



Campus Connection

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

Reflections on a New Liturgical Year...

The liturgical year which begins with the first Sunday of Advent is upon us. The liturgical year helps us take our lives in slow motion and realize God's presence in them. It highlights peak moments in the life of Christ and also enables us to identify with similar peak moments in our own.

Advent is a wonderful time to experience waiting. Children, especially wait with great anticipation the opening of gifts at Christmas. Humanity waited for thousands of years for the moment when God would become one of us in the person of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word. As adults we spend a lot of time waiting: waiting for our children to get out of diapers; waiting for them to learn how to dress themselves, take out the garbage, clean their rooms, drive a car and many other important benchmarks. We wait with hope and anticipation of a promotion, a new job, a new home.

Waiting is about delayed gratification. Learning to wait is an important skill in human life. Not having to have everything we want, when we want it, gives us an opportunity to reflect on what is really important in life. Helping children wait graciously empowers them to grow toward maturity. Children who demand everything NOW will have difficulty being productive adults. Learning how not to be instantly gratified or satisfied is essential to being fully human, creative and resourceful people.

During advent we know Christ is present with us now, but we wait for and hope for new experiences of him at Christmas. In this experience of waiting we recall all that Christ stood for, his outreach to others, his concern for the poor and marginalized and we try to follow his lead in celebrating his presence with us by acting in his name to relieve some of the human misery we see around us whether it is visiting a lonely person, feeding the hungry, clothing those who are cold, caring for the elderly or saving our money to buy gifts for those who may have none, if we don't assist them.

In the "waiting period" we are called to be hopeful and live fully out of the virtue of **HOPE**. While Advent is limited to four weeks of liturgical celebrations, the virtue of **HOPE** is one that needs to be with us throughout the year as we wait for test results, wait for the arrival of friends and yearn for the **MORE** that life promises in the name of **JESUS Christ**. Slow down the busyness of the hope-filled season to reflect on the importance of waiting for the really important things in life and helping our children be good "wait-ers." If we can do that, we will have given them a gift for a life time.

Maureen Gallagher, Director

Scrip

Have you considered Scrip for your holiday gift giving and buying? We can also accommodate businesses that wish to give to their employees. Do you work for a company that gives gifts to their employees? Are you a business owner?

Consider Scrip at ...

Grocery stores
Restaurants
Barnes & Noble
Honey Baked Ham
Gas Station

There are over 75 choices on our Scrip order sheet. The sheet is enclosed in your packet today. If you have questions call us at 262-896-2929, ext. 324.



NEED TO KNOW

St. John Neumann Parish

On Saturday, December 2nd at 5:00 p.m., Bishop Sklba will be at St. John Neumann to celebrate their 25th Anniversary as a parish. Congratulations St. John Neumann.

Sportswear Orders

If you would like to order Waukesha Catholic sportswear for the upcoming basketball season for your child or for yourself, please email Chris Calhoun at ccalhoun2@wi.rr.com for an order form. You can also call her at 521-2236. Let's show our team spirit by showing off our Waukesha Catholic pride with team hoodies, sweatpants, sports bags, or windshirts. Contact Chris today!!!

SERVICE

Thanksgiving Food Drive – St. Joe's

The Waukesha Food Pantry benefited from the food and money collected by St. Joe's students. Each homeroom had a specific item that the food pantry needed. In addition to these food items, students, parents and teachers donated money totaling \$270.00 to purchase turkeys to go along with the food items collected.

We are grateful to Mr. Allen, Mrs. Herrick and Mrs. Lange who graciously volunteered to deliver the food to the pantry on our behalf.

Thanksgiving Food Drive – St. Mary's

The St. Mary's students collected food and personal care items for the St. Mary Food Pantry. Our generous donations helped to restock the pantry for the holiday season. Thank you to all of the students, parents, teachers, and staff that supported our efforts.

Penny Drive – St. William's

The Penny drive winning class is K5; they will have a no-uniform day on Thursday, November 30th. We were able to send \$200 to support for those in need. Thank you for your generous hearts!

