



Campus Connection

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

The Beatitudes Help Us Stretch for Lent

Lent is a time to take stock of our commitment to be alive Christians striving to promote the reign of God in order to create a more just and peaceful world. This week's Gospel gave us insights into what that might mean for us. Traditionally we get serious about discipleship during Lent through prayer, fasting and almsgiving and these are all interconnected. The Beatitudes help us flesh out what Lenten practices might mean for ourselves and our families.

Prayer: The Beatitudes hold a wealth of ideas, but to plumb the depths of them we need to take time to reflect on their meaning for us in our own circumstances. From the eight Beatitudes, choose one a week to reflect upon and to act upon. For instance, if you choose the first one, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven," you might think about what it means to be "poor in spirit?" Does it mean not being so attached to some of our things? Not yearning for the best and latest of everything? Not needing designer clothes or the newest computer game? It is often not a matter of what we have, but the importance we place on what we have in our lives. Prayerful discussions on the Beatitudes can be bonding and enriching for families.

Fasting: Traditionally fasting refers to not eating certain foods or drinking favorite recreational beverages. One might give up candy, desserts or soda or alcoholic beverages for Lent. These ideas have merit, especially if the money used to purchase them is then given to the Rice Bowl efforts or other causes. Fasting could also include: fasting from being judgmental, from being discontent, from complaining, from being negative, from being violent and suspicious. The Beatitudes that come to mind here are Blessed are the meek, or Blessed are the peacemakers or Blessed are the clean of heart.

Almsgiving: Almsgiving refers to giving of oneself, or giving of one's financial resources to enable others to live more holistically, to be clothed, fed and given a roof over their heads. It is first of all being aware of the needs of others. It flows from being merciful, being comforting to those who need support or the basics in life.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving provide us as individuals, as families and as the Catholic community of Waukesha a three pronged approach to living out the Beatitudes and thus building the reign of God on earth. It gives us many opportunities to work with our children to live Christ-like lives and create a better world.

What is your family plan for Lent?

Maureen Gallagher, PhD
Director



NEED TO KNOW

Thursday, February 7th will be an Early Dismissal at 11:30 A.M., 11:25 for St. Joseph students. Friday, February 8th there will be no school.

Coffee Connection

The next Coffee Connection with our Director, Maureen Gallagher, will be NEXT Tuesday, February 12th at St. Mary Campus in the Community Room at 10:30 A.M. **Any parent** is welcome to attend a general round table discussion. Questions concerning the implementation of the Strategic Plan, the roles of central administration, explanation of budget, etc. are the kind of issues that might be brought up and discussed. Creative ideas for the good of the system are certainly welcome. Bring your questions and join Maureen.



Mark Your Calendar

The date set for the annual Town Hall meeting is Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00 P.M. in the St. William Parish Hall. This will be a State of the System update and will be one hour long. More details will follow, please mark your calendar to attend.

All Schools Mass

We celebrated Mass together on Friday, February 1st. All of the students of Waukesha Catholic gathered at St. William with our priests and Bishop Callahan. It was a prayerful time. Bishop Callahan complimented the gathering by saying he was impressed with the students and their behavior and participation at Mass. He said it was a good reflection on the staff and families of Waukesha Catholic.

FUNDRAISERS

Scrip

- ❖ Scrip orders for the week of February were \$33,143 with \$1,257 in profits.
- ❖ Kwik Trip \$20 and \$100 cards are temporarily not available. **Please do not order until further notice.**

If you receive a back order notice for Kwik Trip on Thursday, January 31st please let us know if you prefer a refund or a different card.

- ❖ For additional Scrip order forms:

<http://www.wcssonline.org/Documents/NewsLetters/SCRIP%20ORDER%20FORM%201-29-2008.pdf>

Auction Annex

Hopefully everyone has received their invitations for the 2008 Waukesha Catholic Annual Auction "*Escape to the Hills*." As the big day is merely 18 days away, please be sure to get your response cards in as soon as possible – they are due February 8th!

