



St. Margaret Catholic School

Viking Vine



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

February 14, 2019

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Some years ago when Pope John Paul II went to Lima, Peru, he was met by a massive crowd of two million people. Instead of the usual greetings from the President and the Cardinal, two people from a shantytown stepped up to the microphone. As the huge crowd went quiet, they began to speak to the Pope: "Holy Father, we are hungry, we are sick, we lack work, our children die before their time. Yet, Holy Father, we believe in the God of life. And we hunger for bread."

Before the hushed crowd, the Pope replied in his best Spanish: "You tell me you hunger for bread. You tell me you hunger for God. I want this hunger for God to remain; I want your hunger for bread to be satisfied." The Pope then turned to the generals and the wealthy politicians gathered there and said very bluntly: "I won't simply say share what you have. I will say give it back; it belongs to the poor!"

The highlight of the Pope's visit to any country was the celebration of an open-air Mass. Of the Mass or celebration of the Eucharist, the Pope wrote: "In the Eucharist we have Jesus, we have His sacrifice, we have His resurrection, we have the gift of the Holy Spirit and His love of the Father. In the humble signs of bread and wine changed into His Body and Blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey, and ena-

bles us to become witnesses of hope."

In modern language, Christ says to us at every Mass: "Here I am, poured out in love for you. Take Me; I am one with you." St. Augustine in 413 wrote that the Mass was about three things: goodness, unity, and charity. Augustine taught that if we were not better people working for unity and loving each other once away from the Eucharist, then, the Mass fails to achieve its purpose.

The God who comes to us at every Eucharist as real food, is the same God who asks: "When I was hungry, did you feed me?" Just as God feeds us, so we, too, should feed each other. Like the Pope in Peru, we should link the reception of the bread of life in the Eucharist at Mass with the giving of bread away from the Mass. In other words is the Eucharist for Sundays only or does the Eucharist live on through the actions and deeds of our daily lives?

As we watch our children receive Communion for the first time, we are thrilled by the beauty and simplicity of their belief in Who it is they are receiving. However, as we progress through life, the routine of Mass and the Eucharist can dull our spiritual senses. Mass might have lost its relevance for us, and so we might no longer attend; unfortunately, there is no magic formula to guard against such a situation occurring.

For the Mass and the Eucharist to be life-giving for us as Christian people, we need to give them our total attention. Our hearts and minds need to be fully open to Christ living in us, to us assuming the mind of Christ and taking Christ's values with us into our daily

lives. Then, the Eucharist can change us into people who are good, unifying and loving; then, Christ can walk beside us as our strength and our food for the journey and enable us to become witnesses of hope.

God, our Father, we thank You for the Mass and the Eucharist. As we tackle each day's routine and face its demands and emergencies, be with us as an inner presence. Enrich our faith so we will come each week into Your Real Presence in the Mass and Eucharist. Amen.

Peace and Blessings,
Wendy L. Wicke



Events

Friday, February 15th

NO SCHOOL/DIOCESAN INSERVICE

Friday, February 22nd

8:15 am - Mass

Science Club Annual Garage Sale will be Saturday, March 9th.

Start sending your garage sale items to school or if you have a lot to donate we do have a storage building that Mrs. Reeves Rents.

Lunches

Monday, February 18th

Hot Dog/Chili, Fries or Tots, Mexican Beans, Fruit & Dessert

Tuesday, February 19th

Meatballs/Rice/Gravy, Broccoli, Yam Patty, Fruit & Wheat Roll,

Wednesday, February 20th

Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Cherry Tomatoes/ Cucumbers/Celery w/Dip & Pear Slices

Thursday, February 21st

Baked Chicken/Br. Rice, Lima Beans, Glazed Carrots, Applesauce & Wheat Roll

Friday, February 22nd

Cheese Nachos, Corn, Apple Wedges & Cinnamon Roll

Choice of Milk Daily

Things to Remember

HALO!

Our HALO this week was Ms. Shawn Stubblefield. We would like to thank her for her unending dedication to all sports and activities concerning SMCS.

Club Meetings!

There are No Scheduled Meetings for this week!

Mardi Gras Holiday!

We will be out of school on Friday, March 1st and Monday & Tuesday, March 4th and 5th for Mardi Gras.

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Unveiling the Virtues

Habit #5 Seek first to understand, then to be understood

I listen to other people's ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas. I look people in the eyes when talking.

Courtesy - treating other people with respect, recognizing that all are made in God's image and likeness.

Generosity - Giving of oneself in a willing and cheerful manner for the good of others.

Gratitude - Thankful disposition of mind and heart.

Kindness - expressing genuine concern about the well-being of others; anticipating their needs.

Loyalty - accepting the bonds implicit in relationships and defending the virtues upheld by Church, family and country.

Quinten's Corner

During the entire month of February, the 6th grade will be hosting a used Book Drive. Please consider donating used books of any reading level. All books collected will be donated in memory of our classmate Quinten Savoie and will be delivered to "Chance for Hope" where Quinten's family stayed while he received treatment.



Family Faith Formation

When good friends of ours are sad, our mind seems to start thinking of what good I do to help, to make them feel better. Sixth grade was talking about this in Religion class trying to understand what mortification meant in the context of reparation. We are called to make reparations for sins which so offend Our Lord Jesus Christ. Because there is no time in God, we can make reparations now for the suffering He endured in His Passion. It was beautiful to see four sixth graders come to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy last Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. for this intention. Everyone is invited to join us each Friday at 3:00 p.m. in the junior high Religion classroom.

Did you know Bishop Provost has asked all Catholics in the Diocese of Lake Charles to abstain from meat on all Fridays or if you eat meat to substitute some other penance? This is nothing new in the Church but it is a great reminder to mark Fridays with some act of love for the sufferings of Christ and to make up for sins which offend Him who has loved us so much.

Science Fair Regionals Winners!

Animal Sciences:

2nd Place: Ava Nunez

Behavioral & Social Sciences:

1st Place: Ava Moton

Honorable Mention: Julia Walker

Biomedical & Health Sciences:

3rd Place: Olivia Derouen

Chemistry:

3rd Place - Liliانا Lloyd

Energy: Physical:

Honorable Mention: Emmeline Soileau

Engineering Mechanics:

2nd Place: Jacob Ardoin

Environmental Engineering:

1st Place: Nicholas Harris

2nd Place: Jean-Paul Northcutt

3rd Place: Adam Foreman

Materials Science:

3rd Place: Annalise Funk

Honorable Mention: Jolie Metoyer

Microbiology:

2nd Place: Reese Manuel

Honorable Mention: Braden Brown

Physics & Astronomy:

3rd Place: Mary Wicke

Honorable Mention: Jude Walker

Plant Sciences:

3rd Place: Audrey Brown

Robotics & Intelligent Machines:

1st Place: Colton Wood

Nicholas Harris won Best of Fair in the Jr. Division.

St. Margaret Catholic School is the Reigning School on the Junior High Level with The Most Wins and Places!!

All First and Second Place winners will move on to the State Fair.