

# Cathedral School Review

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## Knowing the Word

This week, we celebrated the Feast of St. Jerome. Fr. Antony told us a little about him. He was a 4<sup>th</sup> century priest and eventually was recognized as a Doctor of the Church for his great study and holiness. St. Jerome's most famous work was his translation of the Bible into Latin, which was the common language of the time. He once said that "to be ignorant of Scripture is to be ignorant of Christ." That's how important the Word of God should be to us. After all, Jesus was called the Word Made Flesh!

The Gospel reading for our school Mass this week was

dramatic and difficult. But, by studying this teaching of Jesus, we can certainly get to know Him better!

The reading, in which Jesus told some potential followers that they couldn't bury their dead family members or even say goodbye to their living relatives, He was using some vivid imagery—He wasn't speaking literally. After all, the Church teaches us that burying the dead is a corporal work of mercy. Rather, Jesus was teaching us that in order to truly follow Him, we need to devote ourselves fully to Him—there is no "halfway" with God.

While anyone can develop this kind of holy focus on God, those who answer the call to priestly or religious life see this devotion more intensely than most people. Fr. Antony described how it felt to leave his country and his people behind to come to a new place, speaking a new language, meeting new people. It can be really scary, but it can also be an exciting blessing. And it's important to remember that, as we set aside those things and those people that are familiar to us, in favor of following Jesus, He will richly bless us, now and forever!

## In Other News...

### Mass Schedule

October 7—planned by 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

October 14—planned by 1<sup>st</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!



### Library Schedule

October 13—Grades 3 & 4

October 20—Grade 5 & 6

### NWEA Testing

Next week, we will finish our fall MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing season. These computerized tests, developed by the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association), are a wonderful way to show how much your

child has already learned. In addition, these tests provide valuable information to us, so that we can help your child reach his or her fullest potential. You can get more information by visiting [www.nwea.org](http://www.nwea.org) or by calling the school office.

### Rake-a-thon

Our annual Rake-a-thon fundraiser is right around the corner! Please make sure to turn in your envelopes tomorrow, October 2. Thank you!

### Volunteers Welcome

There are many opportunities to get more involved with your child's education. One fun and easy way is to volunteer to watch one or both shifts of our afternoon recess. If you'd like to help out in this or any other important role, please contact the school office!



### Thank You!

Thank you to all of the people who helped out by volunteering at the Marriage Celebration Day on Sunday, September 20 and at the PACE Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 27. Your assistance was important and greatly appreciated. With your help, PACE has been able to raise several hundred dollars to help our students and teachers with a wide variety of projects, over the course of the school year. Thank you!

### Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be here soon! In your Thursday packet, you should find more information about it. Please send the time/day request form back as soon as you can, so that we can begin to schedule your conference for you. Thank you!

### Hand Sanitizer

We are very excited to announce that we have installed a hand sanitizer dispenser in the dining room! Thanks to a very generous donation, we are able to provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer, produced here in the United States, that will kill germs and help keep our students safe from H1N1 flu virus and other diseases. Come and check it out sometime!



### School Advisory Council Update

The next meeting of the School Advisory Council will be on Wednesday, October 21 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!

### Atomic Learning

You have a new way of learning about computer stuff! As part of a grant that we received through our association with INFOCON, we have a subscription with Atomic Learning, through the end of this school year. On this site, you will find thousands of short (between 30 seconds and 3 minutes) videos that teach you how to do any number of things with computers, mp3 players, and more. Take a look at the flyers in your Thursday envelope for more information!

### Calendar Winners

Last week on Thursday, we drew names for our fundraising calendar winners. Check out the school's web page to see who won! Thank you to everyone who purchased a calendar to support our school. God bless!

### God's Blessings on Your Birthday

Sophie Sanders, Grade 2—October 1

Brooke Cymbaluk, Grade 5—  
October 7

### Fundraising Opportunities

Each week, we will highlight a different on-going fundraiser. This week, we will take a closer look at Box Tops.

At the top of many boxed food products (and some non-food items, too), you can find a "Box Top" label. If you just cut out this small label and send it in to the school, we can earn a surprising amount of money! In addition to food products, Box Top labels appear on a wide variety of other products, too, such as: baby and child care, paper plates, disposable tableware, storage bags, and many others!



In addition to these products, there are other ways to earn Box Top credit for Cathedral School. You can also shop online at a wide variety of stores, including JC Penney and Land's End.

The brands are too numerous to list here. But, you can get more information online at <http://www.boxtops4education.com>. Or, you can visit the school office.

Thank you for support, and 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

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