Also, please do not forget to buy your Tuition Raffle Tickets. Do not wait until the last minute and possibly miss out on this fantastic opportunity to win free tuition for next year. Tickets are available at all schools. You may also go on-line at www.waukeshacatholicsschoolsystem.org. Click on the Auction link on the left hand side of the page. Scroll to the bottom and find the document regarding the Tuition Raffle and cut off request form.

There will be so many incredible items to bid on – check out a preview of the auction booklet with all the current items at the web site. Then, lay out a strategy to bid on items that you just cannot miss out on! Bid yourself, with friends, against friends - just be sure to bid frequently, after all, it is for our kids and the great Waukesha Catholic! There are items for everyone; sports events, dinner parties, vacations, class projects, carpet cleaning, photography, fitness club memberships, food, purses, wine, chocolate, camping, and more.

As always, please continue to remember and patronize our wonderful sponsors/advertisers: WE Energies; Waukesha State Bank; Couri Insurance Associates; St. John Neumann, St. Joseph, St. Mary, St. William Congregations; Enterprise Lighting; Kraklow Family Dentistry, SC; Security Insurance; Davies Orthodontics LLC; Don Belman Homes; a Friend of Waukesha Catholic; R&R Insurance Services Inc; Carlsen Brothers

Interior Contractors; Marquette University; Steve & Stacie Piacsek; Soft Water; Merrill Hills Country Club, Dana Investments and Spancrete Industries.

It will be a night to escape and enjoy - do not miss it!

OTHER EVENTS

Optimist Swim Update

If your child is interested in participating in the Optimist Swim meet, contact Mary Miskulin-Sjogren. There is a small group formed and Mary has been gracious enough to coordinate coaches and pool time. It is a fun event and a great experience for the kids. You may reach Mary at 574-0821 or tsjogren@wi.rr.com.

Catholic Memorial Play



Tickets are on sale for the Catholic Memorial Play, **Crazy for You**. The cast includes some of our Waukesha Catholic elementary students. Tickets for adults are \$10, students \$7 call 542-7101 for information. The play is Fridays 2/8, 2/15, 2/22 at 7:00 p.m.; Saturdays 2/9, 2/16, 2/23 at 7:00 p.m.; Sundays 2/10, 2/17, 2/24 at 2:00 p.m. and Thursday 2/21 at 7:00 p.m.

Waukesha West Baseball Camps

Waukesha West is holding their 11th Annual Baseball Camps on March 30th, April 6th and April 13th. These camps are open to any boy or girl between 3rd and 8th grade interested in improving their baseball skills. Forms are available in the school office.

CAMPUS HI-LITES

ST. JOSEPH

Included in this Week's Packet

Graduation Volunteer Form – Gr. 8 Only
6th Grade Pampered Chef Fund Raiser Catalog and Order Form
Scrip Order Form to Youngest
8th Grade Graduation Volunteer and Video Survey



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, and we remember God's very first miracle-creation. It was a wondrous miracle. On Ash Wednesday, we remember that God made the first man from the dust of the ground. When you attend church on Ash Wednesday, the pastor may put a cross of ashes on your forehead to help you remember that because of sin our earthly bodies will one day return to dust. .But that's not the end of the story . . .Begin to take a special look at you and the world around you this week.

Watch for God's miracles each week!

All are invited to attend Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:30 A.M. at St. Joe's. Students are reminded it is a uniform day. Pasta will be served for hot lunch.

WOW! The first 6th Grade Fundraiser Results

Our first fundraiser for Camp Minikani was a huge success! Believe it or not students contributed a grand total of \$574 towards the reduction of camp cost. The winning Packer basket was won by 6th grade student, Brandon Dorff! Thank you to all who contributed!

A huge thanks to Mrs. Uhl for coordinating this fundraiser and Mr. Uhl for his help getting all those coins to the bank!!!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU !!!

