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Names

This week, at our School Mass, Fr. Bob pointed out God's incredible sense of timing. On Wednesday, we celebrated the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, who is also the patron saint of Catholic schools. All this, during Catholic Schools Week!

Our Gospel reading for the day talked about the importance of names, and how they should always lead us closer to God.

Fr. Bob connected these two

ideas, St. Thomas and names. A very young Thomas Aquinas, when he first joined his religious community, picked up a name that really wasn't very nice. He was a very big fellow, and spoke quite slowly. And so, some started calling him "Dumb Ox." Mean!

Today, he is known as the "Angelic Doctor." (as in, Doctor of the Church) What happened in between? Thomas' superior began to review the young man's writings and came to realize that Thomas was extraordinarily gifted with knowledge

of and insight into God. As a result of this discovery, word spread of Thomas' gifts and holiness. Gradually, "Dumb Ox" was replaced by "Angelic Doctor." The difference was not in Thomas, but in the realization by those around him that he was a child of God, with unique gifts and talents.

And so, Fr. Bob implored all of us to never use a mean name, which would distract us all from God. Instead, we need to speak to one another in love, so that we can all grow closer to the One who is Love. Thanks be to God!

In Other News...

Mass Schedule

February 4—planned by 6th Grade

February 11—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 3—Grades 5 & 6

February 10—Grades K, 1, & 2

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

It's coming here—Catholic Schools Week! Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this a very special and

blessed week! Already, we have had a lot of fun and learned many new things. Please join us in our activities tomorrow, and at the annual Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction. Please feel free to join us—we'd love to see you!



Mardi Gras Tickets

We would like to remind

you to turn in your Mardi Gras Dinner Ticket Form and payment as soon as possible. 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!

Baskets for Mardi Gras

As we look ahead to our upcoming Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction, we'd like to remind you to turn in your basket raffle tickets right away! We will be drawing for the basket winners this Saturday, January 31. If you have any questions, please call the school office (281-1835) or Janel Kresl (281-1580). Thank you for your help and support!

PACE Winners

At the recent PACE meeting, the 6th Grade class had the most parents in attendance, by percentage. So, they won an extra 15 minutes of recess! Congratulations!

PACE, which stands for Parents Active in Catholic Education, is an organization to which all Cathedral School parents belong automatically. The group helps the students and the whole school with time, talent, and treasure. Stop by at our next meeting in March and check it out. We'd love to see you there!

Toys for Tots

Despite the declining economy, we still had a very generous response to our annual Toys for Tots fund drive. We were able to collect

\$233.90! This money goes to help provide toys for underprivileged children. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause!

Tax Time

It's that time of year again—tax time! In order to make things a little easier, we sent home a flyer a couple of weeks ago, 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

Cassidy Baatz, Grade 1—
February 4

Zach Sanders, Grade 3—February
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Fundraising Opportunities

Each week, we will highlight a different on-going fundraiser. This week, we will take a closer look at the Ink Doctor.

Here at the Cathedral School, we recycle ink cartridges. Not only is this good for the environment, it helps support the school financially!

that, we receive a check in the mail for them! The Ink Doctor refills and reuses the old cartridges and is able to resell them at a lowered cost to consumers as refurbished ink cartridges.

In addition to the old cartridges from inkjet printers, the Ink Doctor also takes many types of toner cartridges from laser printers and copiers. So, if you have any old cartridges laying around, you can bring them to the school. You'll clean up your home or business, help the environment, and support the Cathedral School, all at the same time!

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

School Advisory Council Update

In its next meeting on Wednesday, February 18 at 6:00 p.m., the School Advisory Council will begin reviewing and revising school policies. Everyone is welcome to attend!

We currently use a vendor, based out of Grand Forks, ND, called The Ink Doctor. The process is easy! All you need to do is to drop off your old, used ink cartridge at the school. Once a month, the Ink Doctor stops by our school and picks them up. Shortly after

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