Winter Wonderland at the Milwaukee County Zoo

Busy 6th, 7th and 8th graders spent the two weeks before Thanksgiving making ornaments to decorate a themed tree for the Zoological Society's 7th Annual Winter Wonderland. The trees are on display in the Otto Borchert Family Special Exhibits Building and throughout the zoo during the Zoo's Holiday Night Lights, sponsored by AT &T, on December 1-2, 8-9, and 15-16, 2006.

Our very own Girls Scout Troop 196 decorated our tree on Saturday, November 18th. The theme for our tree was the movie *Madagascar*. Thank you to the troop and their leader, Mrs. Pletchaty. We greatly appreciate their taking time during our school break to decorate the tree.

FUNDRAISERS

Quizno's Night

The Waukesha Catholic Home and School is sponsoring a Quizno's night from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Silvernail Rd. location on Tuesday, December 5th. Thank you for supporting this event.

Scrip

- Scrip orders for the week of November 27 were \$ 62,740 with \$2,824 in profit.
- Cash & Carry this week will be sold this Friday, December 1 at St. William Campus from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m., at St. Joseph Campus from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. and at St. Mary Administrative Offices from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Starbuck \$25 cards are still available.
- A NEW Disney Gift Card is available in December only at \$25 for a 7% discount. This card is good for Walt Disney World & Disneyland, Disney Cruise Line, Disney Store locations in the U.S. and on line at Disneyshopping.com. To order this card, write it in under the notes section in the lower left hand corner and add the total to your payment.



- Bonus discounts during December:
 - Until 12/8 Linens-N-Things is 10%
 - Until 12/15 Bath & Body is 18% and Land's End is 11%
 - Until 12/29 Eddie Bauer is 14% and Circuit City is 4%
 - Until 1/31/07 JCPenney is 7%
- Order Scrip **early** in December to assure delivery by Christmas. There will be delivery delays the last two weeks before Christmas due to high volume at our suppliers
- December order schedule

○ Order by Friday, December 1 at noon	Receive order Thursday, December 7
○ Order by Friday, December 8 at noon	Receive order <u>Friday</u> , December 15
○ Last December Order to receive in time for Christmas (as long as there are no back orders)	
– Order by Thursday, December 14 at noon	Receive order Thursday, December 21

Auction 2007 "Welcome Back"

You Won't Want to Miss This Contest!

This is the first week of the contest. Read all of the information bi-weekly regarding the 2007 auction. Parents, not children, must answer the question on the coupon. A parent's signature **must** be on the coupon. All children in the family whose parent answered correctly will be called to the office to pick a special prize.

- Make sure to read all of the details regarding the auction.
- Parents Fill in the coupon attached to the Campus Connection with the answer to this week's question
- Parents Sign the coupon
- Return in Tuesday envelope

Remember, all coupons will be saved over the period of this contest. At the end, two weeks before the auction, a coupon will be chosen. The winner will receive a complimentary ticket for two to the 2007 auction. Good Luck!

Auction 2007 Bi-Weekly Update

The excitement is already mounting as we plan our 2007 auction. **Please** watch the mail for your Sponsorship/Donation Form. Families, friends and businesses that are interested in sponsoring a table will be recognized in the printed materials as long as commitment is received by December 1. You may also call Carolyn Caruso directly (896-2929, ext. 326) before receiving your information in the mail, to sponsor a table.

Please consider making a donation to the silent or oral auction. Can you donate (1) Culver's Gift Card? With these kinds of donations, we will customize gift baskets. Can you donate \$1? With any cash we receive via the weekly envelopes, we will be putting that towards our Mystery Cash Bag prize. **NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL.**

Your time is the most valuable donation. We still have many vacancies for auction positions. Please consider volunteering your time either now or the evening of the auction. Just a few hours of your time is appreciated.

High School Students, remember you can earn Community Service Hours by volunteering.

