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Our Loving Father

This week, we had the honor of having Bishop Hoepfner preside at our Wednesday Mass during Catholic Schools Week. He shared some insights on the day's readings.

Overall, Bishop explained, God wants to tell us how much he loves us and wants to be able to connect with us. In the first reading, we heard about a vision that the prophet Nathan reported to King David. In it, God described how he had accompanied the Hebrews throughout their wanderings in the desert. There

was talk of building a permanent temple to God, and He wanted to make sure that David knew that while that was nice, being with His people was more important.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus explains his parable about the sower and the seeds, because it's so important for understanding everything else. God sows the "seeds" of His word in us. He wants us to be rich soil for His word, so that we can know Him better.

Bishop used a story of a riverboat to illustrate further. A boat stopped at a small town, when it never had before, much to everyone's amazement, simply because a small boy waved, asking it to stop. When they asked him how it was that he could stop the boat, the boy explained that the captain of the boat was his dad, and that he'd stop for his son. We are like the child and God is like the riverboat captain. He's always willing to stop and visit us, His children, if we simply ask. Thanks be to God!

In Other News...

Mass Schedule

February 6—planned by 6th Grade

February 13—planned by 5th Grade

We would like to invite you to celebrate the Mass with your child and his or her class on Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. Grandparents, other relatives, and friends are also welcome. Hope to see you there!

Library Schedule

February 7—Grades 5 & 6

February 14—Grades K, 1, & 2

Catholic Schools Week is Here!

Thank you for celebrating Catholic Schools Week with us! We have seen so many people participating in so many different ways! The students have been to Mass

with the Bishop twice and visited with him in their classrooms, visited Switzerland, played Bingo, gone skating, played games, read the morning away and prayed. We're looking forward to many more activities by the week's end. Thank you for all of your participation, contributions, and enthusiasm!

Mardi Gras

Our annual Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction fundraiser is right around the corner—this Saturday! The social hour will start at 6:00 p.m., right after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Then, dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m. Throughout the evening, we'll also have several games and a silent auction. Finally, we'll close the evening with a live auction. If there's something you want to get done for the Mardi Gras, please

make sure you do it right away—time is running out! If you have any questions, please call the school office. Thank you!

Basket Raffle Reminder

Every year, during Catholic Schools Week, PACE sponsors a basket drawing and donates a basket to the Mardi Gras fundraiser. Thank you for all of the great basket items that you donated! We will hold our drawings on Friday, February 1. The winners will be announced at the Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction on Saturday, February 2. Please call the school office with any questions you may have. Thank you!

Our Family Labels

We have a winner! Over the last couple of weeks, we've been working on collecting as many Our Family labels as we could, to take advantage of the double-credit offer that runs through the end of the week. Yesterday, we mailed out 4500 labels! At the current special of \$.10 per label, that will give the school \$450! So, in that sense, we are all winners.

School Board Corner

The Cathedral School Board's meeting will be on Wednesday, February 20th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

In the upcoming meeting, continue to review and update the board's by-laws, and consider other new policy questions.

The class that brought in the most labels this time was our 3rd Grade class, with 960 labels. Way to go! So, they were our contest winners!

Thank you to Anita Baskerville for organizing the project, thank to Elva Bissonette for her help in putting it together, and to everyone for their contributions and support! God bless!

God's Blessings on Your Birthday

Zach Sanders, Grade 2—February
2

Cassidy Baatz, Kindergarten—
February 4

Jacob Ulseth—Grade 6, February
5

Fundraising Opportunities

Each week, we will highlight a different on-going fundraiser. This week, we will take a closer look at Box Tops.

At the top of many boxed food products, you can find a "Box Top" label. If you just cut out this small label and send it in to the school, we can earn a surprising amount of money! You can watch for the following types of products that carry the Box Top label: cereal, baking, baby & child care, paper plates, meals, frozen food, disposable tableware, snacks, storage bags, refrigerated food.

In addition to these products, there are many other ways to

earn Box Top credit for Cathedral School! You can also shop online at a wide variety of stores, including JC Penney and Land's End.

The brands are too numerous to list here! For more information, you can go online to <http://www.boxtops4education.com>. Or, you can visit the school office.

One final note: the more Box Tops your child turns in, the better their chance at winning a drawing! PACE has agreed to supply a prize for each of the three drawings that we will hold this year. Just have your child write his or her name on the back of each Box Top before turning them in to the school office.

We thank you for your support. God bless!

Here are some other fundraisers that help Cathedral School:

- Campbell's Soup Labels
- Box Tops for Education
- Ink Doctor—ink cartridges
- Our Family Labels
- Target Card
- Pop Tops

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