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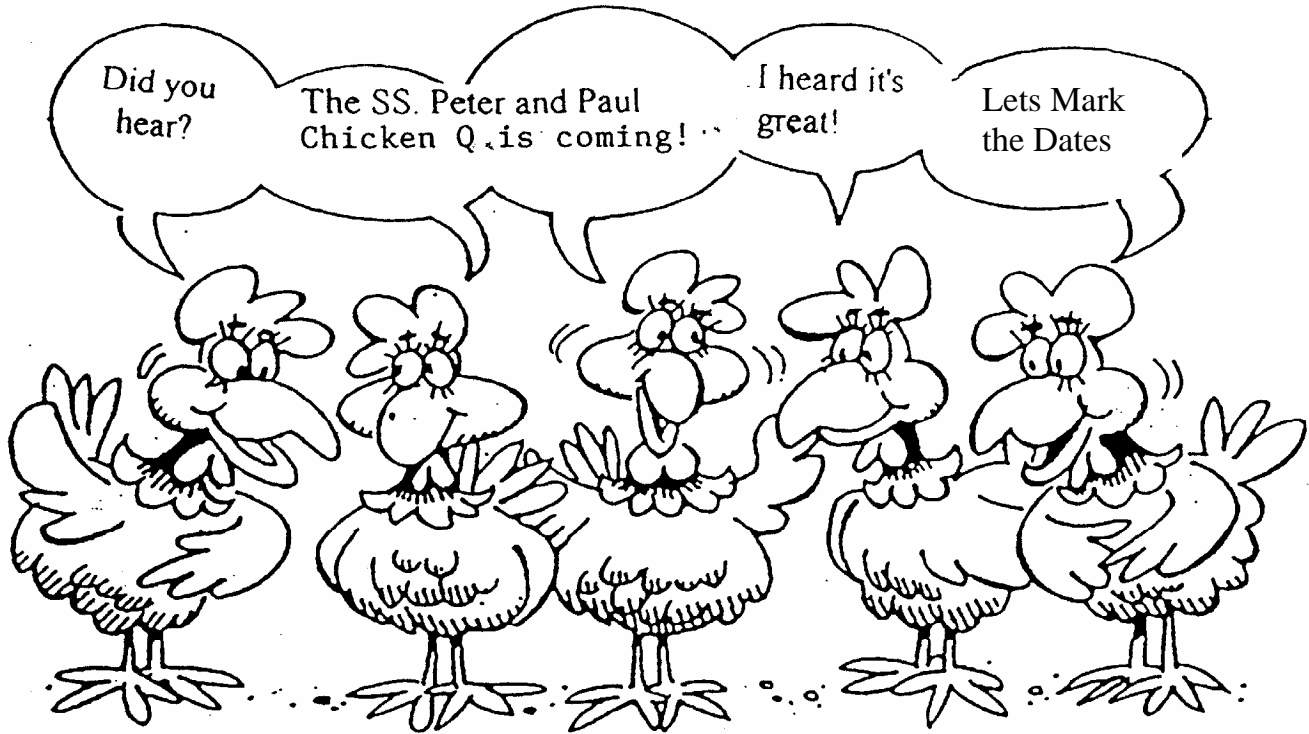
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March 2008



STAFF CHICKEN QUE

Serving After The 4:30 Mass On Saturday, April 5

And Sunday, April 6 After the 10:30 Mass.

**Chicken Dinners include 1/2 Bar-B-Que Chicken,
Bread, Bag of Potato Chips, Milk and Pickles.**

All Dinners will be drive-through,

Delivered to your car in front of school.

Sit down dinners welcome in the school cafeteria.

Price: \$6.00



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
The Knights of Columbus wishes all of
you a Happy Easter!

We held a free throw contest in January and the following won their division:

10 year boy: Alex McGuire
10 year girl: Emily Guza
11 year boy: Christopher Warner
11 year girl: Sara Filla
12 year boy: Mitchell Warner
12 year girl: Tanisha Bautch
13 year boy: Andrew McGuire
13 year girl: Jenna Speltz
14 year boy: Cameron Palkowski
14 year girl: none participated

This contest is held every year at the beginning of January. The local level produced two winners at the district level. They are Tanisha Bautch and Cameron Palkowski. Congratulations on your success and good luck at the diocese level.

