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And the Truth Will Set You Free

With these words, Jesus ushered in a new understanding of God's love for us. This week, Fr. Mario talked to us about some of the deeper meanings of Jesus' teaching.

In John 8:31-42, we read that Jesus told His disciples that "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Many of them were con-

fused, since they weren't in slavery and therefore, didn't need to be set free from anyone. But, Jesus wasn't referring to someone, but rather something—sin. By sinning, we are enslaving ourselves to sin, and by extension, to the Evil One.

And so, Jesus tells us to listen to Him, because His word is absolute truth, sent to us directly by God the Father. Jesus told us

that since God is our Father, we should love Him (Jesus), "for I came from God and am here; I did not come on my own, but He sent me."

Through Jesus, we learn how Truth and Love are intertwined in our Triune God, and He shows us the ultimate expression of this sacrificial love through His saving death and resurrection on the cross. Thanks be to God!

In Other News...

Mass Schedule

April 8—planned by 3rd Grade

April 15—planned by Kindergarten!

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

April 7—Grades 5 & 6

April 14—Grades K, 1 & 2

School Schedule Change

With the recent snow days, based on advice from the faculty and the School Advisory Council, we will be adding a day of school, shortening our Easter break. So, to clarify our new schedule, we will have school on both Thursday, April 9 and Monday, April 13. The only vacation day,

with no school, will be on Good Friday—April 10. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you, and have a blessed Holy Week!

Open House

Thank you to everyone who helped make our first-ever spring open house such a rousing success! Everyone had a great time, and we had the opportunity to introduce several new families to the Cathedral School. Thank you!

MAP Testing

We will begin our 3rd testing season with our Spring MAP Testing Session on Monday, April 20! We will conclude all testing on Friday, May 1. A more detailed schedule is included in this week's Thursday envelope. If you have any questions, please call the school office. Thank you!

Quarter Drive Update

Over the last several weeks, we held a Quarter Drive to support Sr. Anne

McNamara's ministry to the Roma children of Slovakia. Through this drive, we have been able to raise \$422! We were able to present Sr. Anne with a check when she visited our school on Friday, March 20, to give us a presentation on her ministry.

But, that's not the end of the story. A parish in West Fargo had heard about our efforts and decided to match our funds, giving Sr. Anne a total of \$844 to help out the Roma children in Slovakia. She was overwhelmed and very grateful for all of the support that she received. Thank you so much for your generosity that you've shown this Lenten season. May God bless you!

Skating Success

Our students at the Cathedral School use their talents and gifts in many ways. Recently, several of our students participated in a skating show at the Crookston Arena. On Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22,

all five competitive lines, as well as all students who took skating lessons, performed a two-hour show that covered a wide variety of skating styles and skills. The Cathedral School students who participated included 1st Graders Cassidy Baatz, Brinna Egeland, Sophie Sanders, Lily Sandman, Hannah Tahran, and Lexi Wilkens; 2nd Graders Sydney Anderson, Madi Ellis, and Hailey Seaver; 3rd Grader Presley Winders; 4th Grader Adreanna LaCoursiere; and 5th Grader Marie Sandman. In addition to the skaters, we had students involved in the "behind the scenes" work for the show. They included 6th Graders Abby Parr (props) and Jacob Oien (spotlight). Congratulations!

State Swimmers

Over the weekend of March 20-22, the Crookston Crocs competed in the state swimming championships, located in Dickinson, ND. All four members of the state team are Cathedral School students! They include Jaden Lubarski (Gr. 2), Muira MacRae (Gr. 2), Kate MacGregor (Gr. 3), and Andrew Hollingsworth (Gr. 5).

They all swam hard and represented their team, their school and their community very well! Their state results are as follows:

Muira MacRae—50 Free (5th), 50 Fly (5th), 25 Free (13th), 25 Back (14th), 25 Fly (15th), 50 Back (18th)

Kate MacGregor—50 Fly (3rd), 50 Back (3rd), 25 Fly (3rd), 50 Free (9th), 25 Back (11th), 25 Free (19th)

Jaden Lubarski—25 Back (1st), 50 Free (1st), 100 IM (1st), 25 Free (1st), 50 Back (1st), 25 Fly (1st), 25 Breast (2nd)

Andrew Hollingsworth—100 IM (2nd), 50 Fly (2nd), 50 Breast (3rd), 50 Free (3rd), 100 Breast (3rd), 50 Back (4th), 100 Free (5th)

Haley Roed also qualified for the state competition, but was unable to attend, due to scheduling conflicts. Congratulations to all!



Help!

PACE will be selling religious goods from Hurley's at the Friday, April 3 Fish Fry dinner, the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 4, and at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 5.

Proceeds will go to support PACE, which in turn helps our students. We need your help to set up, tear down, and/or sell items. Contact Shea Proulx at 281-5737 to help out with this great opportunity. Thank you!

New Cathedral School Quilt

We are working on a new idea to raise money for the school. Over the next several months, we are hoping to collect your old Cathedral School t-shirts. We plan to use these t-shirts to create a quilt that can be raffled or auctioned off during the 2009-2010 school year. So, please consider donating one or more of your old Cathedral School t-shirts in the upcoming months. Thank you for your continued support!

God's Blessings on Your Belated Birthday

Lucas Froeber, Grade 4—March 31

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Emma Boerger, Grade 1—April 4

Andrew Hollingsworth, Grade 5—
April 8

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School Advisory Council Update

The next meeting of the Council will be on Wednesday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m., in the school library. The School Advisory Council will continue reviewing and revising school policies. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Also, we are now accepting nominations for three Council positions which will be opening this spring. The fourth position will be filled by extending Sis Eickhof's term by two years. In this way, we will be able to have three positions opening each year, as called for in our Constitution and By-laws. If you are interested, please submit your name (or the name of someone that you think would be interested in helping this school in this way) to the school office. We will be voting in the school community beginning May 14, in the parish over the weekend of May 16-17 and concluding all voting at the Spring Program on May 19. If you have any questions, please contact a Council member or the school office. Thank you!