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The Power, the Call

Father Bob is back! Fresh from his sabbatical, Fr. Bob talked to us about the day's Gospel reading. In it, we learned how Jesus cured Peter's mother-in-law. After that, all of the ill people of the town came to Him to be cured. The very next day, after he had gone off to pray in a quiet place, His disciples came to Him, telling Him that more people wanted to hear from Him and be healed. So, Jesus immediately went out, preaching and healing in all the nearby towns.

We can take a cue from

Jesus here. Wherever He went, Jesus made a positive difference in people's lives. In the same way, we should also seek to improve the lives of those around us.

We have a surprising amount of power, in this regard. While we can't do much about what other people might do to us, we *can* control what we do to others. We have the ability to ruin someone's day with a sharp word or a glare, or we can lift someone up with a smile or some kind words. Not only is this something that we can do, it's some-

thing that we are called to do, by God Himself.

But, we can't do this ourselves—the power is not within us. Rather, the power comes from God. And so, we can also look to Jesus for an example. In the midst of His preaching and healing, we can find Him praying, seeking communion with His Father. In order to live out the life of love to which we are called, we must pray, drawing strength from the one who is Love. Thanks be to God!

In Other News...

Mass Schedule

January 21—planned by 2nd Grade

January 28—planned by 1st Grade—Catholic Schools Week!

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

January 20—Grades 3 & 4

February 3—Grades 5 & 6

No School

We will not have any school on Friday, January 16 or Monday, January 19 for teacher workshops.

Catholic Schools Week

It's coming soon—Catholic Schools Week—our annual celebration of our unique, special, and blessed school! We have all kinds of fun and interesting events in mind—watch for more details to come soon. Please feel free to join us throughout the week of January 25-31—we'd love to see you!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Mardi Gras Tickets

We would like to remind you to turn in your Mardi Gras Dinner Ticket Form by next Friday, January 23rd. We will need this form, along with the ticket money, in order to get the table and meal arrangements made in time for the big day! If you have any questions, or if you need help selling your family's dinner tickets (every returning family is asked to sell four tickets to help raise money for the school),

please contact the school office. Thank you for your help!

Our Family Label Contest

For a limited time only, the Our Family Labels are worth *double* credit! To celebrate, we are holding a contest to see which classroom can collect the most labels. The winning classroom gets an extra 30 minutes of recess! In order to take advantage of this limited-time offer, please make sure to have all Our Family Labels turned in by Tuesday, January 27. Thank you for your support!

Sweatshirt for Sale

We have a Cathedral School sweatshirt, size XL, for sale. It normally sells for \$18, but is available to you for only \$15! It is brand new, and is simply the wrong size for the original recipient. Please contact the school office if you're interested!

Baskets for Mardi Gras

As we look ahead to our upcoming Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction, we'd like to remind you to pick up some items for your child's classroom basket. Kindergarten and 6th Grade are putting together a Primary Aged (K-3) Basket, 1st Grade is assembling a Christmas/Winter Basket, 2nd Grade is compiling a Fall Basket, 3rd Grade is getting a 4th of July/Summer Basket together, 4th Grade is working on an

Intermediate Aged (Gr. 4-6) Basket, and the 5th Grade is getting a Sports Basket ready for the Auction. If you have any questions, please call the school office (281-1835) or Janel Kresl (281-1580). Thank you for your help and support!

Tax Time

It's that time of year again—tax time! In order to make things a little easier, we've included a flyer, courtesy of the Minnesota Independent School Forum, that describes various tax credits and deductions that you can take for 2008. If you need another copy, you can go to their website www.misf.org, or you can stop by the school office!

God's Blessings on Your Birthday

Adam Borkowski, Grade 3—
January 21

Fundraising Opportunities

Each week, we will highlight a different on-going fundraiser. This week, we will take a closer look at the Our Family Labels.



Instead of throwing away the wrapper, cut out the UPC symbol. Then, just send it in to the school. We'll take it from there. That's all there is to it!

This week, we've learned that for a short time only, we will get *double credit* for any Our Family Labels that we submit. That's \$0.10 for every label! Elva Bissonette has generously agreed to head up the label project again. If you have any other questions, please let us know.

Then, just drop off the labels in the school office. It's amazing how these labels add up. 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
- Our Family Labels
- Tyson Project A+
- Target Card
- Happy Joe's
- Giving Tree
- Pop Tops



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School Advisory Council Update

Due to the extremely cold weather, the Cathedral School Advisory Council's January meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 21st at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend!

You can find many different foods in the grocery store that have the Our Family Label. These are items that you may be buying anyway, like cheese or rice. Using them to support the school is easy!