We also held our annual fundraiser (Sno-ball) and would like to thank the many volunteers that helped in any way before, during, and after the event. Without this help, it would not be possible to accomplish everything we do that night.

The Chinese raffle Winners

Bushy's Meat Market (\$25.00): Travis Sura
(2) Merchandise certificates from NIC: Kimble Koval & Rick Slaby
(2) Indee Mini Mart Cards (\$15.00): Mike Yapp & Ruthie Marsolek
Longaberger Basket: Mike Yapp
(2) Tri-city Sanitation Caps and Knife-Brad Dejno & Pat Marsolek
Indee Kids Sweatshirt: Mike Yapp
Stainless Steel Bowls and Miracle Blade III: Matt Glasspoole
Fish Filet Knife: Kimble Koval
18v cordless drill: Angie Sylla
Stanley wrench set: Rick Slaby
Ice Fishing Combo (3 items): Steve Wozney
Wildlife Picture: Mike Yapp
Packers Photo: Julie Forsythe

Tony Stewart Photo: Mike Yapp
TCC V-Tech cordless phone: Buffy Symicek
Budweiser Earnhardt Hood: Paul Tuschner
Olde Mill Hair Salon kit: Gwen Schank
"Write on me cat": Bruce Speltz
Fishing Pole: Brenda Suchla
10" portable DVD Player: Scott Kampa
6" LCD digital photo frame: Marilyn Kampa
Fly & learn globe and teddy bears: Travis Sura
Indee Metal Works beer tub: Amanda Murray
Packer Shirt: Eddie Schlessler
Packer Picture: Sarah Slaby

Sno-ball Raffle Winners

1st 300.00 Pat Marsolek
2nd 200.00 Tim Berra
3rd 100.00 Gwen Schank
4th 25.00 Patty Klimek
5th 25.00 Denise Larson
6th 25.00 Richard Warner
7th 25.00 Rhonda Koval
8th 25.00 Darrel Kulig
9th 25.00 Kelly Blaha

Thank you to all of our donators; and congratulations to the winners.

The Knights of Columbus also held their annual respect of life essay contest.
The seventh grade winner is Kyle Filla:

Avoiding Unwanted Teen Pregnancy

Our way teenagers can avoid teen pregnancy is by following their faith. Our faith tells us that we should wait until we are married to have sex. Teenagers can also talk to their parents, school counselors, or another adult they trust to get advice on how to tell their girlfriend or boyfriend "no" when that person is asking or begging to have sex. If the girl or boy friend does not listen then that person should not agree to be alone with that friend. Another way a teenager can avoid pregnancy is not get involved with friends who do not have the same values as them, such as not having sex until they are married.

Talking to a doctor about birth control options is not accepted by the Catholic faith, but it is an option for teenagers to avoid pregnancy. Teenagers need to understand and believe that not having sex before they are married is the right thing

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to do. Avoiding sex before getting married will not only reduce teenage pregnancies, but it will also help reduce diseases that are passed on through sex. Some of these diseases, such as AIDS, are very dangerous and can be passed on through blood.

The best way teenagers can avoid pregnancy is believing in their faith and following God's word. God's word tells us the best way to live our lives. If teenagers choose to follow God's word as close as possible they will lead a happy, healthy, and very successful life.

The eighth grade winner is Patrick Warner

Is it OK?

What does it mean to go too far? How can I honor myself and God by what I do or don't do? I have to remember to act as if Jesus was standing right next to me. This will help me keep in mind what I should not be doing, and how I should be treating my body. Don't do too much with a boy or girl on a date; don't get pregnant or don't get a girl pregnant. You don't want to have that on your conscience. You already have enough on your mind with school, sports, and friends. But really what does it mean to go too far? Is it all right to flit with a girl or guy? Is French kissing ok? All of these questions involve you as a teenager. There is a fine line between good and bad, and most kids know what it is. That feeling of knowing that you are doing something bad is helping you to do the right thing. You have to respect yourself and the people around you, and you have to honor yourself and be a good person by staying pure. This means the same thing as honoring God and even the church. You would never dishonor them, and you should never dishonor your body either, because that is where God lives.

Premarital sex is wrong and it won't make you feel better about yourself. It won't give you the respect you want either. The only thing that it will give you is a lot more problems in you life and more stress than you need. Even if you don't think you're a good person, you are! You can stop anything if you want to. If you have a problem with flirting you can always pray about it or choose friends who don't pressure you about flirting. Once you realize how easy saying no is, you will be able to do a lot more. And you will be happy about it. But just remember that your body is where God lives and that will make you honor yourself and other people.

