

## NATIVITY NEWS AND NOTES

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### PRINCIPAL NEWS

Barb Castagna

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Week has been a fun week. Thank you for helping your child(ren) participate in these events and for coming in to eat lunch with your child(ren). It has been great to see so many of you. We have received so many donations for Haiti and Bridging this week. The Haiti donations will go to Feed My Starving Children to help make more meals for them. Your donations are very much appreciated. We will be collecting items for Bridging through Thursday. We have our school Mass on Thursday, and we hope many of you can join us. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Thank you to all of the students who helped kick-off Catholic Schools Week at the Masses this past weekend with the theme "Dividends for Life". Thank you to our students who helped out this weekend at Masses:

**Lectors:** Ethan Nelson, Kevin Dockendorf, Ellen Berkowitz, and Britta Momanyi.

**Altar Servers:** Teddy Robertson, Joey Poehling, PJ Rauenhorst, Andy Poehling, Lauren Holtgren, and Molly McGrane.

**Gift Bearers:** Thomson family, Matlon family, and Cassidy family

**Singers:** Joey McGrane, Nick Champion, Nora Huberty, Aidan McCrory, Grace Van Brocklin, Josh Tester, Al Musoke, Anna Smith, Megan Freeberg, Maggie Peller, Kelly Cassidy, Katy Koch, Samantha Thole, Leo Flentje, Monika Bromschwig, Morgan McCollow, Connor Nelson, Laura Peller, Maggie Daggett, Katherine Hird, Lizzy Wilson, Ashley Luhm, Samantha Morin, Carly Schirber, and Christine Koch.

Thank you to all the students who helped out, sold candy bars, and showed their school pride during the past weekend.

Kindergarten Information Night is on Thursday, Feb. 18th. It starts at 6:30 p.m. If you know of friends and family interested in our school, please tell them to come to Kindergarten Information Night or have them call the school office for a tour.

**VIPs:** Junior Great Books is a supplemental reading program utilized by the 2nd-5th grade classrooms. The program would not exist at Nativity of Mary if it weren't for its dedicated volunteers. THANK YOU to Barb Dockendorf and Denise Nygren for once again organizing the Junior Great Books program this year. Also, THANK YOU to the classroom volunteers for all their hard work: Kristi Reardon, Beverly Singhel, Kristi Rollwagen, Joanne Ott, Mary Tracy, Amy Poehling, Barb Dockendorf, and Kathleen Hollingsworth.

Dad's Pancake Breakfast Vacancy: The Dad's Pancake Breakfast has been a great fundraiser for Nativity of Mary School for many years. Faithful volunteers have coordinated this event numerous years in a row. It is time to pass the chairing duties on to a new set of Dads. With support from past coordinators and a long list of volunteers to help, this chairing opportunity should be a lot of fun! Please consider this opportunity in March 2010 to raise funds for our students! Contact [katymcgrane@earthlink.net](mailto:katymcgrane@earthlink.net).

### 52 Club

The Jan. 24th winner of \$100.00 was Diane Talley.

### NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday, February 4            9:45 a.m. School Mass  
Friday, February 5            Out of Uniform

### LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Monday, February 1	1:00-3:00	Nicole Machtig, Diajia Jones
Tuesday, February 2	10:00-11:35	Connie Nicholas
	12:00-3:40	Michelle Johnson, Jennifer Lovegreen
Wednesday, February 3	12:10-3:00	Dana Jones-Sell, Kathleen Hollingsworth
Thursday, February 4	12:00-3:35	Tina Flowers, Barb Dockendorf

**LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS**

Jennifer Lovegreen

Monday, February 1 M. Thomson, T. Rynda, T. Flowers, Need a Volunteer  
Tuesday, February 2 K. Burns, R. Bailey, J. Johnson, C. Oldowski  
Wednesday, February 3 K. Reardon, P. Weichselbaum, J. Ott, Need a Volunteer  
Thursday, February 4 M. Koch, N. Machtig, V. Murphy, J. Lewis  
Friday, February 5 S. Sullivan, E. Dobesh, A. Monssen, Need a Volunteer

**PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS**

Sherri Werner

Monday, February 1 11:30 – 12:25 C. Flowers, M. Schreier  
Tuesday, February 2 11:30 – 12:25 T. Peller, T. McCollow  
Wednesday, February 3 11:30 – 12:25 M. Glatzmaier, Need a Volunteer  
Thursday, February 4 11:30 – 12:25 M. Koplin, Need a Volunteer  
Friday, February 5 11:30 – 12:25 M. Leonard, Need a Volunteer

**BREAKFAST AT APPLEBEE'S**

Judy Skogmo & Mary Koch

The 8th graders will be serving breakfast at Applebee's (7901 1/2 Southtown Center, Bloomington) on Sunday, February 28, 2010 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. The cost is \$5.00 per person. You can buy tickets from any of the 8th graders or purchase them in the school office. All proceeds will help fund the 8th grade trip to Chicago. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Koch (952-943-8260) or Judy Skogmo (952-944-5397).

