



Campus Connection

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

SEEING BEYOND THE DAY-TO-DAY

This week's readings at Mass were full of surprises. God chose Jesse's youngest son—going against all the cultural norms of the day—to be their king. And when he was anointed, the "spirit of the Lord rushed upon David." In the Gospel Jesus helps a blind man to see. What does God see that we do not see?

In one sense, the more we experience life, pray about it, reflect on its meaning, the more we see. If we look back, ten or twenty years, we recognize that we see a lot of things now that we never noticed before. We see the meaning behind things that had blinded us.

These last few weeks of Lent might be a good time to see God in our lives more clearly. Think about God as loving, creating, bringing joy and peace, challenging and giving us hope. Think of each of your children, your spouse, your special friends, your parents and others with whom you relate. As John's Gospel uses a series of questions to help us probe "blindness" and "seeing," we might consider the following questions for reflection to help us "see" the "more" in our family and friends.

- Think of each of your children. Each one of them was made in the image and likeness of God. What aspects of God do you see in each one?
- As each one is maturing what characteristics of God or Christ do you see growing in them? (Caring, sharing, creating, appreciating, etc.)
- Think about when you were twenty years old. What was important to you at that time? What have you seen over the years that might have changed what you think is important now? What helped you to see differently?
- Think about your spouse or a close friend. What aspects of their gifts or "God-likeness" might you be blind to or have only seen dimly, but now see more clearly?

We were all anointed at baptism. In the first reading Samuel anoints David, the unlikely choice for a king. In the anointing the "Spirit of the Lord" **rushed** upon David and was with him his whole life. When have you prayed as a parent for the "rush of the Spirit of God?"

Seeing is an important part of relationships. Naming what we see and connecting it to the blessings of God, brings meaning to our lives. Acting positively upon what we have seen and named makes us true disciples of Christ. When in doubt a poignant and powerful action is expressing appreciation to God, to our children, spouse, friend and parents for all we have been given, for all that we have seen.

Maureen Gallagher, Director

Knights of Columbus Competition

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the Knight of Columbus Math and Spelling competition.

Math

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| Claire P. | Gr. 5 |
| Zed D | Gr. 6 |
| Matt M | Gr. 7 |
| Charlie W | Gr. 8 |

Spelling

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| Niko S. | Gr. 5 |
| Marilyn F. | Gr. 6 |
| Mark S. | Gr. 7 |
| Greta D | Gr. 8 |

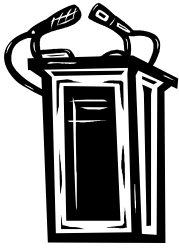
Students were invited to compete at the local level this past Sunday.



NEED TO KNOW

Standardized Testing

Students will be given the ITBS (Iowa Tests of Basic Skills) beginning March 3rd-14th. Grades 3, 5 and 7 will participate in this testing. It is helpful if students get enough sleep and eat a proper breakfast during the testing period.



Town Hall Meeting

Join the annual Town Hall meeting tonight, 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.

Home & School Social

Home & School is holding an all-school skate party at Skateland on Sunday, March 16th from 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. A \$2 charge at the door will cover skate rental.

FUNDRAISERS

Scrip

- ❖ Scrip orders for the week of March 3rd were \$ 31,155 with \$ 1,253 in profits.
- ❖ There will be no order placed the week of March 24th due to Easter Break.
- ❖ Get your Easter Bunny orders in this week! The Easter Bunny loves Scrip!
- ❖ For additional Scrip order forms:

<http://www.wcssonline.org/Documents/NewsLetters/SCRIP%20ORDER%20FORM%201-22-2008.pdf>

Auction Annex

The 2008 Waukesha Catholic Auction "Escape to the Hills" was a huge success in so many ways it is difficult to describe. Wonderful items, incredible food, great friends/family/guests, fantastic sponsors, rockin' music, and phenomenal volunteers and planners!

The event would not have been possible if not for the work of planners, volunteers, advertisers, sponsors, staff of Waukesha Catholic and of course all the attendees. You know who you are....so THANK YOU!

Preliminary results indicate that the event raised approximately \$80,000 for the Waukesha Catholic School system. Amazing! If you were not there or involved – plan on both for next year! Ask those involved - it is a great and rewarding experience that is essential to our Great school system.

