

# St. Ann School

February 2, 2012

Counting our Blessings...

## St. Ann School

### Mission Statement

We at St. Ann School are guided by the Holy Spirit to provide an exceptional Catholic education for students spiritually, academically, physically, and socially.

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:30AM,  
and 5:30PM

### February Events

- 2 - B Spirits @ St. Mary, 5:30PM
- 2 - A Spirits @ St. Mary, 6:30PM
- 5 - Parish Breakfast after AM masses
- 6 - A Spirits @ Trinity, 5:30PM
- 9 - B Spirits @ St. Peter, 5:30PM
- 9 - A Spirits @ St. Peter, 6:30PM
- 10 - Parent's Night Out, 6:30 - 9:30PM
- 13 - B Spirits vs. St. Mary, 5:30PM
- 13 - A Spirits vs. St. Mary, 6:30PM
- 15 - Donuts with Dads, 7:30AM
- 15 - Catechism Bee, 10:00AM
- 16 - B Spirits @ St. Mary, 5:30PM
- 16 - A Spirits vs. Trinity, 5:30PM
- 17 - **NO SCHOOL**
- 20 - **NO SCHOOL**, President's Day
- 22 - Ash Wednesday
- 22 - Loaves & Fishes
- 22 - Living Stations, 1:30PM
- 23 - A Spirits @ St. Peter, 6:30PM
- 24 - Living Stations, 6:30PM
- 27 - B Spirits vs. St. Mike, 5:30PM
- 27 - A Spirits @ St. Mary, 6:30PM
- 27 - Book Fair Begins
- 28 - Kettunen Center, 8:30AM - 2:00PM
- 28 - Advisory Mtg., 6:30PM
- 29 - PALS, 1:50PM
- 29 - Sacramental Prep. Mtg., 7:00PM

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## From the Principal

I must admit that when St. Ann School decides to throw a party, whether it is the Winterfest or Oktoberfest, they really know how to do it right! I can't begin to say thank you enough to Jackie Erway and Ali Meyer, co-chairs of the event, Terry Duley as the school liaison, all of the committee chairs, and all of you who attended and supported the Winterfest. Everyone that I spoke with who attended had a great time, raved about the delicious food, enjoyed the entertainment and gaming, etc. Most importantly, we were able to raise over \$8000 for our school, which will enable us to meet many of the needs of our Technology Department!

Our Catholic Schools Week started with many of you joining the St. Ann School staff for coffee and rolls on Sunday. Our parishioners received our heartfelt thanks for all they do to support our school at the weekend masses, which was shared with them by 7th grade students Kylie Christensen, Zach Losinski, Jesse Martin, and Molly Mackey. Monday/Crazy Hat or Hair Day, featured Mr. Rick Gebhard as our Guest Speaker and he shared his thoughts about his time as a St. Ann student and now as a St. Ann teacher and parent. Our sixth and seventh graders also shared information about their classroom saint and flag. Our fifth graders presented their saint and flag at our Liturgy practice on Tuesday/Exercise Day. Our students enjoyed an awesome day at the YMCA and Caberfae. The wellness activities at the Y included exercising and swimming. The students at Caberfae enjoyed a beautiful day of skiing and snowboarding. I would like to thank Peter Meyer and Caberfae Peaks for providing this wonderful experience for students, staff, and parents.

Wednesday/Black Polo Shirt Day began with our students and staff donating paper and health products as part of our I Care About Others March (to benefit Love Inc., New Hope Shelter, and Oasis). Our Liturgy leaders, for the first time, were our first graders, who did a super job as readers and gift bearers. Our fourth graders presented their saint and flag before we returned to school. Our day culminated with many of our families enjoying dinner at Bob Evans, with proceeds (15% of sales) donated to our school. Thursday/Fashion Disaster Day was a blast as our students and staff showed how unfashionable they could be! We had a very special Guest Speaker at Morning Prayer, Mrs. Dianne Conrad, who shared a PowerPoint about her relative, Father Luigi, who was canonized in Rome in October 2011 (which she witnessed)! Thank you to our second and third graders for sharing information about their class saint and flag as well. Our boys basketball teams will also be playing their first games of the season vs. St. Mary of Big Rapids.

Friday/Super Bowl Colors Day will provide an opportunity for our Kindergarteners and first graders to present their class saint and flag. Mr. Mike Dolack will be our guest speaker as he shares highlights of his 50 years in various roles at St. Ann School (parent, coach, mentor, chair member, etc.). Our CSW will officially end with a Parish Breakfast on Sunday, February 5th, after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM masses.

I would also like to remind everyone that our boys basketball teams have games next week, our second graders will welcome Dr. Kyle Hogg and his staff here on Wednesday, February 8th, for Give Kids a Smile, our students and parents will have the opportunity to enjoy Parent's Night Out on Friday, February 10th, and our Preschool registration has started for the 2012-2013 school year (over half the available positions are filled!). Please remember that Baby Bottle Boomerang ends Monday, February 6th, the Catechism Bee and Donuts with Dad are on February 15th, and President's Day weekend will be from February 17th-20th.

**I Spy Awards**

Ms. Abee, 3rd  
 Nick Blaszk, 3rd  
 Andrew Burt, 3rd (x2)  
 Kylie Christensen, 7th  
 Camden Clugston, 1st  
 Heather Eller, 3rd  
 Quinn Hess, JrK  
 Mackenna Johnson, 1st  
 Olivia Kapuscinski, 3rd  
 Sean Krannitz, JrK  
 Grace Krannitz, 1st

Oscar Kendell, 1st  
 Trevor Knapp, 6th (x2)  
 Jacob LaMonde, 1st (x2)  
 Zach Losinski, 7th  
 Molly Mackey, 7th  
 Jesse Martin, 7th  
 Mrs. Martin  
 Mr. Martin  
 Alix Matzke, 3rd  
 Molly McKeever, 3rd  
 Ian Munch, 6th

Lucas Peltier, 3rd  
 Lindsay Tonello, 2nd  
 Deion Vo, 6th  
 Liam Wreford, K  
 Kindergarten Class  
 First Grade Class  
 Second Grade Class  
 Third Grade Class  
 Fifth Grade Class (x2)  
 Sixth Grade Class  
 Seventh Grade Class

**Playground Superstars**

Geoff Enyeart, JrK  
 Abigail Allen, K  
 Kahlan King, K  
 Donna Huynh, 1st  
 Bernardo Rojas, 1st  
 Ben Drabik, 2nd  
 Lindsey Tonello, 2nd  
 Colin Hess, 3rd  
 Roberto Rojas, 3rd  
 Brooke Kleinsorge, 4th  
 Maggie Neiss, 4th  
 Marissa Dolorfino, 5th  
 Allan Scheurer, 5th  
 Jordin Ellens, 6th  
 Noah Peltier, 6th  
 Michael Lonas, 7th  
 Molly Mackey, 7th



**Lost & Found**

If you or someone you know left a men's coat at the Winterfest, you may call the school office to claim it.

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

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Fr. Murphy, Pastor Bob Kellogg, Principal



## Thoughtful Moments

### Throat blessing

On February 3rd, many parishes all over the country will celebrate the feast of St. Blaise. St. Blaise was reportedly a physician who healed many ailments of the throat. He was martyred for refusing to renounce his Catholic faith and serves as an example for us of kindness and extraordinary courage.

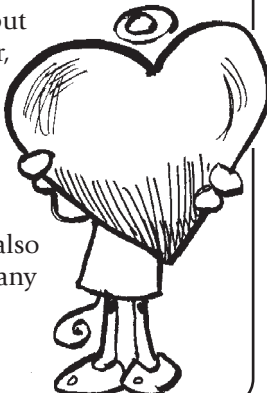


### Gratitude aloud

The more grateful we are for what we have, the more likely we are to value and use it. Let your children hear you thank God for your gifts. Encourage them to do the same.

### Symbols in the Mass

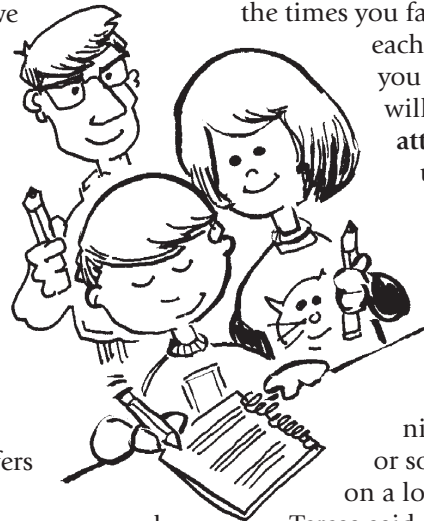
Ever notice how many symbols are used in the Mass? For example, kneeling, shaking hands, the blessing of the water and wine, the elevation of the host. Each is an action in itself but also has another, deeper meaning. They not only help us to reenact Jesus' last supper but also represent the many ways God is present in our lives.



## Teach children to balance Lent

Teaching children to give something up during Lent builds a valuable, lifelong penitential habit. But we can become so focused on this Lenten sacrifice that we neglect the other two pillars of Lent: prayer and almsgiving. All three are necessary to experience the blessings of a fruitful Lent. Try these ideas to teach the other two:

**Prayer:** Demonstrating different methods of prayer during Lent offers children options for putting together their own personal prayer routines. For example, try a **gratitude journal**. At dinnertime or bedtime, take turns writing a line or two in a notebook that talks about



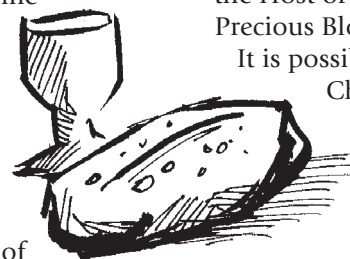
how God blessed each of you that day. Or, demonstrate **P-R-A-Y time**. At least once a day, gather together and Praise God for his goodness, Repent of the times you failed to love him or each other, Ask for what you need, Yield to God's will. Of course, commit to **attending Mass** – the ultimate prayer – on the weekends as a family.