These two winners will move on to the diocesan level competition. Good Luck!

Members of the Knights of Columbus are selling raffle tickets for the Wisconsin State Council's annual Charity Raffle.

The prize list consists

of \$135,000 paid to 45 winners, with a first prize of \$50,000.

Second prize is a 2008 Harley FLHX Street Glide or \$25,000.

The third prize is \$15,000

The fourth prize is a 2008 Harley XL 1200 or \$10,000.

The fifth prize is \$5,000.

The great thing about this raffle is that both Harleys are the 105th Anniversary Editions which are real classics.

The drawing will take place at the organization's State Convention on April 26th at Wisconsin Dells. Tickets can be obtained from any Knight of Columbus member at a cost of \$5.00. This is the largest raffle in the State of Wisconsin for a \$5.00 price. (Contact Patrick "Hondo" Baecker for tickets). Last year, the Knights made charitable donations of more than \$304,000 from their local councils to needy persons in their communities. In addition, the State Council issued grants to 176 families throughout Wisconsin in an amount of \$217,000. They also sent \$10,000 to help the victims of the flooding that took place in Western Wisconsin.

Fraternally yours,
Richard Skroch, Recorder
Recorder

Sno-Ball Chinese Raffle Thank You

Thank you to all who purchased tickets for the Knights of Columbus Sno-Ball Chinese Raffle, and congratulations to all the winners. This was the first Chinese Raffle for the Sno-Ball and the KC members would like to thank the following donors for their contribution.

Tri County Communications, Tri City Sanitation, Holtan's Jewelry & Gifts, Bushy's Meat Market, Indee Mini Mart, Northern Investment, Miller Town &

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Country, Arcadia Sports, Olde Mill Hair & Salon, Pehler Bros Distributing, and Indee Metal Works. Rick & Sarah Slaby, Rita Slaby, Scott & Holly Kampa, Rich & Brenda Skroch, Bob & Gail Pietrek, Bill & Janet Waldera, Bob & Kathy Kampa, Pete & Robin Woychik, Ann Miemietz & Family, Eddie Schlessler, and Mike Yapp.

Also a big THANK YOU to all who helped collect donations and set up for the raffle.

Nick Gamroth
Knights of Columbus Member

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS



Dear Rosary Members,

When will winter come to an end? I know we live in Wisconsin, but I'm excited to see the tulips and crocuses peaking out of the ground, showing signs that spring and Easter are coming. At the rate we're going, we won't see them till May.

For those saying rosary before Mass, this month you will be saying the Sorrowful Mysteries through March 22. These are the events that lead up to Easter. Starting with the Agony in the Garden and ending with the Crucifixion of Jesus. Easter is March 23 and you will begin saying the Glorious Mysteries then. The Glorious Mysteries include: the Resurrection of Jesus, the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven, the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, and ending with the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven. Anyone interested in saying rosary before Mass can contact me by phone (985-3903) or by email (jenchow@tcc.coop). We could always use more people to lead rosary before Mass. Thank you for your dedication to those who already lead rosary.

During the month of March there is one feast day. Charlotte Gamroth's 4th Marian Rose will celebrate the Annunciation on Tuesday, March 25th. All members of this Rose is encouraged to attend Mass on this day if possible. The Annunciation is when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, who had been preserved from sin her whole life, to tell her that she was to be the mother of the world's Savior, Jesus Christ.

Finally, I would like to welcome our two newest mem-

bers who have joined the Rosary Society, Ed and Kathy Sonsalla. They are members of Mary Dejno's 14th Marian Rose. Ed will represent the 4th Glorious Mystery with Valeria Kupka. Kathy will represent the 4th Joyful Mystery with Marcella Amundson. Ed and Kathy, welcome to the Rosary Society. I'm excited to have so many new members already this year.

I leave you this month with a short prayer that you and your family can say and learn together:

"God Our Father, walk through our house and take away all our worries and illnesses; In Jesus' name. Amen"

Until next month.....

Respectfully yours,

Jennifer M. Woychik, President

One Minute Meditations

Friend vs. Faith

According to legend, Pericles of Athens refused to lie for a friend saying that a good friend won't let friendship violate one's faith or ethics. He contended that this doesn't demonstrate the friendship's limits; it proves its strength.