To recap some of the evening highlights, the following is a list of items with the highest winning bids:

Live Items:

- #1 Luxury Mountain Getaway in Colorado \$3100
- #2 Evening with Merrill Hills Chef - \$2600
- #3 Dinner with Fr Leonard - \$1300

Silent:

- #1 SMC 4-1 Copper Framed Mirror \$420
- #2 SWC 2 Family Favorite Bookcase \$270
- #3 Brett Favre Record Photo \$675

Tuition raffle winner - Rob & Eileen Rupel

Passport game winner – Lost in the shuffle – if you were the winner, Congratulations!

Longest Drive - John Nierzwicki

The wine pull game brought in \$1200. This was all profit thanks to our wonderful wine donors: Merrill Hills Country Club, Discount Liquor, and Ann and Bob McCormick. The McCormick's also sponsored the Scrip prize for the passport game. Thanks! But the highest winning bid of the night was the Language Arts Fund which raised \$6,000. WOW!



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, Touch of Whimsy and Spancrete Industries.

We will start the planning for next year soon, so think about how you can get involved. Do you have suggestions or feedback about the event? If not, do not just sit back and talk about it, GET INVOLVED. You may have gifts that our kids could use in our quest for Greatness with this auction event. Remember, the more people involved the less work for each of us.

THANKS AGAIN – We look forward to 2009’s Event!!!

OTHER EVENTS

Athletic Reminders

The basketball season will soon be over. Please launder all uniforms and return as soon as possible to the school campus offices.

Think Spring - Track

Track season is soon upon us. Parents may register by filling out a permission slip found on the web site: WWW.WCSSonline.org or call Tom McElmeel at 262-501-6722 if you have questions.

- We are in need of track coaches at every grade level. If you would like to help please call Tom McElmeel at 262-501-6722.



Catholic Memorial High School

Students who attended Waukesha Catholic and are now on the CMH Honor Roll, 2007-08 first semester.

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| Amelia Andacht | Abigail Friess | Natalie Lechner | Rebecca Rohde |
| Mitchell Armstrong | Lauren Friess | Hannah Loppnow | Cynthia Rozmenoski |
| Margaret Armstrong | Angela Furrer | Cassandra McMurry | Kristin Ruckert |
| Laura Beiermeister | Kelsey Gilbert | Corinne Nierzwicki | Sarah Spencer |
| Angela Berens | Allyssa Gnacinski | Kelsey Norgal | Todd Stanley |
| Taylor Braun | Colleen Hanley | Thomas Novak | Emily Starck |
| Teresa Cage | Grace Helmstetter | Richard Novak | Laura Starck |
| Matthew Calhoun | Aubrey Hutchens | Thomas Novotny | Samantha Stuesser |
| Janice Cantieri | Marissa Jurik | Mitchell Nyffeler | Emily Terasa |
| Lindsay Croegaert | Tarin Kennedy | Michael Oyervides | Rory Tikalsky |
| Erin Davis | Shaun Knapp | Gregory Plechaty | Molly Tom |
| Megan Demeter | Lisa Kohli | Elizabeth Polacheck | Taylor Villwock |
| Kate Egan | Rachel Kohli | McKenzie Polacheck | Daniel Walden |
| Caroline English | Jacob Krause | Morgan Reilly | Noah Walters |
| Mara Fleckenstein | Courteney Krausert | Paul Renner | Samantha Wolf |
| | Kathryn Kuemmel | | Amy Zelko |

RECOGNITION

Knights of Columbus Competition

Congratulations to St. Mary Campus 5th Grader Niko S. for finishing in 3rd place at the Diocesan level in Spelling at the Knights of Columbus academic competition. Way to go Niko!

CAMPUS HI-LITES

ST. JOSEPH

Included in this Week's Packet

Scrip to Youngest

Field Trip Permission **6th Grade Only**

4th Week of Lent

Read John 9

Jesus found a man who had been blind since birth, made a paste of spit and mud and put it on the man's eyes. Jesus told the man to go wash it off in a nearby pool, and when he came back, he could see. A wonderful miracle, right? First the disciples wanted to know whose fault it was that the man was blind. Jesus said it was no one's fault. Blindness happens because there is evil in the world, and God wanted to use this man to show his glory. After he was healed, the Pharisees wouldn't believe Jesus could do that. They asked the man's parents if he had really been blind since birth. As if his mom and dad wouldn't know! They didn't want Jesus to get any credit for this miracles. Foolish Pharisees!

