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For my yoke is easy...

Jesus said to the crowds: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

This week's Gospel reading for our school Mass is a comforting one. During our increasingly busy, hectic, and stressful lives, Jesus offers us an oasis of calm and rest.

This gift comes in two parts, just as God has done throughout the history of the universe.

He offers ("Come to me...") and we accept ("...and you will find rest for yourselves.") While God always loves us and always offers us His mercy, we are not obliged to accept it. He gives us free will—the ability to choose acceptance or denial of His loving gifts to us.

This follows naturally from the agape, or divine love that is God. In English, we only have one word for love—love. In other languages, though, you can find several different words that describe different types of love. Agape love is a self-giving, sacrificial kind of love, and is identified as divine love, or the Love that is God. It differs from human love in

several ways. It is unconditional—God loves us no matter what. Always. It is one-sided—God's love is not dependent on our love in return. It is selfless—God is only interested in our own good, not in His own. It is a gift—God doesn't *need* to love us, nor do we *need* to love Him. Rather, we have a deep desire to do so.

What a wonderful gift we have in God's love, most clearly represented in the birth, life, and especially the death and resurrection of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ!

In Other News...

Mass Schedule

December 16—planned by 5th Grade

January 6—planned by teachers

Library Schedule

December 22—Grades 3 & 4

January 5—Grades 5 & 6

Changes

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!



We would like to formally announce Sharon Dufault's return to the parish office on Monday, December 14, where she will resume her previous duties as parish bookkeeper. She has done a wonderful job as our school secretary for the last two and a half years, and we appreciate her extraor-

dinary dedication and service to the school. Sharon will be missed, though she has graciously offered to help out, as needed, since she'll still be right around the corner!

We are continuing to move forward with the process of finding a new person to fill the school secretary position. We will make an announcement as soon as the process is complete.

Once again, many thanks to Sharon Dufault, and we

hope that God will bless her in her new (old?) position!

Shirts Are Here

If you ordered a sweatshirt or t-shirt through PACE recently, your order is here! Just stop by the school office sometime to pick it up. Thank you!

Congratulations

Congratulations to the 1st Grade class on winning the PACE meeting attendance

incentive, once again! The class has earned an extra 15 minutes of recess.

The winner is determined by the percentage of the class that has a parent attending the PACE meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2010. The PACE leadership would like to challenge the other classes to “unseat” the 1st Grade class and win the incentive next month. Come on by and check it out. We’d love to see you there!

Box Top Contest

Save your Box Tops over Christmas, because we are going to have a Box Top label contest, beginning in January. The class that brings in the most Box Tops will win a free movie rental! The winner will be announced during Catholic Schools Week. Watch for more details to come!



Advent Program

We are looking forward to showing you our Advent Program on Monday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. We hope to see you there!

Open Swim Reminders

Our school will participate in open swim times through the school year. We also will begin our annual swimming lesson unit in January. It is

important, during these times, that your child(ren) be able to put on their own swimsuit and be able to change back into their clothing after swimming. If necessary, please practice this at home. Some clothes are easier to change into and out of than others. We welcome and appreciate parent volunteers and chaperones, especially to help in the locker room. If you are able to help us in this way, we thank you! Also, please remember to complete the Safe Environment training. It’s fairly easy, and Sharon Dufault can help you with it. Thank you for your cooperation and help!

—LaDonna Peterson, PE
Teacher

God’s Blessings on Your Birthday

Alex MacGregor, Grade 6—December
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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 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.

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



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 will be on Wednesday, January 20 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!

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