetta's dinner on Friday April 13th from 3:00-7:00 here at school.

Tickets are available for \$10 pre-sale or \$12 day of. To purchase tickets please email Mrs. Kasinski at jbkasinski@cavtel.net or Mrs. Morrella.

As part of their 8th grade service project, they have also integrated a donation to the Buffalo City Mission.

Want to pay it forward and help those in our community? Buy one for you and one for donation!

Want to support but can't commit to picking your dinner up that night? You can choose to have it donated! That evening a volunteer will load up the hot meals and drive them to the Mission to be served for dinner.

Thank you for your support of our graduating class!

## SPORTS REPORT

The Winter sports banquet is tomorrow night for all basketball teams! The banquet will be held in the Parish Center at 6:00 p.m.. The banquet program will start promptly at 6:15. Inter-state photography will be taking team photos for the yearbook. Your child will wear their basketball jersey to the banquet over another shirt as they will be turning in their basketball uniform that evening.

It is very much appreciated that you bring the following item below to the banquet:

### Girl's basketball teams:

3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th - Desserts

7th & 8th - three 2-liters of cold pop

### Boy's basketball teams:

3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th - Salads/side dishes (hot or cold)

7th - Fruit

8th- Case of water

Attention to all Spring sport teams: Your child's coach will contact you at their earliest convenience. Thank you for your patience in waiting to hear from him/her! Additionally, today your child had their team photo taken this morning by Inter-state photography for the yearbook. A uniform was given to your child today! Please keep this uniform in a safe place until your season begins! Thank you for your cooperation with this request.

Julie Wipperman, Athletic Coordinator  
athletics@smeschool.com  
716-683-2112 ext. 313



## CANDY BAR SALE

Last week prizes were sent home to any/all students with a closed account. Please direct any questions to candybarsale@smeschool.com.

We have the following prizes in the works:

May/ June ~ 4 eligible students and 4 friends will enjoy a Slip & Slide

May / June ~ 3 eligible students and 3 friends will enjoy a trip to Losson Park

4/28/2018 ~ 2 eligible students and 2 friends will enjoy a limo and lunch to TGI Fridays.

12 of our students enjoyed sledding, s'mores, cider, hot chocolate and snow cones this past Wednesday. That was just the start of the fun! They also found time to make snow angels, make a snow ramp to add more fun to the sledding and even made a snowman on a sled for teachers to enjoy, as they left & entered the building. Many thanks to Mrs. Demarzio and Mrs. Regina who donated their time to help make things go smoothly.

43 students received coupons for a Karaoke Party based on the number of chocolate candy bars sold. Those students are able to sign up alone or with a maximum of four friends during lunch for a day to sing a song after morning announcements. Signups will close at the end of the month! Students should bring the music for their song to the office for approval prior to rehearsing. If your song is not approved, you will need to choose a different song.

Information about the Movie Day, Glow Party, Slip & Slide, Losson Park Trip, as well as Limo & Lunch parties will be coming out soon.

**All candy bar accounts are now past due.  
Please send in your payment today!**

Thank you very much for all of your support.  
*The Chocolate Candy Bar Team*

## PARISH DIRECTORY

To celebrate our St. Mary's parish family, St. Mary's Elementary School families are invited to be a part of our upcoming new directory. The directory is being provided to our parish at no cost, and every family photographed will receive a complimentary copy, as well as an 8 x 10 portrait. You can sign up for a photo session:

- online at [www.stmarysonthehill.com](http://www.stmarysonthehill.com) or  
- by calling 1-866-756-0281.

Families are being photographed in the Parish Center on Wednesday, March 21; Monday, March 26; Tuesday, March 27, and Wednesday, March 28. Each session will take about one hour, during which time you will check in, be photographed, and view your portraits.

In addition to your complimentary 8 x 10, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the day of your photo session. Price lists will be made available for those who would like them ahead of time.

For each family who brings a non-perishable food item for donation to a local food pantry, St. Mary's Parish will receive \$5.

Thanks to those who have already signed up!

## MEGA RAFFLE

The Mega Raffle fundraiser is critical to keeping the tuition costs down for our SME families. So far, **90** of the tickets have been sold or purchased by school families – thank you for your support!! Every ticket sold gets us closer to our goal and makes sure we have a successful drive! Thank you again for all of your continued support on this important fundraiser.



*Prize winners will be announced at  
The live drawing on Friday, June 1st  
at 6:30 in the Parish Center.*

If you are interested in helping out please contact Mary Kate DeMarzio at  
megaraffle@smeschool.com or 510-1409.

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We are in need of a parent (or two) to coordinate the submission of our box tops. Our current coordinator, Ms. Kathy Paradis, has an 8th grade student this year and is willing to advise anyone interested in taking over this easy & rewarding fundraiser. How rewarding? In her time as coordinator we have raised just under \$18,000 by submitting those tiny tickets! Amazing! Please tell your friends, family & neighbors that your child is collecting and send those in! A collection bin is always located in the school office. The next submission date is Nov. 1st but she is looking to walk you through the process for a June submission. Please contact the office if you are interested in this position. Thank you for your anticipated support!

## STAY IN THE KNOW

**Save the Date:** 3/22 Winter Sports Banquet, 6-9:00 pm

**Save the Date:** 4/9 Lenten Collection Boxes Due

**Save the Date:** 4/15 Mission Possible Round 2 Ends

**Save the Date:** 4/19 Autism Awareness Dress Down \$1 - Tie Dye

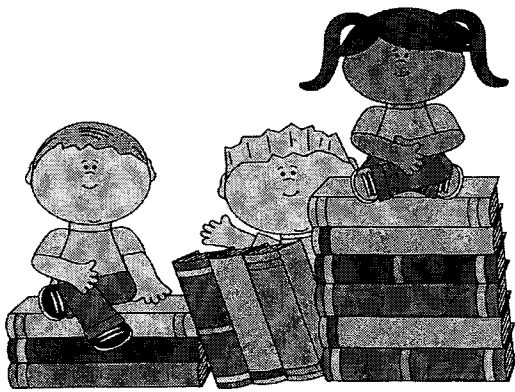
**Save the Date:** 4/29 Benefit for the Lipiarz Family @ SMHS

# The Book Swap

The book swap is back! A few times throughout the year, Mrs. Wojcik and Mrs. Gasiiecki will host a book swap for students in **grades K-5**. Students can bring gently used books from home they are finished with to "swap" for new books. We hope to encourage reading at home, without costing families any money!

## How it works:

- This will be a two day process. Day 1: students bring in their books and get a ticket for each book they turn in. Day 2: students exchange each ticket for one book.



Books must be grade level appropriate!

**K-1:** books with pictures & simple words

**2-5:** at least one book must be a grade appropriate chapter book

- Notifications of the dates will be posted in the newsletter.
- Grades 2+ will have to show responsibility by keeping track of their tickets. We will track grades K and 1.
- Students may "swap" up to 3 books. Books need to be "like new" condition, but not brand new. Books with torn or missing pages will not be accepted.
- We kindly ask parents not to come to help your children pick out books, as we want them to make their own choices (we will monitor this, of course ☺).

Our book swap will start on **Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

We hope you will encourage your students to participate!

If you have any questions, please email us at: [wojcikk@smeschool.com](mailto:wojcikk@smeschool.com) or [gasiieckih@smeschool.com](mailto:gasiieckih@smeschool.com)

*Mrs. Wojcik & Mrs. Gasiiecki*

# Friendship Bracelet Making Club

## Learn the ancient art of Kumihimo

Students will Get:

- A Kumihimo Disk for future creations (figure 1)
- Enough satin rattail to create a basic 8 strand bracelet (figure2)
- Enough satin rattail to start and complete (if time permits) a 12 strand spiral bracelet (figure3)

The cost for supplies is: **\$10** per student

Deadline for registry is Tues. March 27<sup>th</sup>

10 person class maximum. first come first serve basis.

Eligible to students in grades: 4 - 8

Where: Mrs. Brinkworth's classroom.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays after school from 2:20 - 3:15 starting April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Dates: Tuesdays 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, & 5/15

If interested submit the permission slip below and payment to school as soon as possible.

Please send cash or make any checks payable to: St. Mary's Elementary School

God bless.

Mrs. Brinkworth

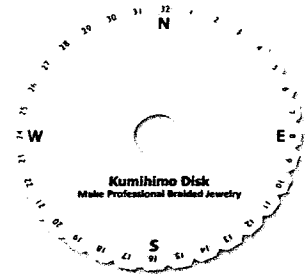


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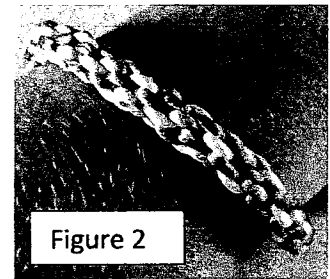


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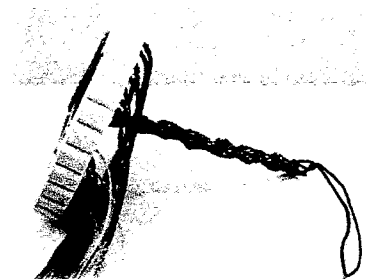
Figure 3

## Friendship Bracelet Making Club - Permission Slip

My child \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_ has permission to attend the Bracelet Making club. I will provide transportation at 3:15 on the dates of the class (4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, & 5/15)

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(parent signature)



JK



# BENEFIT & AUCTION

Tickets \$25, Kids 10 and under \$5

50/50 Raffle   Baskets   Auction Items   Kids Activities   Food & Drinks   Live Music by FLIPSIDE



Bob Lipiarz

Bob was diagnosed with multiple myeloma cancer in the summer of 2017. The Lipiarz Family, Jennifer, his wife along with daughters Jennamae & Hope need support and love during this difficult time. Bob recently underwent a bone marrow transplant. He will require life-long treatments. They continue to face medical challenges with their daughter Hope who requires a feeding tube. While the Lipiarz family has maintained the strength to persevere, Bob and his family have endured considerable medical, emotional and financial burdens. This day is focused on raising awareness and financial support for the Lipiarz Family!

Bob is a good Christian family man with a long public service career as a corrections officer for New York State. Jennifer continues to work at ECMC as a registered nurse and both she and Bob continue to volunteer for school functions. All proceeds from the benefit will be given to Bob and his family to help them manage through these hard times.

## DONATE

Please make checks payable and mail directly to:

Jennifer Lipiarz

52 Avian Way, Lancaster, NY 14086



Join us for a day of support,  
love and fun for

**BOB**

DONATE and request tickets at [www.helpoutBOB.com](http://www.helpoutBOB.com)



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Sun, Apr 29th 1-5pm

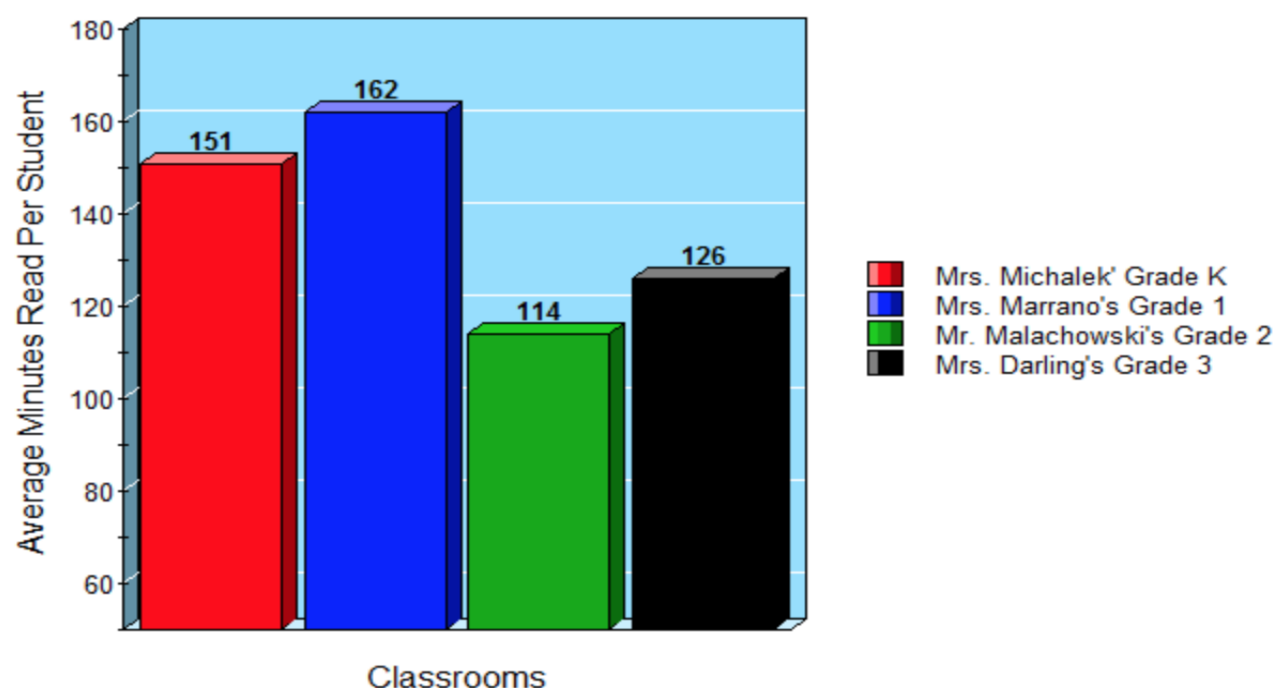
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# Ready SET Read & Battle of the Books 2018



### K-3 Reading Results

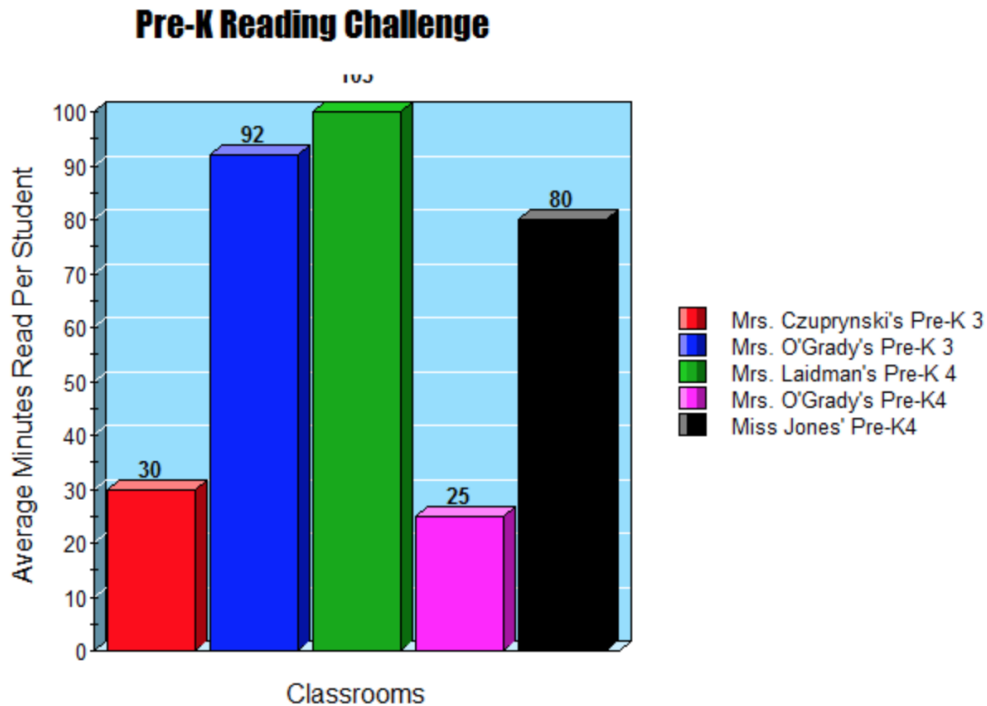


### Final Results

(1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> will get prize buckets)

Class	Average Minutes Read	Place
Mrs. Marrano's 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	162 minutes per student	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Mrs. Michalek's Kindergarten	151 minutes per student	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Mrs. Darling's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	126 minutes per student	3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Mr. Malachowski's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	114 minutes per student	4 <sup>th</sup> place

## Ready SET Read 2018 ~ Pre-K Challenge Results



### Final Results (1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd will get prize buckets)

Class	Average Minutes Read	Place
Mrs. Laidman's Pre-K4	103 minutes per student	1 <sup>st</sup> place
Mrs. O'Grady's Pre-K3	92 minutes per student	2nd place
Miss Jones' Pre-K4	80 minutes per student	3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Mrs. Czuprynski's Pre-K3	30 minutes per student	4 <sup>th</sup> place
Mrs. O'Grady's Pre-K4	25 minutes per student	5 <sup>th</sup> Place





### **Faith Focus**

This week's family connection activity is based on the Gospel reading for **Sunday, March 25th**.

Peace,  
Mrs. Hoag

### **Gospel Reading**

**Mark 14: 1-15:47 (shorter version Mark 15:1-39)**

*Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, "This man was the Son of God."*

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### **Family Connection**

*\*From Loyola Press*

Palm Sunday, *also called Passion Sunday*, marks the beginning of Holy Week. During this week, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerfully reflecting on the events of Jesus' passion and death. During this week, your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place as reminder of the salvation that Christ won for us. This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the passion narrative, it is difficult for children to remain attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can make it a tradition to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as its focal point. The passion as found in Mark's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

<b>Sunday:</b>	Mark 11:1-10 (Gospel at the Procession with Palms)
<b>Monday:</b>	Mark 14:1-11
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Mark 14:12-26
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Mark 14: 27-52
<b>Thursday:</b>	Mark 14: 53-72
<b>Friday:</b>	Mark 15: 1-41
<b>Saturday:</b>	Mark 15: 42-47

After reading from the Gospel each night, the family might reflect on the reading together. ***Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer or by singing an appropriate hymn such as "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" or "What Wondrous Love is This."***