Lenten Service Project by the Student Council Service

This Lenten season, the Student Service Council will be holding a service project to benefit children of two small villages in India. The campaign is run by the School Sisters of St. Francis, and the **Children Helping Children** project is called "Hearts of India: Children of Madhya Pradesh."



According to Sisters Marietta Hanus and Julia Rice, "We invite children and young adults to walk in the path of Jesus by looking beyond their lives into the lives of young people around the world – children like them who live with so much less than our children, but who treasure and celebrate the gifts shared with them. We see 'giving to the missions' as uniting spiritually with those in need."

To raise money for these children in need, we will be holding a Reverse Penny Drive by each **grade level**. There will be a mission jar in each homeroom, and students will be called upon to donate money/change to the mission jars in other homerooms! The homerooms will compete with each other to see which room has the least amount of money.

The object is to fill up the other rooms' jars, so that your own homeroom ends up with the least collected. The homeroom at each grade level with the least amount of collected will win a prize as yet to be determined. The collections began last week and will run through the Tuesday of Holy Week, March 18, 2008. Questions are welcomed by Ms. Thachenkery at 896-2930 extension 327.

Extra Hot Lunch Thanks

A big thank you goes to the following parents who helped serve during our extra hot dog lunch:

Sheri Houk, Andrea Palmisano, Beth Szolyga, Rose Lange, Michelle Krause and the coordinator Carol Mathison! It was delicious!

Thank you to the parents who have donated soda and chips for these lunches. It helps keep the cost down and our profits increase. Proceeds from these extra lunches will be used to help defray the cost of the 6th grade overnight experience. The next extra hot lunch, Pizza Day, is planned for March 12th.

Available in the School Office

Please contact the school office if you are interested in the following camps:

Grade 8 Girls Only Dance Techniques for Poms Spring Session April 4-May 9 @ Dance Tracks

UW-Green Bay 12 day summer educational residential programs:

The Young Writers Workshop for students entering 6th, 7th, 8th grades

Stars of the Future for students entering 7th, 8th or 9th grades

ST. MARY

Attention Afternoon Car/Walker Pick-up – A Request from MRS. KOVALESKI

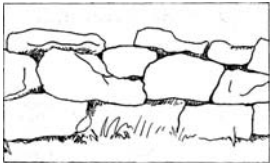
Please remember, if you are picking up your child by car after school you ARE to use the carline that forms in the back parking lot. We have noticed that many children are being picked up on Newhall Avenue which is creating heavy congestion in a very limited space. **IT HAS BECOME A SERIOUS SAFETY CONCERN AND IS PUTTING OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF AT RISK.**

- ❖ I do recognize that it may be more convenient to pull in front of school, especially if you have a child getting off the bus from St. Joe's. However, I am sure you would agree that the safety and well being of our students/staff is far more important. I am truly concerned that if we do not enforce this policy, someone will get hurt.

I am asking you to please honor my request that parents do not pick-up/park on Newhall Avenue anywhere between the driveway into the staff parking lot and Hartwell Avenue. I will be monitoring this very closely. If it becomes necessary I will address the situation on a case by case basis. I would hope, however, that won't be necessary. I know we all want what is best for the children of St. Mary's and that NOBODY would want to put our students in harms way.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter!

Sincerely, Lisa Kovaleski



Building the Foundation to Greatness

On Friday, the teachers from all three campuses of Waukesha Catholic attended an in-service training on Differentiated Instruction. The focus of this session was Tiered Assessments and Flexible Grouping. The teachers will continue learn about and incorporate differentiated strategies into the classrooms.

Lenten Reflection



- Give up complaining—focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism—become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments—think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry—trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement—be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred—return good for evil.
- Give up negativism—be positive.
- Give up anger—be more patient.
- Give up pettiness—become mature.

Give up gloom—enjoy the beauty that is all around you.

