



Campus Connection

The weekly newsletter for St. Joseph, St. Mary, & St. William Campus

Advent:

A Time of Surprises and Expectations, A Time Of Connecting With Others

The Scripture readings for Advent are full of surprises. Those from this week spoke of justice and faithfulness, of the wolf being a guest of the lamb; the leopard bedding down with the young goat; the calf and the lion browsing together.

Advent is a time of great expectation. Children expect great gifts; parents anticipate happy children; people reach out beyond their families to help those in need. No one expects the violence on our streets and in our malls that we have experienced this past week.

Advent is full of hope. Paul writes of the endurance and encouragement of the Scriptures as the root of hope. The Church writes:

“The joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way, are the joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts. For theirs is a community composed of human beings who, united in Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, press onwards towards the kingdom of the Father and are bearers of a message of salvation intended for all. That is why Christians cherish a feeling of deep solidarity with the human race and its history.”

Vatican II Church in the Modern World

How do we put all this together in our own families? How can we be faithful to the spirit of Advent in a culture permeated by consumerism? How can we be people of hope, when so much in our society seems to portray hopelessness?

Here are five suggestions for consideration:

1. Use the prayer time before meals, grace, to remember those who are hungry and homeless and ask God to be with them. At the same time express appreciation for the good food we are to eat.
2. Have one family project that reaches out to someone else and “gifts” them in some way that matters and relieves their “grief and anguish.” This may mean your family will do without something in order to share with someone else who is poor or afflicted.
3. Talk about the meaning of Christmas as a time to thank God for sending Jesus to help us create a better world. Discuss the meaning of the “surprises” in the readings noted above.
4. Decide on a favorite Christmas Carol, sing it or listen to it regularly and talk about its meaning in terms of the feast of Christmas.
5. Choose one member of the family and “secretly” do one good thing for that member each day between now and Christmas. On Christmas share your “secrets.”

Maureen Gallagher, Director

Waukesha Catholic St. Joseph Middle School Show Choir Hits the Road

Today the St. Joe's Show Choir and Small Group Instrumental Ensemble performed for the Catholic Study Club Christmas luncheon at Country Springs. The Show Choir took a detour before heading back and caroled their way through Waukesha Memorial Hospital.

Our show choir will also make appearances on Monday, December 17

at the following:



9:30 AM Waukesha Memorial Hospital West Wing

10:30 AM Carroll College Admin Building

11:00 AM Carroll College Campus Center

If you happen to be in the area when our Chorus appears, stop and listen. You'll be entertained.



NEED TO KNOW

4P's Order – Quick Turn Around

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FUNDRAISERS

Scrip

- Scrip orders were placed Monday, December 10th with delivery on Thursday, December 13th (or December 14th). The last order before Christmas must be in the school office by Friday, December 14th at noon. Delivery will be on Thursday, December 20th (or December 21st), as long as shipments arrive on time.



Save the Date

Order your Culver's Scrip. The next Culver's Night is Wednesday, January 9th. Visit Culver's on Grandview or 1-64 from 4-7 P.M. or Culver's on Sunset from 5-8 P.M. and a portion of each restaurant's sales will go to Waukesha Catholic's Home and School. November's Culver's Night was a huge success with \$673 raised. Thank you so much for your support and we hope to see you there in January.

Auction Annex

Can you believe that The Waukesha Catholic Annual Auction - ***Escape to the Hills*** on February 23, 2008 is only 75 days away? Let the count down begin!!!

Our Sponsorship Committee has been hard at work over the past several months and has done an incredible job. At this time, we are pleased to announce the following sponsors and advertisers for the auction. These businesses have made generous commitments of support to our school system, so please look over the list and patronize these businesses. Also be sure to pass the word to friends and neighbors.

