

St. Joseph School
School Office Newsletter
November 7, 2008
Be the Hands, the Heart of God.

Sunday's Gospel story for St. John Lateran tells us: Jesus made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. He said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture; *Zeal for your house will consume me.*

Psalm 69 & John 2:15a, 16b-17

Attendance at Parent/Teacher conferences was OUTSTANDING! We had 100% participation! Thank you, parents, for coming in and meeting with your child's teacher and discussing his/her progress. Please remember that if you have questions about what's going on in the classroom, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. All of us here at St. Joseph School want your child's experience at St. Joseph to be great!

Special Announcement from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

The Indiana State School Board announced today that 66 of the 67 archdiocesan schools will have their accreditation status changed from regular to Freeway accreditation. Freeway accreditation status was made available to schools so that they can be given an "amount of flexibility in exchange for achieving and maintaining high levels of performance." Roncalli High School received Freeway accreditation for the Indiana Department of Education a number of years ago.

"We are pleased with the change in accreditation status for our schools," said Dr. Ron Costello, Superintendent of Catholic Schools. "Although this will not change the fact that our schools are accredited by the State of Indiana which is important to us, it will allow us to focus more on school improvement in the areas of – Catholic Identity, academics, and institutional advancement."

Thank you from Miss Mariliz Lyons

To the children, parents, and staff of St. Joseph School,
My birthday was celebrated with an Open House, two days before my one-hundredth birthday. Before that day, I received phone calls, letters, and cards from member of St. Joseph Parish wishing me well and recalling my days of teaching there. They were special days and they were days when the Franciscan Sisters from Oldenburg were in charge of the school. They were wonderful friends. I have received good wishes from the Motherhouse.

I have also made lasting friendships with those who were once students, and it was a great pleasure of mine to have a number of those from St. Joseph come to my party. They added so much to the day and I am grateful for those acts of kindness.

Those who planned the party had a special table with a wonderful cake and punch. In the center of the table was the most beautiful bouquet of flowers you have ever seen. A card was sitting at the bottom of the vase and I read it. After the party, my relatives helped me take home the cards and remembrances I received. You can rest

assured that the flower arrangement went with me and it now has a special place in my house.

Oh, yes, I forgot to tell you what the card said. I treasure its sentiment. What could be better said than, "From your friends at St. Joseph?" They are important words to me. Thank you for your kindness and the symbol of a lasting friendship.

Peace be with you. Wish I could visit with you! From your friend in Attica,
Mariliz Lyons

Picture Re-take Day and Sports' Pictures

School pictures were distributed last week. Most of the pictures were good, but there might be a few of you who would like your child's picture retaken. Picture re-take day will be on Tuesday, November 18. If you would like your child's picture retaken, please send the original package to school. Three-year-old preschoolers who did not have their pictures taken on the first picture day will have theirs taken.

Boys' and girls' basketball players, along with cheerleaders, will have individual and team pictures taken. A form will be sent home for you to order pictures if you like.

Veterans' Day

On Veterans' Day, November 11, at 9:00 a.m. we will celebrate this special day. Our students in kindergarten through grade five will be singing during our program, and we have a very nice program planned. Mrs. Disser, our music teacher, has organized the event, and we will have several veterans and active service individuals present. Please feel free to join us.

Students may wear red, white, and blue shirts with uniform pants for Veterans' Day.

"Be the Hands, the Heart of God"

Congratulations to the individuals who were caught using their hands and hearts for good deeds: Katie Settles, Trace Holt, Colleen Davis, Brendan Brown, Julia Prickett, Makayla Schacht, Megan Thoman, Reid Schene, Cameron Rodgers, Dylan Phelps, Cole Lux, Mimi Kobayashi, Sam Sawyer, Jared Gilles, Sophia Sandman, Hannah O'Connor, Lucy Furiak, Emily Foltz, Luke Foltz, Konrad Dorsey, Katie Lux, Nate Reuter, Sebastian Sandman, Sam Watson, Logan Young, Mrs. Williamson, John Lux, Hannah File, Heath McIntire, Elizabeth Clark, Matt Kenkel, Nick Walke, Austin Dwenger, Hank Johnson, Randy Hubbell, Dylan Thoman, and John Morgan.

Santa Shoppe—Coming Soon!

Thanks to all of you who volunteered to help with the Santa Shoppe! We have quite a nice long list. Unfortunately, we do not have a chairperson. Maybe a few of you could co-chair the event. Mrs. Duffy, our PTO president, will be contacting you soon. Thanks in advance for your help.

Reverse Raffle News

Tickets are now on sale in the school office for the Reverse Raffle, which is on Saturday, November 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The cost is \$30 per ticket and this includes your dinner, drinks, and a chance for the raffle. Since the event involves gaming

and alcohol is served, children are not permitted to be in the cafeteria. Babysitting will be available for children three years of age and up in the gym and on the first floor of the school.

Last week you received a flyer requesting your help with selling the tickets. For every three tickets that you sell, you will receive one hour towards your service hours. Simply return the order form with \$30 for each ticket sold.

We are still in need of some adults to help with the babysitting. Please contact Rick or Theresa Walke at rick.walke@sbcglobal.net or the school office. Thanks in advance for your help.

Parents who have volunteered will receive notes this week informing them of when their help is needed. In addition to the babysitting, we will be decorating and organizing the prizes on the 15th beginning at noon. Parents who are members of the parish will be assigned a job during the actual event. Indiana gaming laws state that operators be members of the organization that is hosting the event.

Thank you to the parents who have sent in two liter bottles of soft drinks for the Reverse Raffle. We are still in need of a few if you happen to stop at the store. AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

PTO Dinner, Meeting, Program, and Awards

Our November PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, November 25, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with dinner. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the gym, followed by the first grade program about a turkey, and awards for the month and perfect attendance for the first grading period.

Perfect attendance will be presented to the following students: Jack Baker, Beth Forville, Adeline Haacker, Nolen Kincade, Emma Messer, Brock Pitman, Jillian Roell, Dakota Sosbe, Evan VanWye, Mitchell Yeend, Jaeden Carter, Logan Cord, Elizabeth Furgeson, Trevor File, Andrew Walke, Cameron Rodgers, Nicholas Robinson, Mason Lasure, Clarice Fischer, Mimi Kobayashi, Hannah Lux, Julia Prickett, Reid Schene, Jake Wingo, Nick Amos, Eric Beyer, Hanna Bills, Jacob Coomes, Nick Duffy, Garret Freeman, Mary Alice Furgeson, Sarah Houpt, D. J. Kramer, Joseph McQueen, Jade Roell, Camille Woods, Konrad Dorsey, Luke Foltz, Katie Lux, Nate Reuter, Billy Blocher, Brendan Brown, Colleen Davis, Jared Gilles, Drew Mathies, Cora Reinhart, Josie Roell, Nick Walke, Jennah Foltz, Michael Hornsby, Evita Koth, and Katie Settles.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Fr. Chris will be having a children's Mass on December 24 at 3:00 p.m. Prior to Mass, the school will be providing music for the congregation. Several families have already volunteered, but I could use a few more students. Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter if you are planning on coming to the mass at 3:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Students will need to be here by 2:20 p.m.

Sr. Loretto from the Mission Office

Sister Loretto from the Mission Office in Indianapolis will be here on Thursday, November 13, to share her missionary adventures with kindergarten through grade five students.

School Closings via the Internet

The Internet is the fastest way to find out about school closings. The following websites will list the closings: www.fox59.com, www.wishtv.com, and www.wibc.com.

Paragon Fundraiser

Paragon items were sent home this week with the students. Money is due on Wednesday, November 12. Each student who turns in his/her money on time will be entered into a drawing for a Rubik's Revolution! Thanks for your help.

Caribbean Cove Trip-Thanks!

Fun was had by all who were able to attend the Caribbean Cove reward trip for our magazine fundraiser! Twenty-five of our students attended the event and many adults helped by driving and chaperoning. Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Dwenger, Mrs. Schene, Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Sosbe, Mr. Forville, Mr. Furiak, Mrs. Kenkel, Mr. Gilles, Mrs. Yeend, Mr. Furgeson, Mrs. Bills, Mr. & Mrs. Haehl, Mrs. DiCecco, Mrs. Lancaster, Mr. Dorsey, Mrs. Cox, and Mrs. Endris.

Thanks

Thanks to the following individuals or families who donated items to our school: Emily Kennedy, Emma Messer, the Furiak family, Evita Koth and family, Jake Wingo and family, Hannah Lux and family, Mr. Jeremy File, and the Dwenger family.

Menus for the weeks of November 10 and 17

Monday, 11/10—Chicken Nuggets
Tuesday, 11/11—Hot Dog
Wednesday, 11/12—Myers BBQ
Thursday, 11/13—Spaghetti
Friday, 11/14—French Toast Sticks/Sausage
Monday, 11/17—Pizza Hut Pizza
Tuesday, 11/18—Cheeseburger
Wednesday, 11/19—Chicken Patty
Thursday, 11/20—Meatloaf
Friday, 11/21—Pork Chop Sandwich

Children's Mass for Christmas Eve

My child/children _____ would like to help with the music prior to the 3:00 p.m. Mass on December 24.

Parent Signature