

Friday Headline News

St. Joseph Catholic School

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Catholic Schools Week Poster Contest Winners

K- Sydney Ness

1st – Angela Mashinski

2nd – Aubrie Triana

3rd – Monica Daschel

4th – Elise Nebels

5th – Elise Filuk

7th – Jazmyne Bisquera

Jazmyne Bisquera will have her poster in the yearbook.

6th Grade

Science Fair

Join us Tuesday, Feb. 10th, 6-7pm in the gym for the 6th grade Science Fair.



Sick Students

It's that time of year again. The season for sneezing, coughs, colds, fevers, aches and pains. Please remind your child to cough and sneeze into a

kleenex or arm, and washing their hands with soap and water. Attached to this newsletter are guidelines for sick children. Please read carefully so you will know when to keep your child home when they are sick. Thank you for helping us keep all students and staff at school healthy.

Registration 2009-2010

Please read carefully the 2009-2010 Registration & Tuition Contract Process form in the packet you received. Registra-

tion form and fee are due to the school by 4 pm on February 27, 2009. If you have questions please call the school office, 696-2586.



Kindergarten Information Night will be Tuesday, Feb. 20th at 6:30 pm in Room 20.

Scrip News



Remember your Valentine by getting them a gift card! We have a lot of great items to choose from.

A reminder that the scrip year ends on April 30th, so you still have time to meet your \$150.00 scrip commitment. Please come see us at the scrip counter located in the church nursery. Hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:15-8:45, and 2:45-3:15. Same day order forms are also available on the school website and in Anne's office.

Scrip Seller needed for Tuesday mornings. This position only takes only a half hour in the morning and you get to meet all our families. If you can help please give one of the scrip coordinators a call.

Deadline Approaching



Spring Play Cast List

Thank you to all who auditioned for the spring play. The cast is listed below.

Queen: Madeline Hunter

Julia: Sophi Thomas

Maggie: Baylee Westrick

William: Courtney Newell

Max Smart: Ari Busch

Agent 98: Jordan McGravey

Wiley: Sarah Madison

Oliver: Jamie Yu

Ms. Scarlet: Gwen Nelson

BBQ Bob: Cheyenne Cuning

Inspector Change: Emma Young

Professor: Katie Villafranca

Nancy: Rachel Oester

Jamie: Andrea Novak

Kat: Jazmyne Bisquera

Henrietta: Danielle DeVall

Lee: Gabriella Pizzi

Gypsey Rose: Olivia Ross

Fulcrum Tuition Assistance

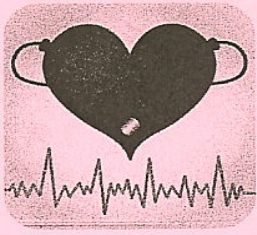
Application for 2009-2010

To obtain a tuition assistance grant at a participating Catholic school in the archdiocese, the family must complete this confidential application form and submit a printed copy of it with copies of the required financial documentation to the school where the family member(s) will be attending. The principal of the school forwards to the Fulcrum Foundation all completed applications.

Please read carefully the application procedure to fill out this form. A complete application packet includes the following pieces.

1. Application form page (front & back with signature)
2. Copy of your 2007 Federal Income Tax Form(s), IRS 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ, for the financially responsible parent(s) or guardian(s). Note: W-2 forms are not acceptable. Do not send originals.
3. Make a copy of any documents related to Non-Taxable income (Child Support, Welfare, Social Security) and any additional 2007 Federal Tax Schedules A-F and 1099, if applicable.
4. Letter stating need for tuition assistance.
5. Special needs documentation, if applicable.

Please return all paperwork to St. Joseph School Office by Noon on February 20, 2009. Please note that all information is kept completely confidential. If you have questions please call the school office, 696-2586.



Operation Warm Heart

The Students that attend Kathy Lee's Day Care have been making **Hand Made Heart Shaped Warming Pillows**

to raise money for the school's

Leukemia Lymphoma Society Fund Drive

This is the event where students are collecting coins for local children & families touched by cancer.

The pillows can be heated in the microwave to give warmth and comfort to sore muscles or to warm you up on a cold day.

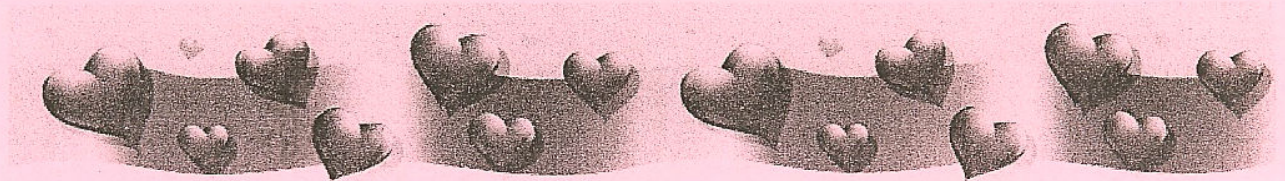
The Heart Pillows sell for only **\$5 each** and would make great Valentine's Gifts. They come in a variety of colorful fabrics.