Give up jealousy—pray for trust.

Give up gossiping—control your tongue.

Give up sin—turn to virtue.

Give up giving up—hang in there!

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Market Day Update

The February 2008 sale netted a profit of \$388 from 53 customers! This makes our profit for the year approximately \$2739 plus the \$400 in library books. Thanks to all who continue to support this program and to the volunteers who help pull it off.

The next sale date is already upon us and will arrive in time for your Easter feasts and vacation treats! The pick-up date is Saturday, March 15, which means the forms are due this Friday, March 7 at school. Or, you can order online until Wednesday, March 12 at noon (www.marketday.com; St. Mary's school code is #4369). The pickup location will be the St. Mary's multi-purpose room, as usual. If you have any questions about Market Day or need an order form please contact Joe Piatt at 548-9991 or jpiatt@cc.edu. Thanks in advance for your support of this program!



Looking Ahead

Tuesday, March 4th "State of the System" St. William Parish Hall – 7 p.m.

Friday, March 7th: Market Day forms are due
Stations of the Cross – 3rd grade

Sunday, March 9th: Daylight savings time begins

Monday, March 10th: Hot lunch forms are due

Wednesday, March 12th: Non-uniform day

ST. WILLIAM

Lent

During Lent we Pray, Fast, and Sacrifice. 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.

After Care Update

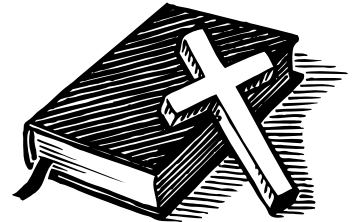
After Care will be available on Thursday, March 20th from 11:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Please let Carol Cage know if your child will attend.

P's in a Pod

The April lunch order is due March 6th.

Lenten Raffle

Grade 3 students will sell tickets to students in Grades 1 to 5 daily during lunch recess. They go visit K4 and K5 students to sell tickets during morning recess (10:15) on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Tickets are 10 cents each or 3 for 25 cents. Names will be picked during Holy Week.



Iowa Tests of Basic Skills

The students in Grades 3 and 5 at St. William Campus (and Grade 7 at St. Joseph Campus) will take the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) from March 3 to March 14. We must complete all testing within that time frame, please help by having your child ready for school and well rested for the tests. We use this test data to evaluate the learning patterns of our students and to help understand the individual strengths and weaknesses of each child.

Quilt Raffle

We have a quilt from the St. Joseph Parish women's quilting group to raffle; the quilt is a Packer design, full/queen size (85 by 87 inches) with matching pillow covers. Tickets will be sold in the office at \$1 each or for \$5. Come see it in the school office! All proceeds will go to the School Sisters of St. Francis. The winner will be picked on Monday, March 17th.

Market Day

The next Market day pick-up will be from 3:30 to 4:30 on Wednesday, March 5th.

Penny Drive

The next Penny Drive collection will be picked up on Thursday, March 13th, the money will be sent to Sojourner Truth House.

Father's day

One of the important days of our school year is Father's Day. On the Friday nearest to the feast of St. Joseph, we celebrate our Fathers. We will invite fathers to join us for 9:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, March 14th, followed by a short social in the Parish Hall.

Childcare Help Needed

I am looking for fulltime babysitter for my 5 month old, Monday-Friday, 8am – 5pm. Please contact Beatrice Aviles (mother of DeAnthony, Grade 3) at 414-254-5879 if interested.

Looking Ahead:

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| 03-04-08 | State of the System Meeting at St. William Campus at 7:00 p.m. |
| 03-07-08 | Stations of the Cross led by Grade 3 at 2:30pm in church |
| 03-09-08 | Daylight saving time begins—Think Spring |
| 03-12-08 | Reconciliation Service for students in grades 3, 4 and 5 (9:30 to noon) |
| 03-13-08 | No-Uniform day at SWC |
| 03-14-08 | Fathers Day at SWC |
| 03-18-08 | Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Vercelli House |
| 03-20-08 | Early Dismissal (11:30 a.m.) --Easter Vacation starts at 11:30 |
| 03-31-08 | Classes resume for students at Waukesha Catholic |

Included in Today's Packet:

Available in the School Office: