

St. Ann School

January 6, 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

January Events

- 5 - B Spirits vs. Trinity, 5:30PM
- 5 - A Spirits vs. St. Pete, 6:30PM
- 8 - K of C Parish Breakfast
- 11 - Eucharistic Adoration
- 12 - DIBELS testing
- 14 - Girls Basketball Tournament,
Time: TBA
- 24 - Advisory Mtg., 6:30PM
- 25 - PALS, 1:50PM
- 28 - Winterfest, 7PM-Midnight
- 29 - Catholic Schools Week Begins

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From the Principal

I hope all of our St. Ann School families enjoyed the very best possible Christmas and my best wishes for an awesome 2012! Our students have resumed their school year successfully, with our 4th graders leading us in our Liturgy on Wednesday and all of our students generously providing food through Loaves and Fishes for our Food Pantry. Our girls basketball teams were both victorious on Wednesday and also played well Thursday in their last home games, as they prepare for their season-ending tournament on Saturday, January 14th. I will be taking Camden Clugston, Gracie Tweedale, Keegan Buckmaster, Bailey McLaurin, Noah Peltier, and Zach Losinski to lunch at Culver's on Friday as our December Playground Superstars! Please remember to support our Knights of Columbus this Sunday, January 8th, as they provide a Parish Breakfast after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM masses.

A reminder to parents of students in grades 3-7 who are planning on skiing on Tuesdays at Caberfae that their money must be in by Monday morning at 7:35AM. You may either send the money in to the office Wednesday-Friday or drop it off to Mr. Hannula in the lobby Monday morning. The third graders will be leading our Liturgy next Wednesday and grades 3-7 will celebrate a Eucharistic Adoration after the Liturgy. Students will receive the Ponderosa Character certificates (Respect) and our December Dignity and Respect Award winner will be honored (before the Liturgy). Students in grades K-5 will do DIBELS testing on Thursday, January 12th. These assessments will provide our teachers and Mrs. Guest with important data regarding our student's Reading abilities so we can provide the extra help they need.

I would like to share with all of you some important events that will be coming up in the next few weeks. First, the end of our second marking period will be on Friday, January 20th, and report cards/progress reports will be sent home on Friday, January 27th. Our third annual Winterfest will be held on Saturday, January 28th, from 7:00-midnight to benefit the St. Ann School Technology Department. It is extremely important that each parent volunteer do the job that they signed up for or been assigned to do. Your honoring your commitment (working in the kitchen, serving beverages, dealing cards, etc.) is vital to the success of this school fundraiser! Your Winterfest tickets are in your child's backpack today.

Sunday, January 29th, will be the kick-off to Catholic Schools Week, with the theme of "Faith. Academics. Service." Our staff will be providing coffee, juice, rolls, muffins, and bagels after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM masses on January 29th. We will enjoy a variety of activities during the week including: guest speakers, spirit days, class saint and flag presentations, "I Care About Others" March, wellness activities at Caberfae and the YMCA, etc. Please read the school and classroom newsletters carefully in the upcoming weeks so you know what events are taking place during this exciting week. Thirty-four students in grades 2-7 will also be competing in the Second Annual Catechism Bee. I am very proud of these students and the commitment they are making to prepare for this competition. The students will have a preliminary bee to narrow the competitors to five in each division (Primary/2nd & 3rd grade, Intermediate/4th & 5th grade, Advanced/6th & 7th grade). Our St. Ann School Catechism Bee, moderated by Bishop Hebda, will be on Wednesday, February 15th, after the school liturgy.

I Spy Awards

Jakob Bartman, 2nd (x2)
 Katie Bartman, 5th
 Isaac Blaszak, 1st
 Ashley Bohn, 6th
 Kenna Booher, 1st
 Jim Canfield, 5th
 J.P. Creed, 6th (x2)
 Jordin Ellens, 6th
 Brandon Eller, 5th
 Kristy Erway, 7th
 Sean Feister, 2nd
 Kenzie Foreman, 5th
 Dylan Gebhard, 5th
 Brian Geiger, 5th

Jaylyn Hamilton, 1st
 Ashley Hudson, 6th
 Mackenna Johnson, 1st (x2)
 Karsyn Kastl, 1st
 Lizzie Kennard, 5th (x2)
 Frannie Kiomento, 1st
 Trevor Knapp, 6th
 Grace Krannitz, 1st
 Keiffer Krusniak, 5th
 Justin LaMonde, 4th
 Garrett Losinski, 4th
 Sydney Paul, 5th
 Aidan Raffaele, 5th
 Bernardo Rojas, 1st

Allan Scheurer, 5th
 Brendan Shanahan, 7th
 Stephanie Slater, 6th
 Gracie Tweedale, 2nd
 Deion Vo, 6th
 Lindsay Ward, 1st
 Sophie Whitaker, 1st
 Emma Whitaker, 1st
 Kindergarten Class
 Second Grade Class (x2)
 5th Grade Class (x2)
 7th Grade Class

