



Campus Connection

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

Thinking about the feast of St. Nicholas tomorrow December 6!

As a child I remember hoping that my mom and dad had forgotten wrong doings I had done so that I would not get coal in my stocking! They were merciful!

As we consider small tokens of affection for our family to celebrate St. Nick's day, underneath it all, we are really remembering how great God has been to us. Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the Incarnation. God becoming a human being in the person of Jesus Christ is at the center of our beliefs as Christians. In the Incarnation we believe that Jesus is truly God and truly human.

Simply put, the Incarnation is God and humanity becoming one in Jesus. This is the supreme way for God to "communicate" with us humans, that is, to become one of us.

When we strive to live as Jesus taught us, not only do we begin to act as Jesus acted, but we begin to see as he did too. We get glimmers of God's presence all around us to the extent that we empty ourselves and focus on others. We recognize the incarnate God in our children, who both help us to "lighten up" and challenge us, our friends who console us, a spouse or family member who forgives us, a leader who models justice, and those who proclaim the word of God to enliven our faith.

To be able to see "the incarnation in action" in our families we need to take time with each other. Amidst the long "to do" lists of the season we need to have some special family times. I don't remember much of what "I got" for Christmas as a child, but I do remember decorating the tree, helping make Christmas cookies, preparing gifts for the poor, hoping my parents would like what I made them and wrapped up for them, drinking hot chocolate with marshmallows, singing Christmas carols—all in a family setting. I remember hearing the stories about special ornaments. I remember helping prepare bread for dressing in the turkey. I remember carefully getting the crib set out and wondering which one of us would get to put "baby Jesus" in the crib.

We make memories at this time of year—memories in honor of God becoming one of us—memories of replicating in some small way God's gift-giving. In the name of Jesus we give of ourselves; we gather to prepare, to celebrate; we tell stories and listen to the stories of others; we share special food and glad tidings for the future. We are God's incarnation people! God has entrusted us with making God's presence known on earth!

It is amazing what the thoughts of St. Nick's day trigger!!!

Maureen Gallagher, Director

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The Lorax Project

The 5th grade students at St. William Campus have been busy making executive decisions and following up with lots of activity! After reading Dr. Seuss's, *The Lorax Book*, they were lead by their teacher, Ms. Kinonian, to make a difference to protect the environment. They formed committees, set goals and put the plan into action. The difference is evident in the 4th and 5th grade hall. They are educating the entire school about recycling. At home they are challenging everything that goes into the garbage. So in reaching out to our school community they will share weekly tips in the Campus Connection. What a great example of the three R's in action, Responsibility for our environment.

Way to go grade 5!



Technology Committee Seeking New Members

The Waukesha Catholic Technology Committee is seeking new members. If you are interested, please email Sandy Koester at koesters@archmil.org or call 262-896-8-2930 ex.329. Feel free to join us for a visit on Tuesday, January 9th at 7 p.m. in the St. Joe's office area.

OTHER EVENTS

Dinner Express

The company that supplies hot lunch to St. Mary's Campus would like you to be aware of the following: 4 P's in a Pod is pleased to introduce . . .DINNER EXPRESS. . . the easiest way to get your family back to the dinner table. Beginning Tuesday, December 12, complete meals, ready-to-eat, no preparation on your part can be ordered on line. Visit ww.4psinapod.com website today and order wholesome and creative dinners, just like Mom used to make.

And while you're on their website, check out the Seasonal and Tailgate menus for your special holiday events. Whether it's a celebratory dinner, a "bowl-game" party or an evening of appetizers with your friends, 4 P's is there to help. Call us today at (262)544-4389.

WE APPRECIATE YOU

Thank You Scrip Workers

Each Monday we have two workers who balance and place orders. Thank you to Victoria Franceschi, Patrice Piette and Lee Polacheck for their dedication on Mondays. We have many weekend input workers. Thank you to Dana Armour, Michele Nord, Sandra Ammerman, Andrea Nettesheim, Jane Biedlingmaier, and Carole Tapp for the extra time they put in on the weekends.

CAMPUS HI-LITES

ST. JOSEPH

Waukesha Catholic – Auction Sponsorship/Donation Info

Waukesha Catholic- Auction Volunteer Form

Saturday School Invites

Scrip Form

Waukesha Catholic Adult Spirit Wear 6th & 7th Grade Flyer

YMCA Dance Flyer – 6 Grade Students



1st Week of Advent

Good and gracious God, you know how much clutter fills my mind and heart these days. Help me pay attention to your presence in my life. Help me to look for and find opportunities this Advent to become more aware of how you touch my life each day. May I become evermore a sign of your love in the world. Amen

St. Joe's Book Fair Update from Mrs. Jane Egan

Many thanks to all who helped at and/or purchased books, posters, unique pens and erasers, etc. at the Scholastic Book Fair. It could not be a success without all the student and parent participation. The Library was able to choose \$500.00 in books right from the fair and earned extra money to purchase additional books. As you can see, it is very profitable to run this book fair which is why we've been doing it for so many years.

Your support of the ONE FOR BOOKS program raised \$134.00, the money purchased books from the fair for our School Christmas Service Project, The Waukesha Christmas Clearing Council. Scholastic Book Fair will match the raised One For Books dollars with 134 BOOKS to three non-profit programs devoted to improve reading skills among children: Kids in Distressed Situations, National Center for Family Literacy, and Toys for Tots.

Again, we at St. Joe's appreciate the assistance and participation of so many people. Special thanks go to: Renee Kapusniak, Angelica Aldred, Mary Galvin-Santos, Traci Huntemann-Piatt, Peggy MacGregor, Kimberly

Tillison, Lisa Jurik, Karen Stagl, Lynn Kotlowski, Cheryl Berens, Mary Jo Wickus, Mary Lou Erb, Carol Klement, Julie Bluma, Carol Reske, Marie Furrer, Michele Campbell, Jennifer Waschow, Kelly Klohn, Michele Nord, Geri Kiltinen, Shannon McCaffery, Chris Leach, Jeanne Gantenbein, and Janet Knight. You really help make our school a better place! Thank you.

Forensics Team



Kick off meeting for all participants and coaches will be Monday December 11th, after school in the lunchroom, (enter through the 6th grade building). Come and meet the forensics team, your coaches, pick up schedules, ask questions! If you are still interested in finding out about forensics for this year or next - feel free to come and listen (there will be snacks!)

It is not too late to participate in coaching or judging. Coaches are asked to commit to 30 minutes per week. Judges are required to attend an evening training session and would commit to a Friday evening or all day Saturday meet.

A phone message was left from a volunteering coach but the message was lost - will you please call back or email?

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Snack Collection for our Troops

Thank you to all who sent in cookies, snacks, handi wipes, candy, and Christmas cards for Frank Gruenke to take with him when he returned to Shirna, Afghanistan. Even though it was a short time in which to send in items, you did a great job! We're sure the troops will enjoy the goodies! Remember to keep all of our troops and their families in your prayers.

Reminders

Mass will be celebrated for the Immaculate Conception on Friday, December 8 at 8:30 a.m. here at St. Joe's. No school Mass on Thursday.

Scrip Sales - Don't forget that Scrip will be sold this Friday, December 8 in the school office from 10:30 -11:30 a.m.

Ski Forms are now available in the school office or from Mrs. Greil. Our first trip is scheduled for Friday, December 15th. Permission slips and money are due in the office no later than DECEMBER 8TH, NOON.



The Ski Packet contains info for the entire ski season

ST. MARY

Christmas Concert on Thursday

In today's packet is a map of Carroll College and helpful hints for the concert on Thursday, December 7th. PLEASE NOTE: Shattuck auditorium will be in use by Carroll students until 6:00 p.m. We are not able to get in there any sooner. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m.

Secret Santa Shopping at St. Mary Campus

The Secret Santa Shop will be open for business next Thursday, December 14th and Friday, December 15th for kindergarten through 5th grade. A special time will be available for the K4 students – Friday, December 16th K4A will be able to shop at 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. with their parents. K4B is welcome to shop with their parents from 12:30 - 1:00 p.m. All items are priced \$1.00. A sampling of store items will be on display next week outside the office to provide a "sneak peek" of what's available this year.

Thank you Bakers!

Thanks to the wonderful bakers who provided the sweets for the Thanksgiving Event held on November 15th : Marcia Koenig, Adina Doan, Kathy Hoeft, Kristen Gabel, and Tammy Surface. Your help is truly appreciated.

ST. WILLIAM

Mother's Day – Friday, December 8th

Mothers and special guests are asked to come to school with the children and attend 9:00 a.m. Mass with them. We will call families to church based on family size, largest families first, in order to allow all to arrive and get seated in time for Liturgy. If guests can not come to school with the children, they may meet at church. A social will follow in the Parish Hall. After Mass or after the social, guests are encouraged to visit the classrooms of their special student/s. Classes will resume at about 11:00 a.m.



Christmas Concert

The annual SWC Christmas Concert will be held Tuesday, December 12th in the gym. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. The students should arrive for the concert at about 6:30 p.m. The students should "dress up" for the concert unless their teacher has given specific instructions. The doors to the gym will open at about 6:15 p.m.; please keep students with you in the gym until Mr. Radomski comes to get them at the gym doors or they may enter through the glass lobby doors after 6:35 p.m.

Some seats will be reserved for special guests and auction winners. We will also reserve seats for staff and their families. I wish to thank Fr. Leonard and St. William Parish for upgrading the sound system and buying new curtains. Thank you!

How Catholics Read and Interpret the Bible

On Wednesday, January 10th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dr. Dan Scholz, professor of Theology at Cardinal Stritch University, will be the presenter. You must register for this event by calling Cindy Bergland at 262-547-2763 Ext. 213 or e-mail her at cbergland@tds.net. This will be an informative evening, with an excellent speaker.

Advent

Sunday, December 10th is the Second Sunday of Advent. We are called to holiness as we anticipate the Birth of Christ. What have you been doing to eliminate some of the busyness in your life? Begin now; seek ways to make life simpler as you prepare for the birth of the Christ child.

St. Nicholas

St. Nick was the Bishop of Myra who lived in the fourth century. He is a patron Saint of sailors and is known for giving gifts to children. He will visit children at SWC between 9 and 10 a.m. on 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!

"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!

Prayers requested

Please pray for the Roger and Margaret Watson family, the Paul and Carol Seifert family, and the Scott and Laura Fraley family; they have all suffered the loss of a loved one recently.



Market day

Orders are due to school by Wednesday, January 3, 2007 or by internet at noon on Saturday, January 6th.

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

Looking Ahead:

- 12-06-06 Feast of St. Nick-He will be visiting classrooms from about 9 to 10 a.m.
- 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.**
- 12-22-06 K4 to 5 Christmas parties/**11:30 Dismissal**
- 12-22 to 1-02-07 Vacation
- 1-03-07 Wednesday, January 3, 2007 - Classes resume