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Couri Insurance Associates, LLC
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Security Insurance
Don Belman Homes
R&R Insurance Associates
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Davies Orthodontics LLC
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Spancrete Industries
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Sunset Bank
Waukesha State Bank
Carlsen Brothers and Prager and Sons Inc.
Marquette University

It is never too late and we can always use more sponsors, advertising and donations. We can always work together with any business on sponsorship or advertising. If you know any businesses that would still like to be included, please contact Chris Beres at brownbear@wi.rr.com

Also be sure to check out the auction website for more details now and in the coming months:
www.waukeshacatholicschoolsystem.org

Next in the Auction Annex: How would you like to be on the receiving end of free tuition or \$2,000 cash? Tune in to find out more details!

OTHER EVENTS

Catholic Memorial High School

CMH Invites you to "Principal Matters", please join them on Thursday, January 17th from 7:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. when CMH Principal, Dr. Mark Schmitt, continues the principal-parent information exchange held monthly at CMH. Get to know Dr. Schmitt and catch up on all the CMH "family" news.

This casual forum is an excellent source of information for current CMH parents and prospective parents to hear about the daily "happenings" at Catholic Memorial. Conversation often covers topics not included in the monthly newsletter. Parents considering CMH for the future have a unique opportunity to feel the spirit of Catholic Memorial in a small and comfortable setting. Come for a light breakfast and leave with a better understanding of daily life at CMH. "Principal Matters" is convenient for parents on the go: feel free to arrive late or leave early to fit your schedule. Everyone is welcome! Please direct any questions to:

LoriLee Villwock at JLBT4@msn.com or Laurie Ufnowski at laurie.ufnowski@ubs.com

RECOGNITION

Congratulations



Sherry Udovich (Supervisor of playground, car-line and lunch) and her husband Gary are the proud grandparents of Brice Davies Udovich. Brice was born to Kristen and Brian Udovich (Waukesha Catholic alum) on December 4th. God Bless all of you!

CAMPUS HI-LITES ST. JOSEPH

Included in this Packet

6th Grade Auction Ideas
8th Grade Auction Donation
Permission Band/Chorus students to Carroll College
Scrip to Youngest
Ski Club Confirmation

Advent – Week Two

Reflect on Mark 1:2-3

"I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Ideas for Week Two:

Do something nice for a family member or friend. Keep who did it a surprise
Write a letter to include with your Christmas cards. Young people can draw pictures.
Invite someone who lives alone to join you for dinner.
Offer to help an older friend with shopping or putting up the tree.
Say a prayer for world peace.
Discuss the true meaning of giving during dinner tonight.



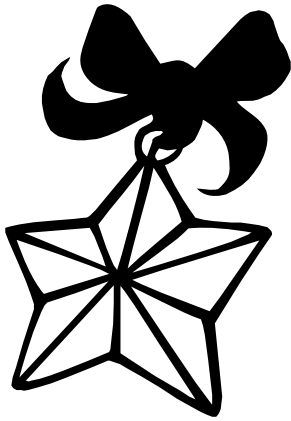
Nutcracker Performance

The entire Waukesha Catholic –St. Joseph Campus will attend a performance of *The Nutcracker* on Thursday, December 13th. We will depart at 10:15 AM. Parents are asked to pack a snack for their student/s. Students will eat a cold lunch upon their arrival back to school approximately 1:15PM.

Students dress up for the performance. Uniform pants are to be worn with a top of your choice. No t-shirts, or sweatshirts may be worn.

Outreach Busy, Busy, Busy

The 6th grade decorated and filled with goodies 320 treat bags for Ethan Allen School for Boys. Mrs. Rempe and Mrs. Greil delivered the bags today. Thank you 6th grade for all of your hard work.



The 7th & 8th grade religion classes decorated grocery bags that were used by the Hispanic Outreach of St. Joseph Parish this past weekend. Great job!

Mrs. Kathy Egan’s Tool time group consisting of 6th, 7th & 8th graders made Christmas Cards holders for the Caring Place.

Student Service Council Needs Your Help!

Help fill bellies this Advent! According to The United Way in Waukesha County, nonprofit organizations need your help in order to meet the increased needs of families in our community. Waukesha Catholic Student Service Council and St. Joseph Middle School will be hosting a food drive/collection this holiday season -- ensuring that all our

neighbors benefit from a full stomach this Christmas and well into the New Year!

