

# Cathedral School Review

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## Rags to Riches

In the first reading at Mass this week, we heard about how King David wanted to build a temple for God. He felt badly that he had just built himself a beautiful temple in which to live, yet left worship of the Almighty God to a tent.

Earlier in his life, David was a simple shepherd, the youngest in his family. In his culture, he couldn't get much lower on the "social ladder." Then, God chose him, and elevated him to be king of Israel—the greatest king, in fact, in their history. David wanted to thank God in some way, and building Him a beautiful temple in

which to worship seemed like the right thing to do.

In the Gospel reading this week, we heard Jesus' parable about the sower and the seed. A farmer scattered seed as he was planting. Much of the seed didn't produce fruit, for one reason or another. But, some of the seed landed in good soil and produced a lot of fruit. In His parable, Jesus represented the Word by seeds and all of us by soil. The good soil, then, are people who hear the Word and change their lives in order to accept and live out the Word.

Fr. Antony drew an important connection between these two readings for us. God has a plan for us and He wants the best for us. Just as he brought David from a humble social position to one of power and authority, He wants to bless all of us. Of course, He won't bless us all in the same way. But, we are all called to be children of God, to be in a loving relationship with Him.

This is what we do when we accept God's Word, live by it, and allow it to flourish in our lives. We allow God's abundant blessings to flow to us, fulfilling the great plans He has for us. Thanks be to God!

## In Other News...

### Mass Schedule

February 3—planned by 1<sup>st</sup> Grade—Catholic Schools Week!

February 10—planned by 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

### Cathedral Library Day

We will have library time for students in Grades K-4 in our library on Tuesday, February 9. Be sure to have any old books ready to return or renew on that day. Thank you!



### Public Library Schedule

February 16—Grades 3 & 4

February 23—Grades 5 & 6

### Our Family Label Contest

We are running an Our Family Label Contest, to take advantage of the double-credit promotion that's going on right now! So, please send in

any Our Family labels that you may have. The classroom with the most labels collected by Wednesday, February 3 will win a free movie rental. So, help the school earn some money and get a chance at some extra fun. Thank you for your support!



### Mardi Gras: Kids Edition

The new Mardi Gras: Kids Edition is a go! This fun time will run on Sunday, January 31, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and will be filled with games and activities for *any* children who are interested.

If you are available to help out that day, please contact Shea Proulx (281-5737) or Maggie Haskett (281-1304). Thank you, in advance, for your assistance!

### Catholic Schools Week

Our annual celebration of Catholic schools is coming up, starting on Sunday, January 31 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. You'll find a schedule of events included in this week's Thursday envelopes. Please feel free to join us whenever you can!

### Tickets

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction is coming soon, on February 6. Please make sure that you get your four meal tickets sold and the information form turned in to the school office by this Friday, January 29. If you need help selling your tickets, please call the office so that we can help you.

Also, please make sure that you finish selling your basket raffle

### School Advisory Council Update

The next meeting of the School Advisory Council will be on Wednesday, February 17 at 5:00 p.m., in the Library. The members include: Co-chairs Paul Bissonette and Nate Lubarski, Secretary Mike Swenson, Bryan Boll, Brian Dingmann, Sis Eickhof, Kris MacGregor, Colleen MacRae, and Stephanie Olson. Everyone is welcome to attend!

tickets and turn them in to the office. All of the proceeds benefit the school and help to keep our tuition costs at one of the lowest levels in the diocese. Thank you for your support!

### God's Blessings on Your Birthday

Zach Sanders, Grade 4—February 2

### 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.



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!

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!

Earlier this month, we 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 gen-

erously agreed to head up the label project again. We would also like to thank Mary Anderson for her tireless assistance with this effort.

*To take advantage of the double credit, we are having an Our Family Label Contest! The classroom that brings the most Our Family Labels in by Wednesday, February 3 will win a free movie rental for the class, thanks to a generous donation from PACE! If you have any other questions, please let us know.*

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:

- Box Tops
- Our Family labels
- Campbell's Soup labels
- Ink Doctor
- Target Card
- Giving Tree
- Pop Tabs
- Tyson's Project A+
- SunnyD Book Spree

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