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**Character Education Quote of the Week:**  
"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world  
in a conspiracy of love" – Hamilton Wright Mabre

**ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS & PARENTS – IT IS FORENSIC TIME** - The FORENSIC SEASON is fast approaching. There will be an informational meeting for all middle school students and their parents on Wednesday, November 30 from 7 – 9 PM in the church. The forensic program at St. Sebastian will be explained and registration forms and schedules for the upcoming year will be available. Come and be part of our award winning team. You will learn life long speaking skills while participating in a really fun activity. Wednesday, November 30 – BE THERE!

**ATTENTION PARENTS AND TEACHERS** - We are seeking photos of the school play for the 2012 St. Sebastian School Foundation annual report. If you have photos of the school play or of actors in costume, please send them to Trish at [trish@flourishdesignworks.com](mailto:trish@flourishdesignworks.com) or to make other arrangements, please call Trish at 262-349-4339.

Photos of other school related events are also welcome. Please keep us in mind throughout the school year for next year's report! *The St. Sebastian School Foundation is putting together an annual report that will also serve as a fund-raising tool. We need photos that are printable, so please send photos right off of your digital camera (please do not reduce the size.)*

**MASS ON THURSDAY** – All are invited to our All School Mass on Thursday, December 8 at 8:15 to celebrate Immaculate Conception. There will be no mass on Wednesday.

**MID-TERMS HOME** – Second Grading Period Mid-term reports for grades 4-8 go home Friday, December 9.

**STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS** – It is 2011-12 Student Council election time! Info sheets and nomination forms went home yesterday to grades 6-8 for officers, room representatives and alternate elections. The Student Council faculty advisor is Mrs. Warner this year and meetings will take place during lunchtime.

**CONE PATROL** – Room 202 is on cone patrol duty next week – 12/5 – Don't forget!

**FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY, DEC 2<sup>nd</sup> !!**  
Please stop by to dine-in or carry-out this Friday.  
YOUR neighborhood Fish Fry for the holiday season!!

**HEADS UP FOR ALL 5<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BASKETBALL FAMILIES** - Please see two very important attachments in today's newsletter regarding the basketball season and snack stand schedule.

**MUSIC ROOM** – The music room is in need of a CD player (a stereo component that looks like a DVD player) to borrow from now until the Christmas Concert on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact the school office if you can lend a CD player for our use.

Also, the classroom CD player is freezing up and will need to be replaced in the near future. If you have a CD player that you would like to donate to the music room please contact the office.

**DECEMBER HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT** - December High School Movie Night – Parish high school students, whether they attend public or private school, are invited to go to a movie on Sunday, December 4 and discuss it afterwards. Watch the parish website [www.SaintSebastianOnline.net](http://www.SaintSebastianOnline.net) for time, location and movie to be posted after Dec. 2. Or email [bhaig@wi.rr.com](mailto:bhaig@wi.rr.com) if you're interested in attending. Students are responsible for their own transportation and payment for movie and snacks.

**RECYCLE CHRISTMAS LIGHT STRINGS** - The St. Sebastian High School Faith Formation class is collecting and recycling burned-out holiday lights strings. Please deposit them in the brightly colored boxes at church entrances.

**100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY HISTORY BOOK AND AND COOKBOOK FOR SALE IN DECEMBER** - The \$20 (cash or check only) softcover books are available at the December 2 Fish Fry and the December 3/4 Christian Woman Boutique.

**SPIRIT WEAR DEADLINE**-Don't forget the deadline to get your Spirit Wear order in is next Monday, December 5th! Order forms were sent home last Wednesday with mail carriers. If you did not receive one, there are a few extra forms in the office. This sale only happens once a year, so don't miss out on all those great St Seb's items!

**ANGELS REIGN AT CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE** - Be sure to kick off the holiday season by attending and participating in the Boutique on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The church hall will be resplendent with angels, reminding us of the angels among us and how they generously contribute to our parish community and enrich each of our lives. Be an angel and contribute your time and talent to make the Boutique a success.

You can shop for the Boutique for unique craft and gift items, purchase handmade Christmas ornaments and delicious home-made bakery. Stop for a few minutes to relax and visit with friends at The Heights café over a cup of coffee, hot chocolate or tea. On Sunday, stop after Mass for a delicious French toast breakfast and family activities.