Who is my neighbor?

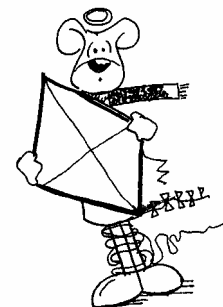
The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that our neighbor is someone whose origins we know and who deserves particular attention. This includes our brothers and sisters since they share our origins, as do cousins and other relatives. Fellow citizens are children of our country. Anyone who is baptized is a child of our mother the Church. And every person is a child of God.

Never say "never"

"That will never happen."

"Things will never change."

Never may be part of our vocabulary, but it isn't part of God's. Remember this next time you feel hemmed in by circumstances. God's grace can accomplish the unthinkable. Remember, "For with God nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37).



January Calendar Raffle

1. Ramona English..... Arcadia, WI
2. Gerald Gadzinski Arcadia, WI
3. Betty Suchla..... Independence, WI
4. Pelchie Guenterberg.....Milwaukee, WI
5. Irene Dittrich.....Alma, WI
6. Charles Johnston Whitehall, WI
7. Taylor Baxa Independence, WI
8. Theresa Giemza Arcadia, WI
9. Valentine Suchla..... Independence, WI
10. Jennifer Bautch Independence, WI
11. Jason Halama Whitehall, WI
12. Mary Smieja..... Independence, WI
13. Donald R. Sosalla Whitehall, WI
14. Evelyn Rebarcek..... Whitehall, WI
15. Marcus Mish Independence, WI
16. Peggy Bjortomt..... Preston, MN
17. Clarence Matchey Independence, WI
18. Ed & Joyce Forsythe..... Arcadia, WI
19. Sheila GustafsonMilwaukee, WI
20. Mark Franklin Whitehall, WI
21. Judy Barth..... Arcadia, WI
22. Bob Pronschinske Arcadia, WI
23. Marie AndersonWinona, MN
24. Richard Pierzina..... Arcadia, WI
25. James P. Bautch Arcadia, WI
26. Martin Mish Cudahy, WI
27. Irene Ackley.....Pigeon Falls, WI
28. Ed Dauer Independence, WI
29. Apollonia Thomas Arcadia, WI
30. Lorraine Bensend..... Whitehall, WI
31. Joe Pronschinske..... Independence, WI



Easter can be your new beginning

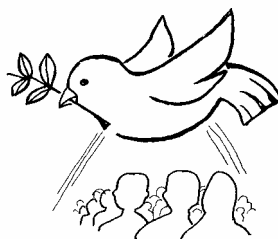
One thing Christians can count on is God’s willingness to give each of us another chance. Easter is proof of that. Jesus gave himself for us so that we can make

our second chances count. Try these ideas for living the lessons of Easter:

Start a new day. What is keeping you from growing closer to God? Do you work too much and neglect your prayer or family life? Do your friends tempt you away from holiness? Do you skip Mass on Sunday to sleep in? On Easter morning, start fresh by leaving

your old life behind and growing in holiness. Roll away the stone. Pick a bad habit you want to change such as using bad language, getting angry too easily, or overeating. Write that habit on a rock and carry the rock with you to help you remember to change your behavior. Once you have conquered your bad habit, throw it away.

Look for the Lord. Jesus said, “I tell you ... there will be more joy in Heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance” (Luke 15:7). No matter what you have done, God is ready to forgive you if you give him the chance. Confess your sins to a priest, do your penance, and join Heaven in celebrating.



What did the Holy Spirit give you?

When you were baptized, made your First Communion, or got confirmed, the Holy Spirit gave you gifts

to help you grow in your Catholic faith. Have you unwrapped them yet?

Wisdom: This gift helps us stay focused on God's will and his plan for us.

Understanding: Lets us grasp truths. It means seeing with the heart, not just the mind.

Counsel: Also called "right judgment," counsel enables us to weigh all the alternatives to make the right choice.

Fortitude: The ability to remain firm against all pressures. (Also called courage.)

Knowledge: A person with knowledge sees more than one dimension of an issue to determine the right path.

Piety: Helps us think of ourselves as children of God and be eager to serve him.

Fear of the Lord: The wonder and awe God inspires encourages us to respect him and all his creations.

Accepting these gifts means identifying and using them. Just don't forget to call on the Holy Spirit for guidance when you do.