Playground Superstars

Sean Krannitz, JrK
 Haylee Groen, K
 Fredric Lonas, K
 Camden Clugston, 1st
 Grace Krannitz, 1st
 Zoey Feister, 2nd
 James Kiomento, 2nd
 Andrew Burt, 3rd
 Brady McLaurin, 3rd
 Jonathon Parrish, 4th
 Jonathon Vo, 4th
 Bailey McLaurin, 5th
 Alex Netzley, 5th
 Matthew Skinner, 6th
 Cole Ulrey, 6th
 Zachary Losinski, 7th
 Jesse Martin, 7th

Ski Bus Schedule Clarification

St Ann students (including 5th and 6th graders) ride the bus that leaves from the Cadillac Junior High and not the one that leaves from Mackinaw Trail. Students must be at the Junior High at 3:55PM. The bus will return to the Junior High at 8:30PM.

Box Tops For Education

Did you know that we have an ongoing Box Tops for Education contest? The contest runs through Thursday, February 16th. Keep clipping and sending in your labels. Like the Scrip contest, we will count points per student in each classroom. The winning class will receive a pizza party. Good Luck!

Winterfest Casino Night 2012

Saturday, January 28th, from 7PM - Midnight
 St. Ann Gym & Parish Hall

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door and include:

- ♠ Entrance to Event
- ♠ One Beverage (pop/beer/wine); Unlimited Coffee Bar
- ♠ All the Fabulous Hors D'oeuvres & Desserts you can eat
- ♠ Entry in the Raffle: 1st Prize of \$1000 Cash
- ♠ Additional Prizes include \$250 Cash, four Caberfae Lift Tickets, two \$100 Cash Prizes, and two \$50 Scrip Certificates
- ♠ Beverage Garden
- ♠ Music and Dancing

Proceeds to benefit our Technology Department

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

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Fr. Murphy, Pastor Bob Kellogg, Principal



Thoughtful Moments

Resolutions

The New Year is a good time to set resolutions that will help us grow in character. Even young children can form resolutions that will help them improve. The key is to pick age-appropriate resolutions they can actually accomplish. A good rule of thumb is, the younger the child the fewer the resolutions.



Make it last

Don't take the Christmas tree down just yet. The retail Christmas season starts so early that by the time December 25th comes, we are ready to stuff the decorations away for another year. But for the Church, the Christmas season starts on the 25th and goes until January 9th, the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, the true end of the Christmas Season.

Parents' advice

"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and reject not your mother's teaching; graceful diadem will they be for your head; a pendant for your neck" (Proverbs 1:8-9).



Are you teaching your children to sin?

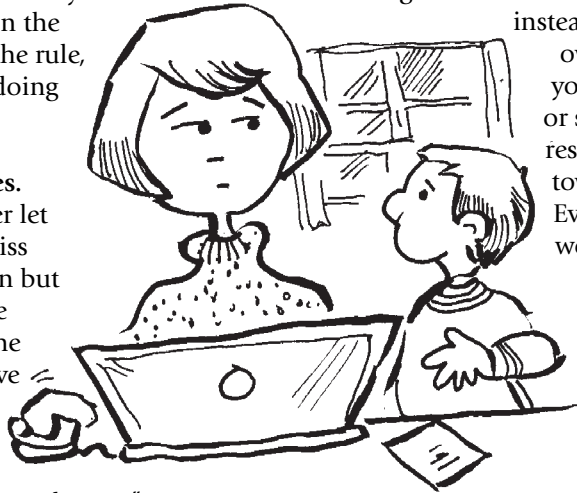
Sounds like a silly question, doesn't it? No Christian parent would teach a child to sin. But, if whether or not you follow God's rules yourself

depends upon the situation or the rule, you may be doing just that. For example:

"White" lies.

Have you ever let your child miss school for fun but sent in a note saying that she was sick? Have you dodged a phone call by saying,

"tell him I'm not home!?" Have you snuck extra items on the express grocery line? If so, you demonstrated that it's okay to break God's law about telling the truth. How can children tell when to stop?



"Thou shall steal?" Do you download copyrighted movies and music without paying? Do you tap into a neighbor's internet or cable service

instead of buying your own? Do you help yourself to napkins or silverware from restaurants or take towels from hotels? Even if the victim is wealthy, you are breaking God's law against stealing.

Do as I

do. To our children, what we do is more powerful than what

we say. *"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea"* (Matthew 18:6).

Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Why are there statues and images in our churches?

In the early days of the Church, many of the faithful couldn't read or write. Images, icons, and statues in our churches served as teaching tools and spiritual aids.

Today, images of the Crucifix remind us of Jesus' sacrifice and



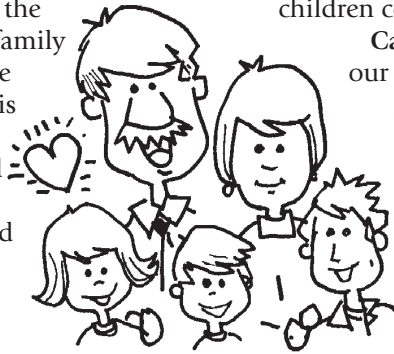
Resurrection. Statues of Mary and the saints recall their heroism and remind us of what we can become. These tools call us to better efforts at holiness, and urge us to ask God for the grace to keep trying for saintliness.

Catholic families shine with love

Pope Benedict recently said that just like the Catholic Church as a whole, the Catholic family is called to “welcome, radiate and show the world the love and presence of Christ.” This love is evident when we:

Care for and educate our children. And studies have shown that youth who feel loved and cared for are more likely to avoid risky behavior like indulging in drugs, alcohol, and sexual activity.

Care for the poor. Families that make a regular practice of helping the poor teach



children compassion, empathy, and love of neighbor.

Care for our local parish. Without each of us, our parishes can't pay bills, perform necessary ministries or do God's work. Becoming active in and supporting the parish at a young age helps build a child's Catholic identity, and that helps to “radiate” the presence of Christ as an adult.

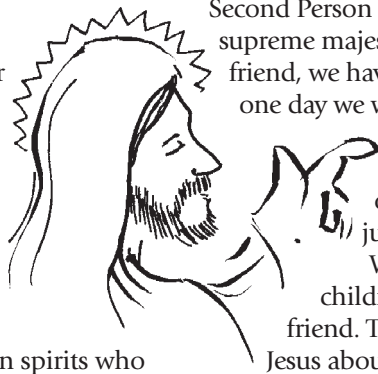
Strike a balance between work and play. Work is important, but it is often during the family time when we make loving memories that will last a lifetime.

Scripture LESSON

Mark 1:21-28, My Buddy or My God?

This Gospel describes Jesus and his apostles entering the synagogue at Capernaum. Jesus taught those gathered for the Sabbath. Most teachers or prophets would have said, “Thus says the Lord...” But Jesus said something like, “I tell you...” He taught as one who had the authority of God and that astonished his listeners. Even the unclean spirits who tortured a man at the synagogue recognized who Jesus was.

As a kind and gentle soul, it is easy to



treat Jesus as a buddy and he wants us to trust and rely on him. But as the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus has supreme majesty. While he is our friend, we have to remember that one day we will appear

before him on bended knee. He is our divine savior, not just our buddy.

We can explain to our children that Jesus is our friend. Teach children to talk to Jesus about anything that happens, good or bad. At the same time, stress that Jesus is God and deserves to be worshipped and adored.

Parent TALK

Jeff's job was in jeopardy and we were both worried. We thought we were hiding our concern until I got a call from our third-grader's teacher.



Mrs. Conboy said that Leslie was becoming argumentative, bossing other students around, and even told Mrs.

Conboy that she wished she would be “more proactive,” something I had said to Jeff just a few nights before. Mrs. Conboy chuckled, but I didn't find it funny. We obviously weren't doing a good job of hiding our tension and Leslie was mimicking my behavior.

Before dinner that night, we prayed a family Rosary and talked with the children. We also acknowledged that we have been worried about Jeff's job but also said we knew that God would take care of us. We promised to pray more and worry less.

The atmosphere in the house got lighter and I didn't get any more phone calls from school.

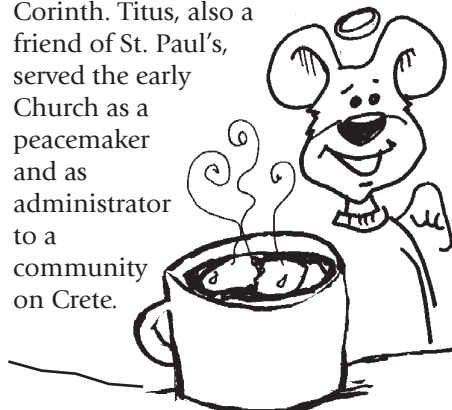
Feasts & Celebrations

In January we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. “...At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth” (Philippians 2:10).

January 1 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. When we celebrate this feast, we honor Mary, but also Jesus as God.

January 24 - St. Francis de Sales (1622). As bishop of Geneva, St. Francis bolstered the faith of others by his writings and works. For the laity, St. Francis wrote Introduction to the Devout Life, which is as applicable today as it was in his day.

January 26 – Sts. Timothy and Titus (1st century) Timothy was converted by St. Paul and later became his trusted friend joining him in apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. Titus, also a friend of St. Paul's, served the early Church as a peacemaker and as administrator to a community on Crete.



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