We are still in need of workers to staff several booths on Saturday and Sunday mornings. We can also use volunteers for set up and clean up. Call Theresa Graff at 414-771-5866 if you can help. We need baked goods of all types, especially homemade holiday cookies. Please plan to make your specialty items and drop them off at the Church hall on Thursday, December 1 after 5 p.m., and all day Friday, December 2. We are also in need of Christmas mugs, gently used purses, and accessories such as belts, scarves and jewelry that can be dropped off at the parish house.

**SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES DURING ADVENT AT ST. SEBASTIAN**

Dec. 2 at 6:30 P.M

Dec. 7 at 6:30 P.M.

Dec. 14 at 10:00 A.M.

Do spiritual preparation for the upcoming celebration of Christmas,  
Come and experience God's healing and peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** – This coming Sunday, December 4 at 8:00 AM liturgy.  
Please note time change for this date only.

**GENERATIONS OF FAITH EVENT – ADVENT -- A TIME OF RECONCILIATION – DEC. 11/12**

- Adult speaker: Mike Crain, Director of Religious Education at Holy Apostles in New Berlin Join us for a meal, fellowship, family and adult discussion, learning for ages K4 - adult, and prayer. Sunday's event is from 9:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M. and includes breakfast.

Monday's event time frame is 5:30 -7:45 P.M. and includes supper.

The first event is free! Notice of attendance is appreciated, but not required.

Contact person: Joan Plumley, 453-7150 or [jplumley@saintsebs.org](mailto:jplumley@saintsebs.org)

Everyone is welcome!

**Advent** can help us quiet ourselves and our children for a few moments to think about and enjoy these days. Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day; every year it is at least three weeks of preparing our hearts and our lives for the Christ child. We are getting ready to celebrate!

We're making and buying gifts, baking good things, anticipating seeing friends and family, enjoying parties. Let's also slow down and enjoy these days of Advent. Talk with your children about getting ready for the Christ child in our homes and in our hearts.

### **The Advent Wreath:**

The Advent wreath is a popular Advent custom that originated in 16th-century Germany. It consists of four candles (three purple and one rose), surrounded by evergreen branches. One purple candle is lit the first week, two the second, two purple and one rose the third, and finally all four in the last week of Advent. The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ, Who will come into the world at Christmas.

Candle one (purple) represents hope. It is often called the prophets' candle.

Candle two (purple) represents peace. It is often called the angels' candle.

Candle three (pink) represents joy. It is often called the shepherds' candle.

Candle four (purple) represents love. It is often called the Bethlehem candle.

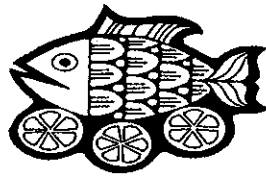
### **Making Your Own Advent Wreath:**

It's very easy to incorporate the Advent wreath into your preparations for Christmas. You will need four candles—traditionally, three purple and one rose. Then, you will need some evergreen boughs (yews, mountain laurels, and holly work well) to arrange around them. They don't even have to be in a circle; you can place them in a straight line—say, on the mantel over the fireplace. There are many ways to make an Advent wreath without using evergreens also. See how creative you can be as a family in making your own wreath for Advent.

### **The Saint Andrew Christmas Novena:**

While a novena is normally a nine-day prayer, the term is sometimes used for any prayer that is repeated over a series of days. This prayer is often called the "Christmas Novena" or the "Christmas Anticipation Prayer," because it is prayed 15 times every day from the Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle (November 30) until Christmas. The First Sunday of Advent is the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saint Andrew.

# FISH FRY



Please join us for our Home and School sponsored *Fish Fry*, on Friday December 2, 2011. Thank you to all the regular volunteers and all the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents who have signed up to help. Please review the volunteer list below as this will serve as your reminder of the shift you have volunteered to work. Please call Maddalena Stephenson at 259-5012 if you have any questions.