Lessons from Scripture John 20:19-31, "Doubting Thomas"



Have you ever struggled with doubts about your faith? Do you think that true people of faith should have no doubts? Are you afraid to ask tough questions out of fear that you can't handle the answers?

As a disciple, Thomas was with Jesus for three years and was an eye-witness to the great miracles. Jesus even clued the disciples in to what was going to happen to him. Yet, Thomas had trouble accepting the truth of the Resurrection without hard evidence. So, when he appeared to Thomas, Jesus invited him to do whatever was necessary to convince himself of the truth.

Despite his nonconformance with the other disciples, Thomas stayed part of the group. As a result, he was able to find the answers in the context of that early church.

This encounter with Thomas suggests that every seeker is welcome to bring his or her doubts to God. He delights in guiding our search for the truth and promised that the Spirit would aid those who seek it (John 16:13).



Q&A: I'm so busy. How can I find more time to pray?

A healthy friendship with God needs the time and attention of prayer. Yet the hectic pace of life can make it hard to find time to pray. Consider these ways to find more time for heartfelt prayer:

Pray the wait. A decade of the Rosary, can be a great way to pass the time spent waiting in line at the grocery store, at a traffic light, or in the doctor's office.

Pray the Bible. Copy a different passage from the Bible each week and put it in your pocket, on your refrigerator, or your bathroom mirror where you will see. Memorize it and think about its meaning.

Pray the sounds. Listen to recorded prayers or inspirational music while exercising, commuting, or doing

chores. That helps turn whatever you're doing into a prayer.

Pray the moment. Pick a simple phrase to repeat throughout the day. Try the Jesus Prayer, "Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." See how many times you can say it each day.



March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel (1955). A Philadelphia heiress, St. Katharine Drexel gave up her fortune to become a nun. She established 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states and founded Xavier University in New Orleans, the first university for African-Americans in the U.S.

March 7 - Sts. Perpetua and Felicity (203). Perpetua, a beautiful young mother and noble woman, and her slave, Felicity, were imprisoned for refusing to renounce their Christian faith. St. Perpetua kept a diary of their imprisonment, which included her anxiety for her infant and the child born of Felicity in prison. Neither woman lost her resolve, however, and both died violent deaths.

March 17 - St. Patrick (493). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. Although he escaped, he later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited with establishing the Church there



Why do Catholics do that? Why do Catholics anoint the sick?

Through the healing gift of the Holy Spirit, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick conveys forgiveness of sins and heals the whole person. A priest administers the Sacrament to those who are seriously ill or infirm by anointing them on the forehead and hands with blessed oil.

Like all Sacraments, this one was initiated by Jesus. He told his Apostles to "cure the sick" (Matthew 10:1-8) and they "anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them" (Mark 6:13).



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Eleanor Manka
White Vestments For Easter**
Joyce Klimek \$500.00

**In Loving Memory of
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School Text Books**
Eldon & Rose Brandenburg
Doug & Mary Klimek
Jim & Pauline Helgeson
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Tom & Cleo Pientok
Dave & Sandy Filla & Family
Evelyn Bautch
Lonnie & Katie Lee

Church Restoration Fund
Art & Renita Bohn
Judy Filla
Jerry & Dora Jean Blaha
Becky & Dennis Maule

Church Roof Fund
Jim & Leone Olson

On the Lighter Side Born a Baptist

Each Friday night after work, Bubba would fire up his outdoor grill and cook a venison steak. But, all of Bubba's neighbors were Catholic....

And since it was Lent, they were forbidden from eating meat on Friday.

The delicious aroma from the grilled venison steaks was causing such a problem for the Catholic faithful that they finally talked to their priest.

The Priest came to visit Bubba, and suggested that he become a Catholic. After several classes and much study, Bubba attended Mass..... As the priest sprinkled holy water over him, he said, 'You were born a Baptist, and raised a Baptist, but now you are a Catholic.'

Bubba's neighbors were greatly relieved, until Friday night arrived, and the wonderful aroma of grilled venison filled the neighborhood. The Priest was called immediately by the neighbors, and as he rushed into Bubba's yard, clutching a rosary and preparing to scold him, he stopped and watched in amazement. There stood Bubba, clutching a small bottle of holy water which he carefully sprinkled over the grilling meat and chanted:

You wuz born a deer, you wuz raised a deer, but now you are a catfish.