Hats off to Chris Lufter, Roseann Smith, Linda Rice, Marianne Lenhardt, Sheri Houk, Barb Ruggeri, Annie Smith, Cathy Brisk, Antonio & Juana Palacios, Manuel Santos, Mariella Jaramillo, Colleen Furrer, Sally Jarmuskiewicz, Carol Reske and all family members who helped with the receptions after Mass at St. Joe's for Catholic Schools Week. Home and School appreciated your willingness to step forward and help with this function. Thanks so much!

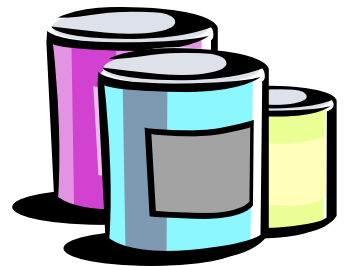
Catholic School Week Ends

Many thanks to Ms. Thachenkery and the Student Service Council for planning and carrying out the many activities for Catholic Schools Week. They not only planned fun activities but they planned and carried out outreach activities as well.

A total of 49 blankets were brought in and \$376.00 was donated for the purchase of blankets.

The food drive for the Waukesha Food Pantry produced over 351 non-perishable food items.

A grand total of _____ was donated to Catholic Charities.



Student Service Council Update

Thanks to all the representatives from 2nd Quarter. You all did an outstanding job with your service to the school! Welcome to our new representatives and officers for 3rd Quarter...we're very glad to have you joining us.

6-1	Noah K	7-1	Kirsten D	8-1	Claire W
6-2	Sarah G	7-2	Dylan C		
6-3	Robert H	7-3	Spencer H	8-1	Bekah D

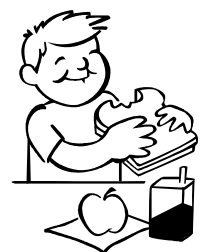
President	Ashley S
Vice-President/Secretary	Jessica F

Too Cold – No School

The Qdoba lunch planned for Wednesday, January 30th has been rescheduled. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, April 9th!

Wednesday Hot Lunch Coordinator

It's time to begin planning for next year. We are in need of a new Wednesday Hot Lunch Coordinator for 2008-2009 school year. The work is primarily done from home and all of our past coordinator's notes are available. Mrs. Agnello has been our coordinator and is passing the torch to someone who is interested in helping St. Joe's Campus fun lunches.



We thank Mrs. Agnello for all of her efforts and hard work. We would not be able to continue to provide our students with the "extras" the proceeds from our Wednesday Fun Hot Lunches provide. If you have questions please contact Mrs. Agnello, 262-521-9021.

Free Throw Contest Update

Sixth Grade: Carson H. and Matthew M. and 7th Grader: Brittany W. all advanced to the regionals in the Knights of Columbus' Free Throw Contest. Congratulations and Good Luck!

6th grade Retreat - Pampered Chef Fund-raiser

Every year, the teachers of the 6th grade class take the students on an overnight retreat. "The purpose is to encourage students to understand and experience the relationships between themselves and the natural environment...promote a greater sense of self-respect...strengthen working relationships between fellow



students and teachers...empower students to use their knowledge toward social responsibility...and provide opportunities for growth focusing on character development." In order to keep costs as low as possible, it is essential to have a few fund-raisers. One of this year's fund-raisers is to sell select items from Pampered Chef. Each family is receiving an order form with some of the company's popular items. We ask that you, your co-workers, and or other family members consider placing an order.

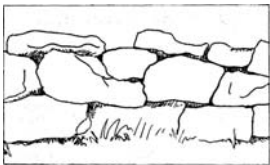
Order forms, including payment must be returned to your campus school office by February 29th. Items should arrive the first week of March. The products will be sorted and sent to each school for pick-up or if possible, sent home with your student. If you have any questions, please contact Annie Smith at 542-2682 or asmith209@wi.rr.com. Thanks a lot!

