



## Immaculate Conception/St. Joseph Newsletter

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November 22, 2017

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.



The following homerooms met their Box Tops goal and earned a jean day with their spirit or uniform shirt Wednesday, November 29. Mrs. Bolick, Mrs. Wellman, Mrs. Olson.

### **Family Advent Evening**

Please join us on Wednesday, November 29 for our Advent evening. We will gather in the Don Bosco Library at 5:30 to share a simple supper. We will use the Don Bosco Chapel for a short prayer service and then gather back in the library to begin a Jesse tree that you can take home and use as a family throughout this Advent season. Please let Carol Berry in the IC office know by Wednesday if you plan to attend. You can email her at [cberry@boscocatholic.org](mailto:cberry@boscocatholic.org) or call her at 319-296-1089.

### **Nurse's Notes**

Tips for a healthier Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving only comes around once a year. It is a time we enjoy some favorites. Remember you cannot burn off all the food you consume with exercise but being active will help. Take a walk early if you can. Don't skip breakfast. Start your day with a small satisfying breakfast. Practice portion control. Have your plate look like an island rather than continent. In other words don't let your food touch. If you are wanting to sample a lot of things use a teaspoon to put the serving on your plate. Focus on family and friends. And remember it is only one day. If you do find you over indulged get right back on track don't use it as an excuse to give up on your healthy plan.  
Marianne Hickey RN

### **Bosco Catholic Booster Club Apparel**

DB Basketball & Wrestling web store is now open. The stores will be open until November 29. Items will be returned around December 15. The store is now open: <http://www.teamelitesports.com/bosconation.html>

Thank you for your continued support of the Bosco Booster Club!

### **Needs Assessment Survey**

Please complete the Archdiocese of Dubuque School System's five year Needs Assessment emailed to you from Ms. Mayer on November 14.

Accessing the survey can be done in one of two ways. First, the survey can be accessed by going to <https://goo.gl/forms/FxbkZRZ1pUz7BNJv2>. Second, if you would like a paper copy call the school office. Upon completion, return it to the school for inclusion in the Needs Assessment. The survey site will close on 11/26/2017.

### **What's this STO all about?**

Your donation to Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO) gives the gift of a Catholic School education to Iowa families who otherwise would struggle to make this dream a reality. With this gift, families have the ability to choose the educational setting that best meets the needs of their children regardless of their income. If you file an Iowa income tax return, your contributions to the STO qualify for a 65% tax credit and the entire amount of your gift qualifies for federal deductibility. Visit [www.OurFaithSto.org](http://www.OurFaithSto.org) or call the Archdiocese of Dubuque at 800-876-3546 ext. 219 or 307 to learn more.



There will be no classes Thursday or Friday,  
November 23 & 24,  
and the school offices will be closed.

**Please send all newsletter items to [icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org](mailto:icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org)  
by 3:00pm on Wednesday, November 29.**

### ***Discover Bosco Catholic School System Night***

Friday, December 1, 2017.

Students in all grade levels, with their parent/guardian, attending parochial or public school or home-schooled students are welcome to attend!

5:30 p.m. – Meet and Eat – Dinner provided free of charge at St. Mary Center.

6:00 p.m. – Presentation, tour and question/answer.

6:30 p.m. – Girls' Basketball game. No admission fee students/parents attending Discover Night.

8:00 p.m. – Boys' Basketball game. No admission fee students/parents attending Discover Night.

If you plan on attending please RSVP to [credmond@boscocatholic.org](mailto:credmond@boscocatholic.org) by providing your email address (in case of a change), how many are attending and the grade level(s) of student(s).

If you have questions about Discover Night please contact Casey Redmond, Don Bosco Catholic High School Principal, at 319-296-1692 ext. 1102 or [credmond@boscocatholic.org](mailto:credmond@boscocatholic.org).

### ***Sunday's Word - Solemnity of Christ the King***

Synopsis

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least of mine, you did for me.'"

One-Minute-Homily

- It has been said that if you want to size up a person's character, observe how they treat the waitress in a restaurant. How we treat people who are presumably less important, less influential, or less familiar reveals something fundamental about what kind of persons we are.
- Some scripture scholars think Matthew 25 is an example of Semitic exaggeration which is inconsistent with the image of God portrayed generally throughout the Gospels. Nonetheless, it shows us that we cannot know Jesus if we do not recognize him in the least among us.
- The Gospel is a challenge to us not just as individuals, but to us as groups ("the nations," Matthew says) -- families, communities, churches. Judgment falls on the groups to which we lend allegiance, and it is based on how we treat the least among us.
- The Eucharist forms us as the Body of Christ on earth; we are accountable not just for our individual actions but for the actions of the community which acts on our behalf.

For Reflection or Discussion

Question for Children: Do you ever feel like people ignore you or tease you because you are not as important as others? Do you ever treat other people that way?

Question for Youth: Young adults are particularly sensitive about belonging or not belonging to the right group. How do the groups you belong to treat "the least" among and around you?

Question for Adults, Families and Faith Communities: Do we even recognize "the least" among and around us? How do we respond to them as individuals and as communities?