Fund Raiser for Becky Marsolek

Becky's chronic/progressive neurological condition (Transverse Myelitis) has resulted in extensive hospitalization and her being wheelchair bound.

She is in need of equipment that will allow her to be more independent and rejoin her family.

**Saturday March 29, 2008
La Hacienda Club Midway
4:00 P.M. -10:00**

Food, Chinese Raffle, Quilt Raffle,
Silent and Live Auctions
Raffle tickets for Guns
Cash. Games for kids
Cake Walk, Bake Sale

For Donations, Please Call
Ellen Drangstveit @ 287-4797

Fund Raiser for Becky (Pieterick) Marsolek

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
SATURDAY MARCH 29, 2008**

Financial Report January 2008

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Income

401 - Adult Envelope Receipts	38,795.32
402 - Youth Envelope Receipts	591.36
403 - Plate Collections	1,433.58
404 - All Other Church Support/Income	38.50
412 - Debt Retirement	1,458.00
432 - Society & Organization Income	488.00
434 - Bequests & Memorials	145.00
438 - Catholic Times Subscriptions	25.00
441 - Interest from Diocesan Investme	147.14
442 - Interest from Other Investments	37.70
451 - School Tuition & Fees	4,722.50
456 - Other Revenue from Sch & Rel Ed	1,918.66

Total Income 49,800.76

Expense

501 - Salaries-Parish Clergy	678.00
503 - Salaries-All Others	10,534.10
506 - Salaries-Lay Teachers	20,980.61
509 - Professional Fees & Services	368.07
516 - Social Security & Medicare	2,500.84
517 - Health Insurance & Retirement	2,405.77
519 - Household Expenses-Rectory	180.00
521 - Office Supplies	2,365.86
523 - Utilities	8,628.04
524 - Auto & Travel Allowances	1,046.00
525 - Liturgical & Church Goods	477.08
528 - Instructional Supplies, Texts	128.23
538 - Catholic Times Support	554.61
554 - Janitorial Supplies	217.82
555 - Repairs & Maintenance of B&G	506.44
559 - Miscellaneous	201.00
581 - Int. Paid on Loans to Diocese	142.34
597 - Society & Organiza Expenditures	1,278.92
D211 - Payment on Debt to Diocese	7,675.66

Total Expense 60,819.39

Net Income -11,018.63

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Mass Schedule

Wednesday & Friday @ Ss. P & P 8:30 a.m.
 Tuesday & Thursday @ St. Johns..... 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday @ Ss. P & P 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday @ St. Johns..... 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday @ Ss. P & P..... 10:30 a.m.

Prize Giveaway

In each newsletter one parishioner number (the number on your church envelope) is hidden within the newsletter advertisements. For example, a number would be hidden within the advertisements as \$0000\$. If you find your parishioner number and call the rectory, you will win a minimum of \$10. If the \$10 from the current newsletter is not claimed before the next month's articles are due, then that \$10 will be added to the next month's prize money. This system will continue until someone claims the prize. At that time, the prize money will start back at \$10. **Make sure to search the ads for your parishioner number each month.**

The money raised from selling advertisements to local businesses funds the prize giveaway.

Congratulations to Cecelia E. Killian for winning the \$10 prize in the month of February. Next month's prize will again be \$10.

Newsletter Articles Due

Newsletter articles for the April issue are due March 15. If at all possible please submit the articles on floppy disks or E-mail them to jjk@triwest.net. Any one having suggestions for the newsletter, please submit them to the rectory.

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MARCH SCHOOL NEWS

LENT

The students attend Mass each Wednesday and Friday during Lent. In addition, they will pray the Stations of the Cross following the Friday morning Masses on March 7 and 14. Parishioners and parents are invited to attend the children's Masses and participate in the Stations of the Cross with their children.

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Food items will be collected for those in need as part of our Lenten almsgiving. Students are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to the school. These food items will be then taken to church where they will be placed on St. Joseph's altar to be blessed by Father and then distributed.

LUNCH MONEY FOR MARCH

\$27.00 – Reduced \$7.20

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 5	Lenten Confessions for Students
March 6-7	8 th Grade High School Scheduling
March 9	Daylight Savings Time begins
March 14	Class Spelling Bees
March 18-April 1	Clubs Choice Pizza Sales Fundraiser
March 20-24	Easter Break
March 28	End of the 3 rd Quarter
	Casual Dress Day
March 29	Solo & Ensemble Contest at Alma

EASTER BREAK

The students will be on Easter break from March 20-24. Classes will resume on Tuesday, March 25.