Contacts: Donations- Lisa Sperl - 650-6702 or sperldl@yahoo.com
 Gina Della – ginadella@affordable-window.com
 Jenny Huble – jenny@affordable-window.com
 Volunteering- Christine Nierzwicki – 544-6137 or christinenierzwicki@wi.rr.com

Welcome Back



(Fill in the following, cut on the dotted line and return to school in your packet)

Auction Contest Question:

Question: What will the winner receive at the end of the auction contest?

Answer: _____

Family Name: _____

OTHER EVENTS

Congratulations

We offer congratulations to the Leistiko family as they share the good news of the birth of their son Russell David Leistiko (brother of Riley K4) who was born November 16th.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Please keep the Kuehl family in your prayers. They lost a family member over the Thanksgiving break.

Tina Starck's mother and Emily and Laura's Grandmother passed away on Monday, November 20th. Funeral services were held yesterday for Ethel Stover. Please keep them all in your prayers during this difficult time.

Home and School Happenings

Hello to everyone! I just wanted to thank everyone that participated in the McDonald's night. What a success! We will be adding more McDonald's dates to our calendar after the new year. The dance at St. Joe's and the Movie Night at St. Mary's were enjoyed by all. Please continue to have fun by participating in these Home and School events. Thanks to all of the efforts by our Home and School representatives as well as the volunteers that help make these events run so smoothly.



Upcoming events include:

- The Christmas Scrip for the teachers/staff for all of the campuses. We hope that this service is of value to all parents. We know the staff appreciates your kindness. Thank you to the home and school representatives for coordinating this as well as Teresa Landry for helping with the Scrip.
- We will be hosting a Quizno's night at the Silvernail location on December 5th (St. Nick Eve). You can use Scrip for your dinner that night.
- We are planning a pancake breakfast in the spring to help support the DARE program for our kids.
- Lastly, we are planning on having another speaker this spring. The topic will be on internet safety. This meeting will be for parents only, date to be announced. We had such a wonderful turnout last month! Thank you!

Please feel free to talk with any Home and School representative or board member about anything mentioned above and about any upcoming events.

WE APPRECIATE YOU

Parish Thanksgiving Event

Thank you to all the bakers who provided the desserts for the three Parish events. They were yummy. Thank you to all the participants, we hope this helped to enrich your Thanksgiving.



RECOGNITION

Sporting News

Congratulations to the 8th grade girls' basketball team coached by Mr. Richter. The girls placed second in the St. Thomas Turkey Classic. Way to go girls!

CAMPUS HI-LITES

ST. JOSEPH

St. Joe's Included in this week's packet

December Calendar
7th grade – Plowshare Info
Scrip



Ski Season

It's almost that time of year again. Ski forms for the 2006-2007 ski season will be available this Friday, December 1st. Our first trip is scheduled for Friday, December 15th weather permitting! Be sure to read all of the material and turn in your forms by the due date!!!

ST. MARY

Culinary Thanks from the Teachers

Thank you to the following people for helping make the teacher's dinner during conferences a big success: Angela Walters, Ann Goonan, Karen Dietrich, Marie Gorczany, Joanna Adamicki, Judy Brozynski, Julie Milner, Cheryl Berens, Maribeth Karpinski, Lisa George, Joli Krismer, and Renee Charbonneau. Special thanks to Susie Matson for coordinating the efforts. Your help in making the Teacher's Dinner possible is greatly appreciated.

We're looking for a Christmas Tree

Before and After School Care would like to decorate their area with a Christmas tree. If you have an artificial tree, lights, garland or other type of Christmas decorations that you would be willing to donate, please send the items in or contact Vera Scherrer at extension 347.



Staff Scrip Gift Reminder

On Tuesday, November 14th, the form for Christmas Scrip gift certificates was sent home. If you choose to take advantage of this, please be sure to **return the form to the school office no later than Wednesday, December 6th**.