ST. MARY

Lent – We Care, We Help, We Share

This year our Lenten theme emphasizes children "walking with Jesus." Throughout this Lenten journey we are asking our students to care, help, and share. Each child is being asked to perform weekly jobs/chores at home for which they will earn money. The money they receive will be put in their Lenten Boxes and donated to charity. This Lent we will be supporting "Operation Michael", A CMH service project making the community aware of Homelessness, and "Children Helping Children" sponsored by the School Sisters of St. Francis. Your child should be bringing home information (Commitment Form, Lenten Box, and Coupon Booklet) regarding our Lenten activity.

Building the Foundation to Greatness



Last week we saw the incredible generosity and goodness of our students once again. As part of Catholic Schools Week the students at St. Mary Campus donated boxes and boxes of non-perishable foods for the St. Mary's Food Pantry. The items were stacked in the school hallway forming a food pyramid.

Each homeroom also created care packages for a variety of community members thanking them for their service to us. The people that received baskets were very grateful and humbled by the fact that we would remember them during our Catholic Schools Week celebration. Just two more examples of how St. Mary Campus is "Building the Foundation to Greatness"

Book Fair Success

Our Book Fair is over for this year and was another success story. We sold over \$9300 worth of books and have earned over \$2200 for our Library budget, plus many books we were able to take from the Fair. Thank you to everyone who donated books to the teachers and the Library.

Also, thank you to the many volunteers who make this event possible: Susanne Krasovich, Adina Doan, Shawn Dooley, Joanna Adamicki, Liz Wilson, Sue Schmidt, Debbie Buchert, Melanie Sikma, Karen Montez, Melissa Radke, Patrice Piette, Joli Krismer, Julie Bluma, Cynthia Kramer, Pauline Rosecky, Angela Walters, Susie Matson, Mary Sheetz, Sheryl Stuart, Dawn Vasquez and her mother, Mrs. Vick, Barb Ruggeri, Matthew Trebby, Mary Garrity and T.J. and Matthew, Jaime Sconce, Linda Martin, Tina Pandl, Anne Primasing, Mary Norgord, Mary Morris, Chris Gabel, Christine Ray, Liz Lingo, Beth Schmitt, Cindy Van Valin, Carol Reske, Patty Rooney, Cindy Doyle, Tricia Mathie and Joe, Michelle Foote, Michelle Krause, Mary Miskulin Sjogren. Special thanks to Terry Schneider, Bob Schmitt, and Larry McDonald for their help with set-up and keys. Also, thank you to the teachers and staff who support the Fair and all of our wonderful customers who make it such a great week.

Accelerated Reader News

Congratulations to the 100+ students that met their AR goals for 2nd quarter. We recognized their accomplishments at our Sing Along and AR Assembly last Friday. Mrs. Dineen's class is the recipient of Arty the AR Iguana for 2nd quarter. Arty will travel to the homeroom that has the highest percentage of students meeting their AR goals. Which homeroom will Arty visit next quarter??

Club News

We had an overwhelming response to our After School Club offerings. Unfortunately, we had more students interested than space available. Anyone that submitted a club registration form will receive either a "Club Confirmation" or a "We Regret to Inform You" slip in today's packet. We are hopeful to have more club offerings in the future to accommodate those that did not get into a club this quarter.

Available in the School Office

Waukesha West Baseball Camp information (3rd – 8th grades boys and girls)
University of Wisconsin Milwaukee – College for Kids 2008 Summer Program information.

In Today's Packet

Club "confirmations" or "We Regret to Inform You" slips

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, February 6th Ash Wednesday – Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 7th Early Dismissal, 11:30 a.m. Parent Teacher Conferences (if requested)

Friday, February 8th NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 11th Hot Lunch forms are due today!

Open House for Prospective Families (6:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.)