**Almsgiving:** God wants us to share our gifts, not hoard them. As a family, can you spare a night to work at a shelter or soup kitchen? Look in on a lonely neighbor? Mother Teresa said, "never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you." Why not start the habit during Lent?

## Why Do Catholics Do That ?

### Do Catholics believe Christ is in the Precious Blood or the Host?

Once the bread and wine has been consecrated during Mass, Jesus Christ is wholly present under the appearance either of bread or of wine in the Eucharist. In fact, Christ is wholly present in any fragment of



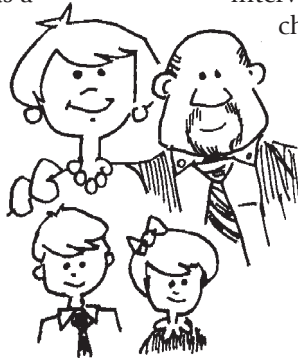
the Host or in any drop of the Precious Blood.

It is possible to receive the whole Christ in just one form or the other. However, it is most fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist.

## Give your family the gift of "Little Easter"

Every Sunday is a "Little Easter," with Mass as a celebration of Christ's victory over death and sin. For that reason, Sunday Mass is an obligation for all Catholics. Many Catholic families find that developing Sunday habits bring them closer together and closer to God. Try these ideas:

**Family forgiveness:** On Friday or Saturday night, gather together and ask each other for forgiveness for offenses committed against one another. Then go to Confession as a family weekly, monthly, or at some other



interval, as often as you can. (Parents may need to help children with their examinations of conscience.)

**Mass preparations:** Before leaving for Church, go over the readings you will hear at Mass so you can answer questions ahead of time. Or, some families find that driving to Mass in silence leaves time for prayer and reflection.

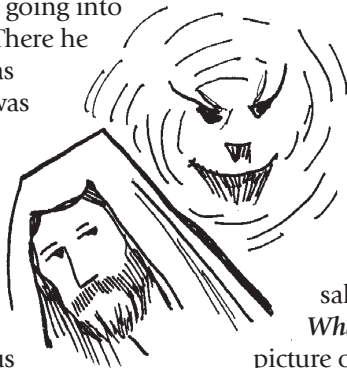
**Mass intentions:** Ask each person to pick someone for whom the family can pray at Mass. Write each name on a list and offer a family prayer for these intentions after Communion.

### Scripture LESSON

### Mark 1:12-15, The Path to Easter

This Gospel describes Jesus actions after his baptism by John. He prepared for his public ministry by going into the desert for forty days. There he was tempted by Satan, was among wild beasts, and was ministered to by angels.

We can use the lessons of this Gospel to help us prepare not only for Easter, but for the rest of our lives. Temptations surround us. Satan is constantly trying to tear us away from God. The wild beasts represent every kind of danger and evil. But the angels provide God's protection



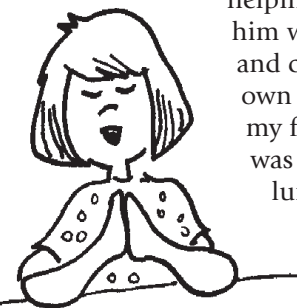
for us. We can rely on them to help us if we ask for God's help.

We can use Lent to fulfill Jesus' proclamation, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." For our part we can take a realistic look at ourselves. We can do penance and accept the Gospel, that God's salvation is available to us.

**What can a parent do?** The picture of Satan tempting us can be frightening to children. Reassure youngsters that God sends his angels to watch over and protect us.

### Parent TALK

I had stopped praying. My father had a heart attack last summer and I was



helping Mom care for him while working and caring for my own family. Then my father-in-law was diagnosed with lung cancer and needed care.

Finally, Ken lost his job for the

second time in three years and we had used up our savings the first time. Obviously God wasn't listening. A few nights later I overheard our ten-year old saying her prayers asking God for help. She ended with, "Thanks for listening. Amen." Then she went to sleep. Standing outside her room, I realized Teresa didn't tell God what to do. She asked for help, trusted that it would come, and left it to God. I prayed for the first time in weeks and ended with, "Thanks for listening. Amen." I realized God is always listening. I was the one who had stopped talking.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes (1858).** A heavenly lady appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a poor and sickly girl from a small village in France. Soon after the first vision, a spring with miraculous healing waters emerged from a nearby cave. The lady revealed herself as the "Immaculate Conception" – the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pilgrims still flock to Lourdes today.

**February 14 – St. Cyril (869).** Along with his brother Methodius, St. Cyril was a missionary, teacher, and patron of the Slavic people. He invented an alphabet still used in some Eastern liturgies, and preached the Gospel in a

more easily understood manner.

**February 22 – Ash Wednesday.** The first day of the Season of Lent. Ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the forehead as a sign of penance.

**February 22 – St. Peter's Chair.** Marking St. Peter's establishment of the Holy See, on this festival we thank God for his Church and pray for its holy preservation.



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