PIZZA SALE KICKOFF

The annual Clubs Choice Pizza fundraiser will be held again this year, starting on Tuesday, March 18, when the students will be given their forms. Sales will be held during the Easter break, and will end on April 1. In addition to pizzas, other frozen foods, candies, nuts, etc., will also be available to purchase. We will be going with money prizes again this year. If your family decides not to participate in the sale, we always appreciate monetary donations – your child will be included in the drawings if a monetary donation is made. The profit from the sale benefits all of the families in the school in the school by helping keep tuition costs down.

NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION WEEK

Newspaper in Education Week will be held during the week of March 3-7. Students will be reading the *Eau Claire Leader-Telegram* each day and participating in the Sixty-Minute Reading Challenge.

WINTER WEATHER

Although there are some signs of spring in the air, winter is still hanging around. Please make sure that your children are appropriately dressed for winter weather, including snow pants, boots, caps, gloves or mittens, etc.

(Students can start wearing shorts when the predicted temperature for the day will be 65 degrees or above.) Please continue to listen to local radio and TV stations for weather-related school closings, delays, and early dismissals. So far, we have had two snow days, which we do not have to make up as they were built into the school calendar.

STAFF CHICKEN QUE

Once again the staff of Ss. Peter & Paul School will hold their famous Chicken Que. This year we will be serving grilled chicken on both Saturday and Sunday - April 5, following the 4:30 Mass, and Sunday, April 6, following the 10:30 Mass. Dinners will be delivered to your car in front of the school or carryout. There will be inside seating in the cafeteria for those who request it. Watch the *Saints Alive Newsletter* and Sunday bulletins.

Dinner Includes: ½ BBQ Chicken, Bread, Milk, Pickles and Bag of Chips
Cost: \$6.00

In the past we have been fortunate to have people donate different items, which really cut down on our expenses. If you would be interested in donating the cost of a cost of milk or a box of chicken, we would really appreciate it. Donations can be dropped off at school. The cost of milk is \$13.00 and chicken is \$35.00. Thanks for your continued support.

HEAD LICE CHECK

The Trempealeau County nurses conducted an all-school head check on February 13. No cases of lice were found. Again, we will continue to do spot checks during the remainder of the school year.

KINDERGARTEN PREVIEW AFTERNOON

The Kindergarten Preview afternoon will be held on **Thursday, March 27**, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Parents and children who will enter kindergarten next fall are invited to attend an afternoon of activities with Ms. Sosalla and the kindergarten students. Call the school to register.

CLASS SPELLING BEES

Students will participate in class spelling bees on Friday, March 14. A schedule of times that each class will be having their spelldown will be sent home if parents are interested in attending. Class winners will be recognized at the end of the year Awards Assembly.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FORENSICS TEAM

The 2008 Forensics Team wrapped up their season with all blue ribbons at the statewide Level II competition held in Bangor on Monday, February 25. The team competed in three contests this year. The first was in Fall Creek in January. At the Level I competition, held in Arcadia on February 7, all of the students' scores earned them an invitation to compete in Level II. Students chose non-original oratory, solo acting, and play-acting as their speaking selections.

Congratulations to the 2008 Forensics Team:

Patrick Warner	Rosli Bragger
Cameron Palkowski	Rachel Woychik
Taylor Guza	Michael Warner
Chelsea Halama	Andrew McGuire
Emily Rebarchek	Vince Killian
Francie Halama	Mitchell Warner
Haley Wozney	Andi Baecker
Jenna Speltz	Dalton Gamroth
Dani Marsolek	Mrs. Rita Halama, Coach
Elizabeth Kampa	Betsy Halama, Coach

NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Two new required immunizations have been added to the Student Immunization Law starting in the 2008-09 school year:

- One dose of **Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis) vaccine** will be required for students entering 6, 9, and 12.

A second dose of **varicella (chicken pox) vaccine** will be required for students entering **Grades K5 (5 year old), 6, and 12.**

The vaccine requirements will be phased-in until all intended grades are covered. Parents, please keep this in mind as you schedule medical appointments or sports physicals for your children.

SPRING CONCERT

The students will present a Spring Concert the night of Open House and Registration, Thursday, April 24th. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Middle School Choir and each of the classes will present numbers under the direction of Mr. Wacek. More information about registration will be sent home next month.