

Cathedral School Review

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Secret

This week, we celebrated Ash Wednesday and marked the beginning of the Lenten season. Our Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday gave us Jesus' instructions about doing good deeds. Traditionally, since the days of the Old Testament, we know that there are three works of virtue: almsgiving (that is, charity, or donating to the poor), prayer, and fasting.

Jesus told us to avoid doing "what the hypocrites do." More specifically, when we give alms, we aren't supposed to announce it to everyone, making a big deal out of the fact that we've given, how much we've given, etc. We just do it, simply and quietly. When praying, we should go into a room by ourselves, in

secret, rather than praying loudly on street corners. When we fast, we should take care of ourselves so that it isn't readily obvious, in our physical appearance that we're fasting.

What did He mean by all of this? Doesn't this seem to contradict his other teaching about being a light to the world, and standing apart from the world? In a word, no.

By doing good deeds very publicly, we are often seeking approval from others, a "clap on the back." We can easily forget the real reason for doing it—love of God and love for our fellow humans, who God also

created. We can easily fall into the trap of being self-centered, rather than emptying ourselves and focusing on others, especially our Creator.

So, keeping our private, personal prayer private and personal isn't a conflict with our family, community prayer that we experience in worship together. They are two different and equally important types of prayer that need two different settings or environments, in order to be true, honest, and real. Jesus was warning us of the pitfalls of self-importance, guiding us to the most important part of our salvation—recognizing the importance of others, especially of Almighty God. Amen!

In Other News...

Mass Schedule

February 24—planned by 4th Grade

March 3—planned by 3rd 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 our library on Tuesday, March 9 and Tuesday, March 23. Be sure to have any old books ready to return or renew on that day. Thank you!

Public Library Schedule

February 23—Grades 5 & 6

March 9—Grades 3 & 4

No School

We will not have school on Thursday and Friday, February 25 and 26, as compensation days for the evening parent-teacher conferences. Have a wonderful long weekend!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We will hold our annual parent-teacher conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 23 and 24. Please watch your Thursday envelope

for your scheduled date and time. If you need to change it, please call the school office. See you then!

Box Top Contest Winners

Congratulations to the 6th Grade class for winning the Box Tops Contest! At 1,205, they collected the most labels of any class, and have won a free movie rental, generously donated by PACE. Thank you to everyone for your efforts, which will bring



needed funds into our school. Thank you, also, to Elva Bissonette, Mary Anderson, and Kris MacGregor for their invaluable assistance in making this project happen. We appreciate your support!

PACE Basket Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following people who won the Basket Raffle, sponsored by PACE: Lori Becker (primary-aged basket), Chad Borman (intermediate-aged basket), Kim Ringdall (fall-themed basket), Laura Newman (winter-themed basket). Thank you to all who contributed, both to the baskets and the raffle ticket purchases. Your generous donations have helped to support PACE, who in turn provides unique learning experiences for students, including field trips and live science demonstrations. Thank you for your support!

Help with Hurley's

We will be selling religious goods from Hurley's before and after Mass again. Please consider helping us out with this easy fundraiser. Proceeds go to support PACE's efforts on behalf of our students. The dates on which we will need help are: February 20, 21, 27, and 28. We will also need help after the Rite of Election on February 28. If you are available to help on any of those days, please contact Shea Proulx at 281-5737. Thank you!

Quarters for Haiti

We will be doing something new this year, during Lent. With the recent devastation that the citizens of Haiti have experienced, the school staff has decided to dedicate our Lenten almsgiving to the people of Haiti. So, on every Friday in Lent, starting on February 19, during our morning prayer time, we will collect "Quarters for Haiti." This can actually include any type of coin, cash, or check, as you wish. We will be measuring the totals each week, so the students can see how we are doing, in our efforts to help the people of Haiti. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance with this Lenten almsgiving project!

God's Blessings on Your Birthday

Jacob Roesch, Grade 6—February 20
Muir MacRae, Grade 3—February 23

Fundraising Opportunities

Each week, we will highlight a different on-going fundraiser. This week, we will take a closer look at the Campbell's Soup Labels.

There are actually many different brands that will work—not just Campbell's soup products! Other products that work include Spaghetti O's, Pepperidge Farm, V8, Franco-American, Swanson, Market Day, and Prego.



Example of a 5-point label

If you'd like more information, you can stop by the school office for a handout, or look at <http://www.labelsforeducation.com>.

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:

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



School Advisory Council Update

The next meeting of the School Advisory Council has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 24 at 6:00 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!

When you clip the label to send in, just make sure that it contains both the UPC code and the point value. Two examples are shown below:



Example of a 1-point label

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