ST. WILLIAM

Lent

During Lent we Pray, Fast, and Sacrifice. One of the ways we sacrifice is to donate to charity. We collect money each year for the School Sisters of St. Francis to use for the orphanage in Guatemala. We send them all the money collected from Fun Fair, Lenten boxes for personal sacrifice, and Lenten raffle. As a part of the Lenten raffle we will again have a quilt from the St. Joseph Parish quilters. Every year we send about \$2,000 to the sisters for their work. Thank you!

During Lent we will sacrifice by being quiet in the halls at all times. So, every student, and staff person will try to be quiet in the halls this Lenten season

Watch for Lenten boxes in this packet—we are also sending a Lenten sticker book for daily prayer and reflection.

Quilt Raffle

The quilt (donated by the St. Joseph Parish quilters) which will be raffled, will be displayed in the school office. Tickets will be sold in the school office for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Lenten Raffle

The Lenten raffle begins Ash Wednesday, Grade 3 students will sell tickets to students in Grades 1 to 5 daily during lunch recess, starting Thursday, February 7th. They will go to visit K4 and K5 students to sell tickets during morning recess on Wednesday and Thursday.

After Care Program

The After Care Program will be open on Thursday, Feb. 7th from 11:30am-6:00pm. Please let Carol Cage know if you want your child to attend.

Registration Forms

Please contact the school office if you need registration forms for younger siblings. We will not send letters of acceptance to existing school families who register their children for the next school year. Registration forms are due back to school by Thursday, February 7th.

We will open registration to “new” families the weekend of February 9/10. We have an open house for “new” families on Monday, February 11th at 6:30 p.m. and at 7:15 p.m. We also have tours scheduled for Wednesday, February 13th at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and for Tuesday, February 19th from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Accelerated Reader

For the month of February, students will receive a tootsie roll for each test they achieve an 80% or better on. Readers are Leaders!

Six Flags

Just a reminder; all “Six Flags” forms are due in the office by February 20th. Tickets usually come sometime in early April. This is a great incentive to get your child to read!

Market Day

The next Market day pick-up will be Wednesday, February 6th at 3:30 to 4:30.

Frosty Stomp

We held our annual dance ‘Frosty Stomp’ on Friday, February 1st. It was another great celebration. I wish to thank Peggy Tom for organizing the dance. I wish to thank all who helped and worked and donated soda and snacks. We all have a good time as we socialize together because everyone helps do the work. Thank you!

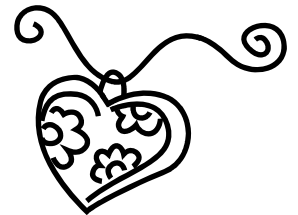
Learn Fair

I wish to thank the Learn Fair coordinators –John Zich and Sally Jarmuskiewicz for their work to organize this event. The students did a wonderful job on the projects; all the students got a chance to see the projects on display in the Parish Hall. So, even though the weather did not cooperate and we had to cancel the parent visit, it was a great job by all.

I also wish to thank Jackie Cummings for printing the Learn Fair ribbons. I thank Home and School for organizing the Ice Cream Social. We will enjoy the Ice Cream treats at Fun Fair and perhaps at another time as well. Thank you Home and School Board!

Valentine Parties

We will celebrate Valentine’s Day with parties on Thursday, February 14th for Grades K5 to 5. The K4 class will celebrate Valentine’s Day with a party on Friday, February 15th.



Conferences

The optional conference day is Thursday, February 7th from 3 to 7 p.m. Scheduled times are in this packet.

Looking Ahead:

- 02-05-08 No-Uniform day for all students who wore uniforms to Mass on the weekend of January 26/27
- 02-07-08 **Early dismissal –11:30am** Mark your calendar!
- 02-07-08 Optional Conferences from 3 to 7pm
- 02-08-08 No School**
- 03-14-08 Mark your calendars for Fathers Day at SWC.

Included in Today’s Packet:

