



St. Margaret Catholic School

Viking Vine



"Be Who God Meant You to Be And You Will Set The World On Fire."

November 9, 2018

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

The "Antique Road Show" has been a popular television program for quite a few years. Viewers seem to get a buzz when someone, who has paid a few dollars for an item at a garage sale, learns from one of the experts that their item is really worth a few hundred dollars and on occasion several thousand dollars.

When Luke wrote his Gospel, he was on assignment from a wealthy man named Theophilis who wanted to know if what he had heard about Jesus was true, because he seemed to be a very different teacher than other Jewish teachers. Luke tells us how he went about his assignment: "I have made a careful study of everything and then decided to write to you and tell you exactly what took place. Honorable Theophilis, I have done this to let you know if what you have heard is true." Luke 1:3,4. So, what had Luke learned?

- That Jesus took special interest in the less respected members of society. Many Jewish religious leaders believed that poor people were religiously inferior, that God wasn't blessing them because they weren't living correctly. Jesus did not think that way at all: "The Lord's Spirit has come to me because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor." Luke 4:18
- Jewish leaders of that time considered women to be

inferior. Jesus treated women as individuals and recognized both their faith and their feelings. Women helped pay for the cost of Jesus' ministry: "Joanna, Susanna and many others had also used what they owned to help Jesus and his disciples." Luke 8:3. The first person on whom the Holy Spirit came was Elizabeth. Luke 1:41. The first person to be called "blessed" was Mary. Luke 1:28, 42. The first people to learn of the Resurrection were three women: "Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary the mother of James." Luke 24:10.

- Many people of that time believed that handicaps were evidence of sin. Jesus had special compassion for the disabled and took care of their needs: "Blind people are now able to see and the lame can walk. People who have leprosy are being healed and the deaf can now hear." Luke 7:22.
- Jews considered non-Jews to be on a lower social and religious level. Jesus' attitude towards other ethnic groups was revealed in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jews despised Samaritans but Jesus dared to use one as a good example. Luke 10: 25-37. Jesus broke through social values and practiced equality.

Luke's portrayal of Jesus to Theophilis has touches of the "Antique Road Show" about it. Jesus befriended people who were not seen as valuable by the world around them and placed a very high value on them. By doing this, he showed us the value God has for

each of us, for Jesus, early in Luke's assignment had said, "Didn't you know I had to be about my Father's business."

As Christians/Catholics in today's world, we are confronted by marginalized people whose lives have been swallowed by poverty, by addiction, by abuse, by personal weakness, by the greed of others, by depression. The question for us is, "In what ways can we be like Jesus to these people?"

Jesus, we ask that we be bearers of compassionate love, that we be more discerning of justice and need, that we be thoughtful and generous in confronting the pain and humiliation of people pushed to the margins of our community. Amen.

Peace and Blessings,

Wendy L. Wicke



Events

Monday, November 12th

1:00 pm - Veteran's Day Program

Wednesday, November 14th

BETA Convention all day

6:00 pm - PTC Meeting

Thursday, November 15th

Free Dress for PTC Attendance

8:00 am - 2:30 pm - K & 1st to Lafayette Science Museum

Social Studies Fair for 5th & 7th grade

Friday, November 16th

8:15 am - Feast of St. Margaret Family Group Mass

11:00 am - School Wide Picnic

Progress Reports going home soon

Monday, November 19th - 23rd

Thanksgiving Holiday

Lunches

Monday, November 12th

Gr. Beef Soft Tacos, Pinto Beans, Corn on the Cob & Peach Slices

Tuesday, November 13th

Hamburger, Fries, Pear Slices & Wheat Cookie

Wednesday, November 14th

Chicken Alfredo with Pasta, Yam Patty, Salad, Orange Smiles & Wheat Garlic read

Thursday, November 15th

Pork Roast/Rice/Gravy, Sweet Peas, Cauliflower with Cheese Sauce, Spiced Apples & Wheat Roll

Friday, November 16th

Beef Finger Steaks, Broccoli with Dip, Glazed Carrots, Pineapple Tidbits & Wheat Roll

Choice of Milk Daily

Things to Remember

HALO!

Our HALO this week was Ms. Hannah Harless. We thank Ms. Harless for the care and love she gives her students while helping them get ready for second grade.

Club Meetings

Tuesday, November 13th

Noon - BETA & 4:00 - 5:00 Jr. Catholic Daughters

Wednesday, November 14th

3:00 - 4:00 pm - Science & Art
BETA CONVENTION ALL DAY

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Friday, November 16th

Noon - Spanish Club

Viking Lagniappe

Unveiling the Virtues

We continue to work on Habit #3 - Put First things First. When we practice this habit we prioritize our lives; we stay focused on what we are doing; we try to minimize distractions and regroup if we get off task; and we spend time on the things that are the most important. When we work on Habit #3, we are also practicing the virtue of Justice. Justice is another name for fairness. We recognize what is due God and others. Virtues related to Justice are Gratitude, Kindness, and Loyalty. When we are grateful we say thank you even for difficult or unwanted things. We count our blessings in our lives. When we cultivate the virtue of Kindness we express genuine concern about the well-being of others. We practice speaking, thinking and acting kindly. The virtue of loyalty is accepting the bonds implicit in relationships and defending the virtues upheld by Church, family, and country. We seek to do our best to help others; we follow the rules; and we take our responsibilities seriously; and we are faithful to our commitments.

Family Faith Formation

The junior high students have the privilege, through the generosity of our priests, to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on a monthly basis. It has been a beautiful experience to be in the church with them while this happens. The purpose, besides receiving the grace of the sacrament and forgiveness of sins, is to help the students see that this is a sacrament that can and should be received frequently and to feel comfortable approaching a priest for Reconciliation. The precept which states once a year is an absolute minimum, not a recommendation. Once in a while a student will say that he or she does not need to go because their family just went. This is the ideal and sends a much stronger message to the young people. This week a few students were unable to go and very much desired a request of the priest to receive the sacrament after Mass on Friday. These students have grown in their desire to receive the graces Jesus wants so much to give us in this sacrament. Do you have

regular times when your family receives this sacrament?

"COATS FOR KIDS"

The last day to bring in coats for the "Coats For Kids" Campaign is Friday, November 16th before school. The Kiwanis will be picking them up sometime early Friday morning!!

November Birthdays

Mrs. Sarah Hill, Cooper Livingston, Caroline Broussard, Cortesi Thomas, Beau McMichael, Mallie Rouse, Jared Williams, Caden Ozane, Mrs. April Nash, Henry Stelly, Cydnee Harris, Mrs. Pam Soileau, & Abbie Mire.

Saint Contest Winners

Thank you to all who participated in the Name the Saint Contest. The winner of the student division was J.T. Kihlken, and the winner of the teacher division was Ms. Amanda Hebert.

Congratulations to both of our winners!!

Jelly Drive

Thank you to everyone who brought in jelly to share with Catholic Charities. The class with most jars at 92 is Mrs. Schram's 5-1 Class.

Congratulations 5-1!!

St. Margaret Feast Day

Friday, November 16, 2018 @ 8:15 am Mass and 11:00 am - School Wide Picnic. It will be held on the grounds behind church parking lot. If weather does not cooperate we will have it in the gym. All parents are

invited to the mass and picnic. All students and parents attending must bring a bag lunch as the cafeteria will not be serving lunch on this day)

Veteran's Day

Please join in honoring those who bravely served our country at our annual Veteran's Day Program which will be held on Monday, November 12th at 1:00 pm in the Gym. Faculty and students may wear red/white & blue shirts with jeans or a red shirt, white shirt or blue shirt with jeans.



Santa's Secret Shop

Santa's Secret Shop is coming soon. This year the shop will be held in the East Room of the Family Center from December 3rd-7th. Parents, please be sure to Look out for a SignUp.com email by the end of this week.



Congratulations!!

A great big congratulations to our very own Dylan Freeman and Kassie Piatt who will be in the musical theater production of "Mary Poppins, Jr.". The performance will be November 9th, 10th & 11th at LaGrange High School.