December 2, 2011		8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fish Fry		Bold =Regular
Thursday prep <b>6:00-8:30pm</b> (Need 6)	Friday set up <b>1:30-4:30pm</b> (Need 5)	Friday dinner <b>4:00-7:30pm</b> (Need 35-36)		Friday clean up <b>7:30-10:00pm</b> (Need 15-16)
<b>Janelle Pruhs</b> <b>Beth Park</b> Mary Lee Marco Ramos Lani Ramos Lizbeth Cruz Isabel Nielsen	<b>Shelly DePalma</b> <b>Robin Gorman</b> <b>Lisa Sherer</b> Julie Baudhuin (2:30) Dean Stefanczyk	<b>Sue Olson</b> <b>Melanie McCauley</b> <b>Christine Koch</b> <b>Barb Blaney</b> <b>Jim Zaffiro</b> <b>Mark Krier</b> <b>Rob Stephenson</b> <b>Tim Desotelle</b> <b>Steve Lamers</b> <b>Tod Macareno</b> <b>Ben Koch</b> <b>Kim Berner</b> <b>Rachel Lustig</b> Lori Kopchinski Tom Kertscher Jill Schmid	<b>Beth Neumann</b> <b>Sherri Walker</b> <b>Mary Madigan</b> <b>Tom Struck</b> <b>Laura Ewig</b> <b>Dan Schley</b> <b>Jim Lustig</b> <b>Matt Lichucki</b> <b>Frank Swanson</b> <b>Mark Zalewski</b> <b>Jon Park</b> <b>Brian Berner</b>  Kevin Mullen Rick Plumley Julie Daleiden	<b>Peter Daleiden</b> <b>Denis Hauf</b> <b>John Loew</b> <b>Matt Bohlmann</b> <b>David Pruhs</b> <b>John Pruhs</b> <b>Dan Gorman</b> <b>Stephen Kokalis</b> <b>Lena Stephenson</b> <b>Wendy Swanson</b> <b>Lissette Quintanella</b> <b>Kim Johnson</b> Jeanett Soleski Tony Bosch Wayne Hug Jym Pieper
		<b>[Need 3 more volunteers]</b>		

**Desserts:** (2 dozen is the quantity for each donation, homemade is appreciated.) The following families have agreed to bring desserts: Brame, Schissler, Sobczak, McCauley, Struck, Lustig, Macheel/Snapp, Peiper, Lee, Pyant/Craft, Lamers, Stephenson, Berner **[Need 2 more desserts]**

## **Important Message for All Parents Who Have Children**

### **Playing Basketball for St. Sebastian**

The sports program at St. Sebastian is run by a small group of school parents and some former school parents who are dedicated to providing the best experience for our children. Parent volunteers play a vital role in the success of the program. As a parent of a player, you are expected to volunteer for shifts to cover the admissions table and the snack stand during the season. Most shifts range from 2 ¼ to 3 ¼ hours and the number of shifts depends on the number of kids you have participating in the program and our need for coverage. Games are held on Saturdays and the shift times vary depending on the schedule for the day. Sometimes there is a break between about 12:15 – 1:00. The schedule was created with your child's game schedule in mind. Note that the shifts overlap to ensure continuous coverage. Please do not leave your area until your replacement arrives. The snack stand duties will be posted on a clipboard in the snack stand along with a schedule and sign-in sheet. You are receiving the entire schedule with this message. Please review the entire schedule for your child(ren)'s names so you know when you are scheduled. If you have a conflict, it is your responsibility to switch with someone or find a substitute. Use your Buzz Book or Parish Directory to contact other parents to switch. If you do switch with another parent or have any additional questions, please email Chris Marcoux at [rmarcoux@wi.rr.com](mailto:rmarcoux@wi.rr.com) to give us a heads up on the switch so we know who to expect. We will NOT find your replacement for you. It is every parent's responsibility to keep this commitment.