**ART SUPPLIES NEEDED**

Mrs. Van Brocklin

We are in need of your old magazines, calendars, and anything with colored pictures or print. The Middle School needs these for art projects. Thank you.

**AUTOMATIC TUITION PAYMENTS**

Reminder: If you need to place a hold or stop to one of your automatic tuition payments, you need to contact Tony Mailhot in the parish office at 952-881-8671 ext 312, at least three business days prior to the scheduled transaction date. Thank you

**SCOUTING AT NATIVITY**

The Scouting program at Nativity has much to be proud of this week.

Both Cub Scout Pack 374 and Boy Scout Troop 374 have qualified as national Catholic Quality Units. In addition, both the pack and troop have been honored with the Gold Medallion, recognizing them as the best Catholic pack and Catholic troop in the three-state region. Congratulations to the leaders and boys in these two groups.

Also, the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting is recognizing a number of adults for providing outstanding leadership to the Catholic Scouting program. Connie Bruner will receive the national St. George emblem. Brian Monssen, Marty Thomson, Jeri Wheeler and Jane Wagemaker will receive the archdiocesan Bronze Pelican emblem.

The presentation will take place on Saturday March 27th at a 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. Bishop Lee Piché will be the celebrant. He himself will be receiving the St. George along with four others including Archbishop John Nienstedt. Eight others will be receiving the Bronze Pelican.

Over 100 Scouts from throughout the archdiocese, including some from Nativity, will be presented medals signifying their completion of the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII religious Scouting programs. You are invited to be at this event with us.

**NATIVITY MUSIC CD**

Judy Hodgson & Marie Rule

Copies of the Nativity CD, "Praising God With Music," are still available in the school office. The CD is \$20 and proceeds will benefit the school music program. It is a great collection of some favorite songs from school Masses, the middle school choirs, band and handbell groups.

**SKI AND SNOWBOARDING CLUB**

Amy Monssen

Fourth through eighth grade students participating in Ski and Snowboarding Club, the dates for the Nativity Ski Club have been set and are as follows:

Ski and Snowboard Club Schedule

Friday	February 12	After school	Buck Hill	one-way bus trip
Friday	February 26	After school	Buck Hill	one-way bus trip

### Buck Hill Trip

Parents must sign out their bus-riding students before leaving Buck Hill by 7:30 p.m. OR bus-riding students that will be staying at Buck Hill after 7:30 p.m. will give the chaperone a note from their parents giving permission to stay later unchaperoned. Bus-riding students that are to be picked up by someone other than their parents will give the chaperone a note from their parents. Look for us at a table in one of the Chalets. If it is crowded in the Main Chalet we'll have to use another building. Please contact Amy Monssen at (952) 888-9242 or [bmonssen@comcast.net](mailto:bmonssen@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

PS - Pray for Snow!!!

### 7TH GRADE RETREAT

Jane Wagemaker

7th Grade Retreat will take place on Thursday, May 13 through Friday, May 14. Chaperones are needed to stay overnight with us. Please contact me if you can help out at [jane.wagemaker@nativitybloomington.org](mailto:jane.wagemaker@nativitybloomington.org).

### NUNSENSE---THE MEGA-MUSICAL BY DAN GOGGIN

"Nunsense is habit-forming" so the opening song goes! For the third time, Nativity of Mary is presenting the fun-filled musical, this time, it's the "mega" version in conjunction with St. Bonaventure. Performances are in St. Ambrose Hall at St. Boni's, 901 E.90th St., Bloomington, on Feb. 11th, 12th & 13th @ 7p.m. and Sunday the 14th @ 3p.m. Tickets (\$10 Adults, \$5 children through age 13 and Senior Citizens 65+) are on sale after weekend masses and at the parish offices during the week. For information and reservations call 952-881-8671 or 952-854-5733. "Mother Superior" (Michelle Fillbrandt) expects to see you there on your best behavior!

### NATIVITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

Tim Thoreson

#### BOYS BASKETBALL WINS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the Boys Varsity Silver team for winning the Immaculate Conception Tournament this past weekend in Columbia Heights. The team is coached by Greg Mueller and players include: Robbie Huber, David Smith, Andrew Otterness, Connor Thelemann, Ben Kern, Bennett Dillaway, and Luke Matlon.

### PRAYER THOUGHT

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 1 John 4:9