



St. Margaret Catholic School

Viking Vine



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

December 7, 2018

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

The Season of Advent affords us the opportunity to get in touch with our own spirituality, to reflect on the journey we've taken over the past year and to set goals for the coming year - spiritual resolutions. The Season of Advent offers us each year, an opportunity to seek God within the boundaries of our souls while living outwardly amidst the noise and activity of the world around us.

Henri Nouwen, who died in 1997, was a worldwide speaker, a prolific writer, a college professor, and a priest from Holland. His favorite leisure pursuit was going to the circus, because he was fascinated with the trapeze artists. Father Nouwen was enthralled by the breathtaking performances of a team of trapeze acrobats known as the "Flying Roudellas", and the split second timing that went into the execution of their every act.

As the Roudellas came to know Father Nouwen, they invited him to attend their practice sessions. Eventually, they took him into their confidence and told him that the "Flyer" is the one who lets go and the "catcher" is the one who takes hold. As the flyer swings above the crowd on the trapeze, the moment comes when he must let go. He arcs out into the air, his job is to remain as still as possible and to wait for the strong hands of the catcher to pluck him from the air.

The flyer must never look up at the catcher to make sure he is there;

the flyer must wait with absolute trust. It's the catcher's job to make any last moment adjustments. The secret is, the "Flyer" does nothing; the "catcher" does everything. The flyer's job is simply to put his hands out and wait, trustingly, that the catcher will be there. In terms of our relationship with God, we must never doubt that God will be there to make the sensational catches in our life. The secret is letting go of that "trapeze", whatever it is that inhibits our spiritual growth, and trusting that God will be there as our "catcher" - always.

The four weeks of Advent allow us time to ponder how Jesus came into this world in such a stunningly humble way. As we contemplate His birth in a bed of straw in a messy stable, perhaps, we see our own life as being a little messy too. Our life is often distracted, self-centered and sometimes leaves us wishing we were better people. But if we can slow down and refocus our attention, we might realize that God is there, waiting to love us even though we have so many unfulfilled good intentions and so many unfulfilled desires about our spirituality.

The bumper sticker that reads, "Be patient; God isn't finished with me yet" is a reminder that, in God's eyes, we are a work in progress. Our faith is not a vaccine that prevents bad things from happening to good people. Rather, our faith is the new seed that brings forth new life and hope out of a life that contains struggle, difficulty, conflict and maybe misunderstanding. Christians/Catholics, during Advent, are like the shepherds from the Bethlehem hills; we are called from our everyday activities to allow God to re-enter our

lives, even when we are feeling least "religious" or "ready" for His coming, for His arrival within us.

God, our Father, we thank you for Your love for us, a love that reaches out to accept us, no matter our circumstance. As we contemplate the arrival of Your Son, help us to share our love with others. May our love, like Yours, be abundant and healing. Amen.

Peace and Blessings,
Wendy L. Wicke

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

Events

Sunday, December 9th

8:00 am - Noon - Breakfast with St. Nicholas

Tuesday, December 11th

6:30 pm - 3rd - 8th grade Christmas Concert at L.C. Boston Auditorium

Wednesday, December 12th

8:15 am - Virgin of Guadalupe Mass/ DARE Graduation immediately following Mass

Thursday, December 13th

10:00 am - 3rd- 5th grade Confessions

Look A Head:

Monday, December 17th

6:00 pm - Pk-3 thru 2nd Grade Christmas Program in the Family Center

Lunches

Monday, December 10th

Chicken Nuggets, Sweet Potato Fries, Celery Sticks, Applesauce & Wheat Roll

Tuesday, December 11th

Lasagna, Gr. Beans, Salad, Pineapple & Wheat Garlic Roll

Wednesday, December 12th

Gr. Beef/Cheese Baked Potato, Salad, Fruit & Wheat Cinnamon Roll

Thursday, December 13th

Chicken Stew or Gumbo/Rice, Broccoli, Baby Carrots, Apple Wedges & Wheat Roll

Friday, December 14th

Salisbury Steak, Creamed Potatoes, Black Eye Peas, Peach Slices & Wheat Roll

Choice of Milk Daily

Things to Remember

HALO!

Our HALO this week was Mrs. Pam Soileau. Thank you Mrs. Soileau for getting our Pre-K 4 ready for "BIG" school. Your love and care for your students shine bright!!

Club Meetings

Tuesday, December 11th

Noon - BETA Club

4:00 - 5:00 pm - JCDA

Wednesday, December 12th

3:00 - 4:00 pm - Science Club Christmas Party

3:00 - 4:00 pm - Art Club

Thursday, December 13th

Noon - JCDA

3:00 - 4:00 pm - Chess Club

Friday, December 14th

Noon - Spanish Club

Viking Lagniappe

Unveiling the Virtues

The following information is taken from Disciple of Christ Education in Virtue: An Educator's Guide.

JUSTICE enables us to give to each, beginning with God what is due him.

Justice is the cardinal virtue that perfects our will and all our relationships with others, including family, country, and Church. It is the constant and firm will to give to each what is his due. It disposes us to respect the rights and dignity of others, leading to harmony and equality in human interactions. Justice toward God is the virtue of religion. The just Christian is motivated by charity, a sincere will to not only give to others what is their due, but to will the good for them.

Family Faith Formation

Lord Jesus Christ,
we give you thanks for your love
for each of us during Advent and always.
May this season be a time of new beginnings
for our family as we begin a new church year.

Show our family how to live in hope
during this holy season of Advent.
Help us to share our thoughts, our joys,
and our struggles with one another.

May we follow you always as the light
of the world and the light of our lives.
Guide our family during this season of Advent
and teach us to share your love with others.

Help us to be people of compassion
who look beyond our own family
to make a difference in the lives of others
through our words and actions.

We ask your blessing on our family
this day and all through the Advent
season.

As we journey together toward Bethlehem,
may we walk in faith, hope, and love.

Come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

from Live Advent at Home by Patricia Mathson

Social Studies Fair Results

5th Grade

History Division:

Honorable Mention: Channing Pradia and Anna Katherine Duke

4th Place: Scarlet Winegeart

3rd Place: Keenan Thomas

2nd Place: Bayleigh Vincent

1st Place: Kingston Lewis

Economics Division:

2nd Place: Conner Istre

1st Place: Jared Williams

Geography Division:

3rd Place: Jacob Istre

2nd Place: Ezekiel Means

1st Place: Ellie Fuselier

Anthropology Division:

1st Place: Kullen Mithcell

Sociology Division:

1st Place: Kate David

7th Grade

History Division:

Honorable Mention: Draven Day, Avalynn David & Kade Lounsberry

4th Place: Blake Fontenot

3rd Place: Jake Wing

2nd Place: Sarah Owen

1st Place: Michaela LaFleur

Economics Division:

1st Place: Annabelle Melerine

Geography Division:

2nd Place: Evan Mathis

1st Place: Kaleb Goodly

Anthropology Division:

1st Place: J.T. Kihlken

Political Science Division:

2nd Place: Katelyn Rivers

1st Place: Elizabeth Gutierrez

Congratulations to ALL!!!

SAVE THE DATE

"A Night to Remember"

Junior High students & parents dinner
and dance (6th-8th)

February 1, 2019

Ticket will be \$20 per person and must be
purchased in the school office from
December 10th-January 18th.