Each homeroom will have a different item to collect for our drive which began Monday, December 3rd and goes through Thursday, December 20th. No glass jars please! If you don’t have time to shop, you can donate money, and we’ll shop for you! Please call Ms. Thachenkery if you have any questions. Thank you for caring and sharing this holiday season!

♥ 6-1 Hamburger Helper	♥ 7-1 Ketchup	♥ 8-1 Cooking Oil
♥ 6-2 Rice	♥ 7-2 Salad Dressing	♥ 8-2 Sugar
♥ 6-3 Potatoes (boxed)	♥ 7-3 Mayo	♥ 8-3 Juices

ST. MARY

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ST. WILLIAM

Advent

The four candles of an Advent wreath represent: the 4 Sunday’s of Advent, the 4 points on a compass, the 4 branches of the cross, the 4 Gospels and more. When you light a candle for each week of Advent, it is a sign that the arrival of the light of the world, Christ, is getting nearer. The book of Isaiah helps us with an image “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light” (Isaiah 9:2a) We are called to witness to the Light, to share the light of Christ in this world.



The Big Box Top Dive

Most current standings are as follows: Zich (790), Schellhase (650), Mathison (600), Piacsek (550), Ulrich, Hoge, and Marks (500). Keep treading the waters and sending the Box Tops in. The Franceschi family lucked out this week and won a Scrip certificate. This diving adventure ends next week, Wednesday, December 12th.

Before & After Care Program

The After Care program will be open on Friday, December 21st from 11:30-6:00pm. Please let Carol Cage know if your child will be staying.

Prayers Requested

Mrs. Marina Heck's husband Tom Heck is improving. **Please remember him and the Heck family in your prayers.**

Mother's Day

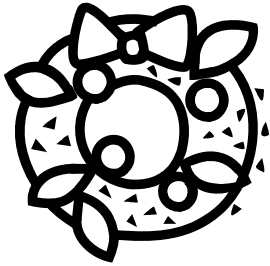
We celebrated Mother's Day on Friday, December 7th. We thank all who took time out to join us for this special celebration. We also wish to thank the dads who helped with this day: John Zich (coordinator), Eric Hahn, Kevin Lang, Steve Lovelien, Mike Schmitz, Paul Seifert, and Roger Watson.

Hot Lunch

The January hot lunch confirmation form is in this packet, please check it carefully.

Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert will be on **Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.** The doors will be opened at about 6:15 and seating will be first come, first serve. **Students must stay with their parents until called to classrooms at 6:30 p.m.** Staff of St. William Campus will be allowed to save seats for themselves and family, since they will be here taking care of the children in preparation for the concert. We ask the children to dress in clothing that is colorful (for the season) and/or "dress up" clothing. The Worden and Piacsek families were the high bidders on front row seats for the Christmas concert offered at the Waukesha Catholic auction last February.



Market Day

The next Market Day order is due on Thursday, January 3rd or online by noon on Saturday, January 5th.

Friends of Jesus Gifts

The "friends of Jesus" gifts were collected, thank you for taking care of those who are less fortunate.

If you missed this opportunity to help someone else, another chance will be for the Christmas Clearing Council, they are in dire need of help. They will be distributing toys and gifts on Saturday, December 15th at St. William's gym. Gifts for this group must not be wrapped.

Accelerated Reader

From November 29th through December 20th, students who pass an independent reading AR test will be entered into a Christmas raffle, with prizes being drawn at the end of the day on December 20th. In addition, the class that accumulates the most tests with the highest passing percentage will be able to have their choice of a computer class activity in the month of January. Happy Reading!

Looking Ahead:

- 12-11-07 **SWC Christmas Concert @ 7pm—Mark your calendar**
- 12-21-07 Early Dismissal 11:30am
- 12-21-07 K4-Grade 5 Christmas parties
- 12-21-07 Early dismissal @ 11:30am
- 01-03-07 Classes resume
- 01-09-07 Market Day Pick-up 3:30 to 4:30