Please return the order form below to school by

Monday, February 9. Pillows will be delivered to the school on **Friday, February 13.**

A sample is available to view in the School Office

For More Information call Kathy Lee at 360-521-1260



Student Name: _____ Classroom: _____

Quantity: _____ x \$5.00 = Total: _____

Checks only please.

Please make checks payable to: Leukemia Lymphoma Society



1st Annual

Mardi Gras Mexican Fiesta Dinner and Carnival

**Saturday, February 21st
in Marian Hall
following 5:00 pm Mass**

**This is a
St. Joseph School and Parish event**

Mexican Buffet Dinner

Silent Auction

Raffle Prizes

Live Auction for Baked Goods

Carnival Games and Prizes

**PRE-SALE DINNER TICKETS ARE A
DISCOUNTED RATE!**
\$5 PER PERSON OR \$20 PER FAMILY
**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS WHERE SCRIP IS
SOLD!**



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February 2009



Thoughtful Moments

Lent begins

Ash Wednesday on February 25th marks the first day of Lent. To prepare for Easter, we are called to spend more time in prayer, perform works of charity, and practice self-denial. Help children pick one reasonable action in each of these three pillars of Lent. The goal is to persevere through the whole season.



Friend vs. Faith

According to legend, Pericles of Athens refused to lie for a friend saying that a good friend won't let friendship violate one's faith or ethics. He contended that this doesn't demonstrate the friendship's limits; it proves its strength.

Through the eyes of a child

In teaching our children about the Catholic faith, we have the chance to learn again for ourselves. Let a child's wonder about the mysteries of God's love awaken your own sense of excitement. In connecting with your children, you may find you are reconnecting with the child in yourself.



Share what you love about being Catholic

As parents, we want our children to be Catholic because we know the Church is dedicated to helping us find joy in our relationship with God. To help children find Catholic joy, share what you love about being Catholic.

"My grandmother said the Rosary every day of her life," said Lisa. "When I was old enough, she gave me one and taught me how to pray it. This prayer has helped me through many tough times in my life and I pray it often with my own children."

"We moved a lot when I was young," said Art. "It was hard but no matter

where we lived, the Mass was always the same. It was my real home. Now I love taking my children to Mass because I want it to be their home, too."

"I did some bad things when I was young and felt too guilty to go to Mass," said Brooke. "Then I started dating a Catholic guy and went once in a while with him. When he proposed, he asked that I go to Confession so we could receive Communion together.

I did it for him, but it was such a thrill to hear the words of absolution and know that Jesus really did forgive me. We tell our children that Confession brought us together."



Why Do Catholics Do That?

"(Address) one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart" (Ephesians 5:19). Dating back to Old Testament times, musical prayers convey celebration and express

Why do Catholics sing during Mass?



joy at the same time. St. Augustine is credited with saying, "He who sings prays twice."

Singing the same words at the same time also fosters unity among those gathered. It is the primary way that a group of people can speak with one voice.

Give your children lots of gifts

If you could give your child any gift in the world, what would it be? The truth is that you know that what the world can offer won't make her happy. Instead, pray frequently and fervently for gifts that will. Consider making petitions for these gifts part of your prayers for your children:

Wisdom. Ask that your child be inspired to avoid poor choices and have the wisdom to lead Gospel-centered lives.

Courage. Fortify him to stand for justice and speak out against bigotry, unfairness, and cruelty.

Strength. Pray that as she grows she will

withstand negative peer pressure.

Compassion. Help him them follow Jesus' commandment to love one another.

Discernment. Give children the skills to select healthy friendships.

Independence. Ask that children care less about what other people think of them and more interesting in pleasing God.

Faith. Faith in God, the teachings of Christ, Scripture, and the teachings of the Church are the foundation for a healthy life and eternal salvation.



Scripture LESSON

Mark 2:1-12; the faith of our friends.

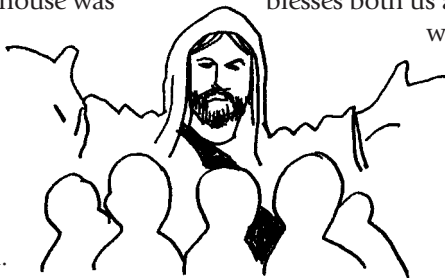
Word had gotten out that Jesus was home and people came from all over to hear him teach. The house was packed and there was no room for a group of friends who arrived to ask for a cure for their paralyzed friend. So the friends tore a hole in the roof and lowered the man down.

Jesus was clearly touched by their devotion. "When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Child, your sins are forgiven.'" Had it not been for the man's friends, he might not have been cured.

What can a parent do? Help children

understand the importance of praying to God every day. Prayer blesses both us and the people for whom we pray. Our friends are blessed by the positive effect of our prayers. We are also blessed by the connection prayer gives us to God and by seeing the results of our prayers.