Looking Ahead

Wednesday, November 29th: Non-uniform day
Thursday, November 30th: Jean day for Super Students
Thursday, December 7th: Christmas Concert at Shattuck Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

In Today's Packet

Advent message from Archbishop Dolan
Hot Lunch Volunteer form and thanks
Market Day order form
Scrip order form

ST. WILLIAM

Mother's Day – Friday, December 8th

Mothers, we hope you will be able to join us for this special celebration. **Please RSVP** by Wednesday, November 29th if you can attend this event; we want to have enough food for everyone.

Auction News

At the auction of 2006, families of SWC bid on a number of prizes that are still being collected. The Szolyga family was high bidder on the "First Place in Car Line" prize. The Piacsek family will have 6 front row seats reserved for them at the Christmas Concert. As we plan for the 2007 auction event, keep in mind that many of those special event perks will be available at the 2007 auction. Plan Now!



Advent

Sunday, December 3rd is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the church year. We are called to holiness as we anticipate the Birth of Christ. Advent calendars will be sent home in this packet.

Market Day

Market Day Pick-up will be Wednesday, November 29th at 3:30 to 4:30 in the gym.

Gift Scrip

Orders for staff "gift scrip" are due Wednesday, December 6th.

Collection

The Grade 3 Girl Scouts are collecting pop-tops from soda cans for the Ronald McDonald House. If you have the pop-top rings from soda cans and wish to help you may send them to school, we will pass them on to the Girl Scouts. Thank you!

November "A Month to Remember the Dead"

During the month of November we pray for those who have died. We believe that we are all part of the communion of faith, the believers living and dead, who continue to help each other by prayers and good works. We will pray daily during this month for those who have died.

Beauty and the Beast

The Windy City Players are performing at SWC on Thursday, November 30th. They will stage the play Beauty and the Beast at 11:00 a.m. in the gym. All are invited to attend.

"Friends of Jesus"- Christmas Gift collection

Each year the families of SWC collect gifts for needy children for the "Friends of Jesus" collection. This group needs our help to make Christmas a joyful experience for those in need. All gifts for friends of Jesus are due to school by Thursday, December 7th. Extra gift tags are available in the office. Thank you!



The Lorax

Many parents have heard about *The Lorax*. The Grade 5 students have been reading the story to students in every grade. *The Lorax* is a book by Dr. Seuss, written to show how to protect the environment. The students

with the help of their teacher (Ms. Amy Kinosian) have planned, researched, and written tips for protecting our world. These tips will be published on a regular basis in the Campus Connection, please watch for them.

Prayer Club

The students of Grade 4 (thank you Mrs. Martin) have begun meeting with Mr. Radomski during lunch recess on Wednesday's to discuss prayer and belief. The club began because Jack L. kept asking his teacher and principal about starting a club for prayer. The students met with Mr. Radomski last Wednesday, and had a discussion about their goals and expectations. The club is currently open to only Grade 4 students. We hope to discuss ideas of faith and ways to pray at future meetings.

Box Tops News

The Box Tops bus was filled again with 2064 Box Tops! We had some new families join us, which we are thrilled to welcome. There was a whopping 800 Box Tops for the Zich family, which puts them in 1st place. The Piacsek family was next with 450 and the Karnuth family was third with 420.

Five lucky riders were picked from the bus: J.J. D. (5th), Ben S. (K5), Jennifer Z. (1st), Amery K. (1st), and Allie K. (2nd). They will be selecting their prizes after Thanksgiving. Thank you for riding the bus, and please remember to ask family and friends to save their garbage (so many get tossed away). - Stacie Piacsek

Winter weather has returned; please remember to send your child in appropriate clothing. Thank you!

Looking Ahead:

11-28-06	Hot Lunch –Subs
11-28-06	Waukesha Catholic Now!—tours 7:30 a.m. & Noon
11-29-06	Market Day Pick-up
11-30-06	Beauty and the Beast Play 11:00 SWC gym-all invited
12-03-06	First Sunday of Advent
12-06-06	Feast of St. Nick
12-07-06	RRR T-Shirt Day
12-08-06	Holy Day of Obligation Feast of the Immaculate Conception/ Mother's Day!!!
12-12-06	Hot Lunch McDonald's – No uniform day/ SWC Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.