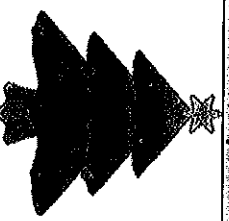
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1	<b>St. Sebastian YAC Parent Volunteer Schedule for Snack Stand/Admission</b>			
2	<b>Dec 3rd</b>	<b>9:00 am -12:15 pm</b>	<b>12:45 - 3:30 pm</b>	<b>3:15 - 6:00 pm</b>
3	H. Brame	G. Desotelle	A. Hairston	
4	G. Bohlmann	M. Wells	N. Fonk	
5	V. Lichucki	F. Riley	R. Burzynski	
6	W. Cappon	S. Falk	S. Keppler	
7				
8	<b>Dec 10th</b>	<b>8:00 - 10:15 am</b>	<b>10:00 am - 12:15 pm</b>	<b>12:45 - 3:00 pm</b>
9	R. Barrett	A. Camacho	T. Mabbett	E. Cayen
10	L. Stephenson	A. Gorman	M. Ramos	K. Fonk
11	B. Kozina	T. Conklin	M. Burzynski	K. Durian
12	N. Pruhs	E. Dorschner	I. Serna	S. Ewig
13				
14	<b>Dec 17th</b>	<b>9:00 am - 12:15 pm</b>	<b>12:45 - 3:00 pm</b>	<b>2:45 - 5:00 pm</b>
15	B. Dorschner	K. Barrett	M. McCauley	
16	M. Radakovich	H. Lassiter	J. Misky	
17	A. Radocha	S. Maglio	A. Ibanez-Baldor	
18	R. Miller	A. Mastrogiovanni-Washington	S. Jusino	
19				
20	<b>Jan 7th</b>	<b>8:00 - 10:15 am</b>	<b>10:00 am - 12:15 pm</b>	<b>12:45 - 3:00 pm</b>
21	R. Knapp	H. Lamers	M. Brame	T. Crampton
22	M. Erickson	P. Mayhorn	S. LaMothe	B. Lapp
23	L. Rivera	A. Ibanez-Baldor	C. Marcoux	K. Macheel
24	J. Rheams	N. Wright	E. Ogorek	A. Mills
25				
26	<b>Jan 14th</b>	<b>8:00 - 10:15 am</b>	<b>10:00 am - 12:15 pm</b>	
27	L. Mayer	D. Tellis		
28	P. Priestester	M. Cappon		
29	T. Bosch	S. Biasi		
30	S. Pruhs	M. Daleiden		
31				
32				
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34	<b>Jan 21st</b>	<b>8:00 - 10:15 am</b>	<b>10:00 am - 12:15 pm</b>	<b>12:45 - 3:00 pm</b>
35	R. Madigan	A. Zeidler	M. Ibanez-Baldor	
36	E. Wright	H. Tetzlaff	A. Watry	
37	C. Zalewski	C. Rivera	E. Ramos	
38	C. Tate	M. Garza-Stefanczyk	M. Erickson	

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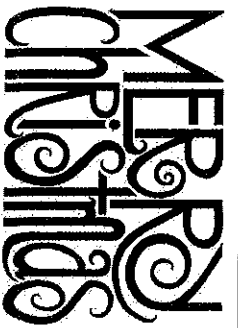
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40	Jan 28th	8:00 - 10:45 am	10:30 am - 1:15 pm		
41		M. Duffy	K. Durian		
42		A. Rivera	S. Ewig		
43		M. Walker	S. Keppler		
44		A. McCauley	M. Pyant		
45					
46	Feb 4th	8:00 - 10:45 am	10:30 am - 1:15 pm		
47		A. Camacho	M. Garza-Stefanczyk		
48		R. Koch	A. Lichucki		
49		J. Skudlarczyk	N. Perleberg		
50		T. Mabbett	C. Barry		
51					
52	Feb 11th	9:00 am - 12:15 pm	12:45 - 4:00 pm		
53		Z. Roszina	H. Lassiter		
54		J. Teague	M. Wells		
55		J. Villa	J. Banks		
56		G. Bohlmann	N. Fonk		
57					
58	Feb 18th	8:00 - 10:45 am	10:30 am - 1:15 pm		
59		H. Brame	K. Macheel		
60		B. Kozina	A. Mitten		
61		J. Vales	R. Burzynski		
62		R. Knapp	A. Ibanez-Baldor		
63					
64	Mar 3rd	12:45 - 4:00 pm			
65		K. Barrett			
66		A. Mastrogiovanni-Washington			
67		E. Cayen			
68		J. Misky			
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70					
71	<b>If you are unable to cover your shift, it is your responsibility</b>				
72	<b>to find a replacement or shift with someone else.</b>				



