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Spiritual Joy

This week, Fr. Mario talked to us about the Beatitudes, drawn from our Gospel reading. The word “beatitude” literally means “happiness” or “blessing.” In the Gospel reading referred to as the “Beatitudes,” Jesus describes a way to be happy that runs counter to what the world teaches us.

The world would tell us that in order to be happy, we need to buy a new car or a new jacket. Jesus, however, knows that that

only makes us happy for a moment. It is very superficial. But Jesus wants more for us—he wants us to be truly and deeply happy, forever.

So, Jesus gives a very different recipe for happiness that seems, at first, like a sure way to unhappiness! He calls us to be, among other things, poor and hated. But, what runs through all of this is a humility. If we recognize that all we are and that all we have comes

from God, that on our own, we are nothing, then we are truly humble. We can place all of our faith and trust in God alone. What brings us to this is a genuine desire to be closer to God. When are truly humble, place our trust in Him, and draw closer to Him, we will be truly and deeply happy forever. This is what Jesus was describing to us in the Gospels. He teaches us to experience that which St. Thomas Aquinas described as a deep and everlasting “spiritual joy.” Thanks be to God!

In Other News...

Mass Schedule

September 17—
planned by
5th Grade

September 24—
planned by
4th 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 rela-

tives, and friends are also welcome. Hope to see you there!

Library Schedule

We’re doing something new at the library this year. We’ll be going on Tuesdays, now! Also, we will be going a little later in the day—from 10:00

to 10:30 a.m. Here are our first two library days:

September 16—
Grades K,
1, & 2

September 23—
Grades 3 &
4

Thank You!

We would like to thank Marilyn Clau-

son, Mary Jean Donarski, and Mary Anderson for stepping forward to help us cut fundraising labels! Their help will be invaluable, in preparing our “label-based” fundraisers, such as Our Family labels, Campbell’s Soup labels, and Box Tops. Every year, we earn thousands of dollars through these programs. Thank

you to Mrs. Clauson, Mrs. Donarski, and Ms. Anderson for helping us out!

Start Time

We are doing something new this year—our school day now starts at 8:20 a.m. These few additional minutes will add up, giving our students even more quality learning time! If you had any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you!

Our Family Label Contest

You probably noticed, in last week's newsletter, that for a short time, Our Family labels are worth *double credit!* To help encourage as much participation as we can, we will hold an Our Family Label Contest. Each classroom will

be collecting the labels until Wednesday, September 24. At that time, we will count up all of the labels. Which ever class collects the most labels wins an extra half-hour of recess! In addition, the entire school wins extra money for our participation in this program. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

School Transportation

Our expectation, here at Cathedral School, is that all students would either ride the school bus or with their parents (or a person designated by parents). We set this policy several years ago, with student safety in mind. However, if you decide that your child should be allowed to do something else (i.e. walk, ride bike, etc.), please send a note

giving permission for this to the school office. If you have any questions or concerns, *please* contact the school office. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Benefit Dinner

One of our Cathedral School parents, Tammy Brule-Shaver, is currently fighting cancer. Please join us in supporting her in

this fight by attending a Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by the Mentor Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department on Sunday, September 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The free will donation will go toward her medical bills. Thank you for your help!

Office Contact

If you should need to contact the school office, you can call 218-281-1835, write to the Cathedral School at 702 Summit Avenue, Crookston, MN 56716, or you can email Sharon Dufault, our school secretary at sdufault.cathedral@midconetwork.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Fire Drills

We held our first fire drill of the school year last Friday. We had a great start, and are looking forward to more opportunities to practice our fire safety! Our next fire drill will be held right after our school Mass next week, on Wednesday, September 17. You are welcome to join us in our drill, if you wish. If you are concerned about distraction from your Prayer of Thanksgiving (after-Mass prayer), we would like to invite you to pray in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

School Board Corner

We would like to introduce the members of the 2008-2009 Cathedral School Board. They are Jim Abeld, Paul Bissonette, Sis Eickhof, Tim Froeber, Cindy Gjerswold, Nate Lubarski, Kris MacGregor, Colleen MacCrae, Stephanie Olson, Adam Hollingsworth, and Fr. Bob Schreiner. This board helps to develop policy recommendations to Fr. Bob, the rector of the Cathedral.

The Cathedral School Board's next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 17th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend!

MAP Testing

Last spring, we held our very first MAP testing season. The Measures of Academic Progress (or, MAP, for short) are designed by the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) to see how well our students are doing, academically, and how we can help them to achieve their fullest potential. This fall, we will be having our second MAP testing season. It also marks the first time that we'll be using the full-size test. It runs for about an hour, and gives us even more information and detail than we saw in the spring. We have included a copy of the testing schedule in this week's Thursday envelope. Watch for more information to come as we get closer to our new testing season!

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!

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

- Target Card
- Giving Tree
- Pop Tops

School Web Page

We are on the web! To get more information about the school or to read past issues of this newsletter, please visit www.cathedralschool.org. Thank you to Marlene Dufault for doing such a wonderful job updating and maintaining it for us!



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