In this Gospel story, Jesus changed a man's life and amazed all who watched. Amazing things can happen when we place our friends' needs before Jesus.



Parent TALK

We usually start out strong on Ash Wednesday but by the time Easter comes, we've slipped back to our old ways. We tried something new last year:



Before Lent began, we made a wreath with six candles, similar to our Advent wreath. We lit the first candle on Ash Wednesday and committed to our Lenten sacrifices. We even wrote them down in small notebooks I bought. We lit the candle at dinnertime every night that week.

The next Wednesday, we lit two candles. Then we wrote down our thoughts about the last week and how we did with our sacrifices. It was a time to recommit to change. We did this throughout the six weeks of Lent.

When Easter came, I took a poll and we all agreed that the visual reminder of the candle and the chance to review our progress each week helped us stay on track.

Feasts & Celebrations

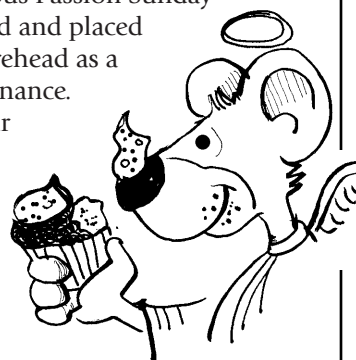
February 8 – St. Jerome Emiliani (1537). While serving as a militia officer for Venice, St. Jerome Emiliani was imprisoned by the enemy. In prison he taught himself how to pray and was inspired to escape safely. In response, he became a priest and with his own resources opened orphanages, a homeless shelter, and a hospital.

February 23 – St. Polycarp (156). Bishop of Smyrna, Asia-Minor, St. Polycarp was a disciple of the apostle St. John and a friend of St. Ignatius of Antioch. He faithfully cared for his flock despite being surrounded by

pagans and a government opposed to his religion. Before he was martyred, he thanked God for making him worthy of a martyr's death.

February 25 – Ash Wednesday. The first day of the six-week season of Lent. Ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the forehead as a sign of penance.

Lent is our chance to amend our ways and become "new" at Easter.



Our Mission

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Wednesday
February 18, 2009
4pm—9pm

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL'S PIZZA ITALIANA NIGHT!

This is a St. Joseph School
SKATING DAY,
so skate first, go across the
street and then eat!

You must mention that you are
from **St. Joseph School**
or
you can bring a copy of their menu.

5000 E. 4th Plain Blvd., A 106
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(across the street from Golden Skate)

**15% of profits will go to
St. Joseph School PTO, but you must
mention the school.**



Unfortunately, we do not have scrip available.
This is a "mom and pop" restaurant
so please support them.



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

PLEASE DO NOT SEND AN ILL CHILD TO SCHOOL. There could be some serious health problems for your child and other students. If your child is ill or his/her fever is higher than 103°, you should contact your health care provider for advice. If you need help in finding a health care provider, you may call your local health department.

Some students have medical conditions that can become life threatening when exposed to: Measles, Strep, Chickenpox/Shingles, Fifth's disease, Rubella and Hepatitis. If your child is diagnosed during the school year with any of these diseases, please call our office immediately.

WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY CHILD HOME?

STUDENT'S SYMPTOMS/DIAGNOSED ILLNESS:	STUDENT MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL WHEN:
1. Fever greater than 99° (orally) >>>>	1. Temperature below 99° (orally) for a minimum of 24 hours WITHOUT use of Tylenol® or other fever-reducing medications
2. Rash or rash with fever-new or sudden onset. >	2. Rash disappears.
3. Brown, gray, tan or yellow drainage from nose, eyes, or any other part of the body. >>>>	3. Discharge must be gone or student must have been on antibiotics for 48 hours.
4. Vomiting. >>>>	4. Symptom-free for 24 hours.
5. Diarrhea: 3 loose or watery stools per day. >>	5. Symptom-free for 24 hours
6. Cough, deep, barking, congested, or productive of colored mucous. >>>>	6. Symptom-free or student must have been on antibiotics for 48 hours.
7. White, clay colored, or bloody stool. >>>>	7. Symptom-free.
8. Yellow color of skin and/or eyes. >>>>	8. Symptom-free.
9. Brown or bloody urine. >>>>	9. Symptom-free.
10. Stiff neck. >>>>	10. Symptom-free.
11. Unusually sleepy, lethargic or grumpy. >>>>	11. Symptom-free.
12. Strep throat diagnosed by M. D. >>>>	12. Must have been on antibiotics for 24 hours. If no antibiotic given, call school before sending child back.
13. After an illness of two or more weeks, surgery, or other change in health status. >>>>	13. Written instructions from the doctor regarding medication or special health needs must be provided to the school.

The above guidelines will be followed for St. Joseph School students.

Thank you for adhering to these guidelines for the safety and health of all our students and staff.