



Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph Newsletter

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The Bosco Catholic School System provides students and families with academic, spiritual, moral, and sacramental formation so that they are prepared to be faithful disciples who are the light of Christ in the world.

Picture Retakes - Tuesday, October 17.

Picture retake day will be Tuesday, October 17. If your student will be having their picture retaken, they must return the complete original picture package on retake day. If a student was absent on the original picture day, they need to bring their completed picture envelope and money on retake day. Students having pictures taken will be allowed to wear an appropriate shirt with uniform pants.

Archery Informational Meeting

There will be a parent/informational meeting about our Archery team in the St. Mary Center commons on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:00pm. Anyone in grades 4-12 interested in archery this year should attend the meeting with their parents.

Fundraiser Thank you

Thank you to everyone who sold magazine subscriptions, cookie dough, & Cinnabons for our fundraiser. We had over \$14,400 in sales. Top Selling Students were: Kanaan Delagardelle, Colton Bovy, Taylor Sparrgrove-Nelson. Top Selling Home Room was Ms. McMaster's class with \$2,325 in total sales.

IA Assessment Tests

Grades 3-8 will be taking the IA Assessments next week. Please talk with your children about the importance of putting forth their best efforts to show the growth they have made as a student. Please do your best to make sure your child has a good nights rest each night and that they eat a nutritious breakfast.

Reminder

When sending cash/checks to school PLEASE put it in an envelope marked with a first and last name and what it is for.



The following homerooms met their Box Tops goal and earned a jean day with their spirit or uniform shirt Wednesday, October 18. Mrs. Bolick, Mrs. Ownby, Mrs. Wellman, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Moeller.

Leaf Raking Service Project

The middle school students will soon be participating in our annual leaf raking service project for the elderly and disabled citizens of our community. This is scheduled to take place on Friday, November 3. We need parent volunteers! If you could help us out this year, please contact the school at 296-1089 or email Mrs. Berry at cberry@boscocatholic.org.

We are asking for each 6th grade student to donate one package of lawn/leaf bags. These may be brought in at anytime. Each student will need to have a rake.

Nurse's Notes

October is Fire Prevention month. Think Prevention. Make sure electrical cords and appliances are in good working order. Repair or throw out anything with a frayed or broken cord. Kitchens are the number one place fires start according to Kids Health. Do not leave things cooking on the stove, clean up grease spatters, and turn handles away from the front of the stove. Make sure candles are in a sturdy container and do not leave them unattended. Having a working smoke alarm in your house cuts the risk of dying in a fire by about half. Make sure that fire alarms are in sleeping areas and every level of your home. Plan and practice fire safety at home. Know your escape plan. Teach children to stay low and cover their nose and face. Do not open a hot door. Do not try to gather things to take. Exit the building quickly and plan to meet at a safe location. Marianne Hickey RN

Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org by 3:00pm on Wednesday, October 18.

Band Announcement

Congratulations to the following middle school students who were a part of the marching band that competed in 3 contests on Saturday. Kaylee Kerr, Samantha Willey, Ryan McFadden, J J McManus, Koen Bovy, Ryan Hayes, Cali Weber, Paige Corkery and the marching band received 2nd place at the State marching band contest in Cedar Rapids; 1st place out of 5 bands at the Wilton Marching Invitational and 1st Place out of 4 bands at the Muscatine Marching Invitational. Great Job Kids!

Immaculate Conception Harvestfest is Oct. 15, 2017

This Sunday, October 15 is IC Parish Harvestfest. Please support this event.

Enjoy a delicious breakfast then check out the Bake Sale, Craft Sale, Silent Auction, Book Sale and Children's Games. Play BINGO and don't forget to purchase your Raffle Tickets. This is a huge fundraiser for our parish, please support it.

Middle School Youth Jam 2017

Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 2:00pm-7:30pm at Blessed Maria Assunta Middle School, Waterloo, Iowa.

DJ Bill Lage is a multi-talented professional DJ who understands the many nuances of youth culture. Bill has the innate ability to take youth to a new level of genuine happiness. His magnetic spirit, deep faith, passion for life, dynamic stage presence and competent leadership combine to make him one of the most sought after and valuable personalities for a Catholic youth event in the country.

To register go to:
<https://www.dbqarch.org/offices/adolescent-faith-formation/programs-services/youthjam/>

St. Joseph Catholic Church Harvest Breakfast

St. Joseph Catholic Church will be hosting their Harvest Breakfast, silent auction, and bake sale on Sunday, October 22, 2017, from 8:30am to 12:00pm, at Reuter Hall, 313 E. Central Street, Raymond.

The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage patties, homemade cinnamon rolls, hash browns, juice, coffee, and milk. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for youth ages 4 to 12, and children under 3 are free. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Sunday's Word - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Synopsis

A king dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. He said to his servants, The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find. The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike.

One Minute Homily

- From time to time things happen that shatter our perfect little world. A friend betrays us, an accident or illness imperils our health, events reveal that we do not have the perfect marriage or family people thought we did.
 - In today's Gospel, the king's friends betray him by refusing to come to the wedding feast for his son. His perfect little world collapses; he is forced to turn to the imperfect, anyone who was willing to accept the invitation, "bad and good alike."
 - The parable reminds us that price of admission to God's kingdom is not perfection. It is the willingness to accept the invitation, which means forsaking our own perfect little worlds, accepting our own imperfections and those of others.
- * "Gather us in," a familiar hymn goes, "the lost and forsaken," "the rich and the haughty," "the blind and the lame," "the proud and the strong," Eucharist is the banquet for anyone willing to accept the invitation.

Questions for Reflection or Discussion

For Children: Do you ever pretend that you are perfect, or at least better than anyone else?

For young adults: How do you cope with all of the pressure to be special, perfect, or the best? What can you learn from this Gospel about dealing with that pressure?

For Adults, Families and Faith Communities: Are we pretending to live in a perfect little world? Do our communities look more like the king's perfect little world or the banquet of folks found on the street, bad and good alike?