# St. Sebastian Lunch Menu December 2011



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>5</b> Lunch Brunch <u>Choose Any Two</u> Vegetables & Fruits	<b>6</b> Chicken Patty w/ Bun <u>Choose Any Two</u> Vegetables & Fruits	<b>7</b> Fajitas <u>OR</u> Salad-To-Go <u>Choose Any Two</u> Vegetables & Fruits	<b>1</b> Hamburger w/ Bun <u>OR</u> Salad-To-Go <u>Choose Any Two</u> Vegetables & Fruits	<b>2</b> Fish Sticks <u>OR</u> Salad-To-Go <u>Choose Any Two</u> Vegetables & Fruits
<b>12</b> Corn Dogs <u>Choose Any Two</u> Vegetables & Fruits	<b>13</b> Tacos <u>Choose Any Two</u> Vegetables & Fruits	<b>14</b> Salisbury Steak* <u>OR</u> Salad-To-Go <u>Choose Any Two</u> Vegetables & Fruits	<b>8</b> Pizza <u>OR</u> Salad-To-Go <u>Choose Any Two</u> Vegetables & Fruits Lucky Tray Day	<b>9</b> Chicken Nuggets <u>OR</u> Salad-To-Go <u>Choose Any Two</u> Vegetables & Fruits
<b>19</b> Chicken Patty w/ Bun <u>Choose Any Two</u> Vegetables & Fruits	<b>20</b> Mozzarella Sticks <u>Choose Any Two</u> Vegetables & Fruits	<b>21</b> Christmas Turkey Roast <u>OR</u> Salad-To-Go <u>Choose Any Two</u> Vegetables & Fruits	<b>15</b> Chicken a la King* <u>OR</u> Salad-To-Go <u>Choose Any Two</u> Vegetables & Fruits	<b>16</b> Turkey Deli w/ Bun <u>OR</u> Salad-To-Go <u>Choose Any Two</u> Vegetables & Fruits Special Dessert Day
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b> Hot Ham & Cheese on Bun <u>OR</u> Salad-To-Go <u>Choose Any Two</u> Vegetables & Fruits	<b>23</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



### LUNCH PRICES

Grades K-5	\$2.65
Grades 6-8	\$2.95
Reduced	0.40¢
Milk	0.50¢

\*Indicates Homemade

Cafe Phone# 414-453-6850

Menu may change due to availability of food items

# Newsletter

## THIS ISSUE

Mandatory Reporting Responsibilities in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

SAFEGUARDING ALL OF GOD'S FAMILY



Dear Friends,

I would like to focus this newsletter on the responsibilities of mandatory reporting. No child should ever be abused or neglected. Although many people have a legal responsibility, everyone shares the moral responsibility to report suspected child abuse or neglect. In the Archdiocese of Milwaukee all adults working or volunteering in a Catholic parish or institution are required to comply with reporting responsibilities for any suspected abuse and/or neglect of child, whether or not they are designated as a mandatory reporter under Wisconsin Law.

I'm sure if asked, everyone would say they would speak up if they thought a child was being harmed in any way. As a matter of fact all would probably say they would recognize any sort of maltreatment of a child if it were happening. Most all would agree that they would not

allow any abuses of a child to continue if they knew about it.

Yet, the sad truth is that many children are the victims of abusive behaviors such as physical, emotional, sexual abuse and/or neglect. Many of these children do not have a voice to report the abuses that are happening. This is where we, as adults, and protectors of our children and youth have the utmost responsibility.

As members of God's family we have the responsibility and obligation to ensure that all children and young people have the ability to live, learn and play in an environment free from abuse and neglect. We need always to be aware of the situations around us and of our responsibility to speak up immediately. If a child or young person is being harmed in any way or if there is even a suspicion of maltreatment, a report should be made immediately either to the local authorities or to Child Protective Services.

There is never a reason for failing to protect a child who is being harmed in any way. There are no excuses or rationalizations for failure to protect a child.

A full copy of the Archdiocesan Mandatory Reporting Responsibilities can be found at <http://www.archmil.org/Resources/MandatoryReportingResponsibilities.htm>.

God Bless,

Patti Loehrer  
Safe Environment Coordinator  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

### If You Suspect Abuse:

- Be aware of both physical and behavioral signs;
- Be approachable - Let the child know that you are available to talk; build a relationship with the child that will allow him/her to feel comfortable sharing such difficult information with you;
- Evaluate the situation - Contact local law enforcement if you think there is immediate danger to the child or get medical help immediately if you think the child has been injured;
- Make a report - Remember, you only need to have "reasonable cause to believe" that a child is being abused or neglected for you to make a report - you don't need proof. If you think a child is being hurt in any way, you have a legal (in some cases) and moral responsibility to report it. You can report suspected abuse even if the child does not tell you about it.

### If a Child Tells You About Abuse or Neglect

- Listen to and believe the child - Show through your words and actions that you are listening to the child and that you believe what the child is telling you. Encourage the child to talk but don't push him/her to do so. Use open-ended questions (such as, "What happened?") rather than leading questions (such as, "When did she hit you?");
- Be supportive of the child - Tell the child she/he did the right thing in telling you, and stress that the child is not to blame for what happened. Let the child know that you will try to help, but don't make any promises (such as, "I'll make things better") that you may not be able to keep;
- Don't overreact - Try to stay calm; this will help keep the child from becoming more frightened and may encourage him/her to tell you more. Do not talk negatively about the suspected abuser in front of the child; simply reassure the child that it is not the child's fault;
- Write down what the child says and report it - Write down as much of the child's actual words as possible so that you can share those words with the appropriate agency. Describe in writing any signs of abuse and/or neglect you observe.

**Making a Report:**

- Anyone can make a report - While some people are legally mandated to report, you can report suspected abuse regardless of your profession or relationship to the child.
- Don't delay – A report must be made within twenty-four (24) hours of first suspicion or being informed. Never assume that somebody else will make a report, and don't put off reporting because you're not sure if you should. It is better to make a report and let trained professionals decide what action needs to be taken than to risk further harm to the child. The sooner you report, the sooner the child and family can get help.
- Identify the appropriate reporting agency. You can also call your local law enforcement agency to make a report, especially if you think the child is in immediate danger.

**Try to Gather As Much Information As You Can Before You Make a Report, Including:**

- Demographic information (child, parents, household members, suspected perpetrator), including full names, addresses, phone numbers, relationships, and dates of birth;
- Specifics of the alleged abuse and/or neglect – time, place, details of injury, specific statements made by child or caretaker, concerns for child's immediate safety;
- Access to alleged perpetrator;
- Any knowledge you have of suspected or known past abuse and/or neglect;
- Names and contact information for any other witness(es);
- Your relationship to the child (friend, teacher, neighbor, stranger, etc.);
- Any other information relevant to the investigation.

**Common Questions and Answers about Mandatory Reporting:****Do I need to have proof of abuse and/or neglect in order to make a report?**

No. You need reasonable cause to believe abuse/neglect has occurred.

**What happens after I make a report?**

The agency will first determine whether the information constitutes an allegation of child maltreatment or threatened harm *as defined by Wisconsin law*. If the report is found to meet the definition of child maltreatment, the agency will investigate the case and determine whether abuse/neglect has occurred, what actions need to be taken to ensure the child's safety, and whether the family is in need of any services.

A copy of this Newsletter can be found on the Archdiocese of Milwaukee website [www.archmil.org](http://www.archmil.org) under Resources.

**Will my report be confidential?**

In most cases, yes. However, your identity may be revealed if you're called to testify in court. If you are concerned about being identified, you can make a report without giving your name.

**Will I have to testify in court?**

Not in most cases, but it is a possibility.

**Can I be sued if I report abuse and/or neglect and it turns out I was wrong?**

Wisconsin has a law protecting people who report "in good faith," meaning that the reporter had reasonable cause to believe abuse/neglect had occurred.

**Will the child be removed from his or her home if I make a report?**

In most cases, child protective services will try to keep the child and family together and provide the needed intervention to prevent the maltreatment from occurring. If the child is in immediate danger, he/she may be removed and placed in protective custody. More often, the alleged perpetrator is required to leave the home.

**Statistics**

- It is difficult to determine how many children are abused or neglected each year. Many cases of abuse and neglect are never even reported. The most current data shows:
- In 2009, over 3 million reports of child abuse and neglect were made in the U.S.
- Approximately 772,000 children were found to have been victims of abuse or neglect.
- Four children die in the United States each day from abuse or neglect.

In Wisconsin in 2009 there were:

- 38,097 reports of child abuse
- 930 substantiated cases of physical abuse
- 1,406 substantiated cases of sexual abuse
- 62 substantiated cases of emotional abuse
- 2,809 substantiated cases of child neglect
- 23 substantiated cases of a child having died because of child abuse or neglect
- Note: A majority of the children (74%) who died were under the age of 1 year

  
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