



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.

NO classes Monday, February 26 - Professional Development Day.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

The informational parent meeting for second grade students receiving their First Eucharist has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 27, in Room 205 at IC at 6:00pm. Students do not need to attend.

K-1 students will start their day at the IC center Wednesday, February 28 for the Pennies For Patients "Stuck For A Buck" conclusion. A Bosco System bus will transfer students to Raymond after the assembly.

Book Fair Thank You

Thank you to everyone who purchased books from Usborne Books at conferences last week. We received \$302 worth of books to be put in the classrooms and the St. Joseph and IC libraries.



The following homerooms met their Box Tops goal and earned a jean day with their spirit or uniform shirt Wednesday, February 28. Ms. McMaster, Mrs. Olson,

Mrs. Wellman, Mr. Kellogg.

Girl Scout Cookie Booth

Girl Scout Brownie Troop #1455 is hosting a Cookie Booth!

When: Sunday, February 25, 2018

Where: Road Ranger in Elk Run Heights

Time: noon til 4:00pm

Stop by and support our girls and enjoy some Girl Scout Cookies!

Be sure to look at the Lenten Activity flyers in this newsletter.

STO - Tuition Assistance

STO applications should be simplified this year. If you completed an application last year, your demographic information should roll over into this year's application. You will need to double check that it is current and accurate, but you will not need to enter everything. You will need to answer the financial questions for this year. They can work with your 2016 tax return which is what most of you uploaded last year so you will not need to wait until you get this year's taxes filed. You will simply need to upload your W-2's for this year before submitting. If you have questions or need any assistance with the process please contact Ms. Mayer or Mr. Redmond.

The STO application needs to be completed no later than March 29, 2018. The application is available online at online.factsmtg.com/aid.

PTO Fundraiser Profits

We received a total of \$3,476.40 in 2017 from can redemptions. If you are donating your redeemable cans and bottles, THANK YOU so much. If you are not, please consider dropping them off in our shed on the north end of Don Bosco High School.

We have received a total of \$2,420.60 from Mason City Recycling in 2017. Thank you to all who are helping fill the Recycling Trailer. Keep collecting those newspapers and magazines. It is VERY important that all boxes be broken down! Please do not put pizza boxes, styrofoam or empty boxes in the trailer, the company deducts from our earnings. If you are unable to get into the trailer, please do not leave items outside the trailer. Thank you to Kay Delagardelle for the countless hours she spends in the recycling trailer making sure it is full to its capacity. By doing this she increases our profit tremendously.

Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org by 3:00pm on Wednesday, February 28.

Kindergarten Roundup and Parent Meeting

Our 2018-2019 Kindergarten Round-up will take place in the classroom at St. Joseph School on Thursday, March 8 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. After dropping students off, parents will go downstairs to St. Joseph Church for a Kindergarten Parent Meeting. At this meeting, you will hear about our school system and our kindergarten program, meet the teachers and ask questions. Registration materials will be distributed and the registration process will be explained. Please call 233-5980 to let us know you will attend the meeting so materials will be ready for you.

Nurse's Notes

February is Dental Month. I thought I would share some fun facts from Renaissance Dental. Did you know that your teeth are meant to last a lifetime and that the enamel is the hardest part of your body, even harder than your bones. If you brush your teeth for 2 minutes twice a day you will brush your teeth about 24 hours a year using up to 20 gallons of toothpaste over a lifetime. If you had a toothache in Germany, in the Middle Ages, you would have been told to kiss a donkey to cure your toothache. Easy math $2 \times 2 + 20$ means brush your teeth for 2 minutes, 2 times a day + Read for 20 minutes a day. Our children entering kindergarten and 9th grade are required to have a dental screen on file. Forms can be found on our web site. Please remember to take them with you to the next dental visit. Marianne Hickey RN

Medication Reminder

State law requires that ALL medications (prescription and over the counter) be in their original containers. A medication permission form from the parent with directions on administering the medication is required. That form may be found at <https://boscosystem.socs.net/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/55dcc0d507de3/Medication%20Permission%20Form.pdf>

Catholic Order of Forester News

Sunday, February 25 all COF adult & youth members and their families are invited to the Family Pizza Party in St. Mary Center from 4:30pm to 6:00pm, eating at 5:00pm. COF families are encourage to come for pizza & soda, which will be provided. COF youth members can bring along your favorite drawing materials and make a poster for the COF poster contest. COF will provide the poster paper. Theme for the poster contest is "COF Event or Church Event." The Photo theme is "Humorous Billboards or Marquees." The t-shirt Theme is "Feeding God's Children."

**No Waterloo buses March 12-15.
No School March 16.**

Sunday's Word - Second Sunday of Lent, Feb. 25, 2018

Synopsis

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain. He was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white. Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

One-Minute-Homily

- We know that sad, tragic and painful experiences often reveal to us some deeper meaning and purpose to our lives, but so do unexpected, gracious and happy events. These, too, help us realize how special, blessed and loved we are.
- In today's Gospel, three of the disciples experience a "theophany," an event which reveals God's presence among them in the person of Jesus Christ.
- We need to appreciate the mountaintop experiences in our own lives, the people and events which reveal to us how much God loves and treasures us; we also need to be agents or messengers of that reality for other people.
- The Eucharist evokes those mountaintop experiences. "This is my body...this is my blood" is just another way of saying, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

For Reflection or Discussion

Question for Children: Can you think of a special person or event which really made you feel special?

Question for Youth: We often feel constricted by the limitations imposed on us at this age; are we aware of the people and events who are revealing the gifts and blessings God has showered on us?

Question for Adults, Families and Faith Communities: Do people come away from an encounter with us that leaves them grateful for how much God loves and treasures them?

Bosco Catholic School System Family and Community Lent Activity

WHEN: Wednesday, February 28

5:00pm - Stations at IC Church

5:30pm - Mass at IC Church

6:00pm - Soup Supper in St. Mary Center Commons

6:45pm - Lenten Activity in St. Mary Center Commons

WHAT: We will be putting together crosses to remind us how much God loves us.

WHO: All members of Christ's Community are welcome.

This activity will last about 20 - 30 minutes.

RSVP's are welcome but not required!

call 319-296-1089



40 Lenten Activities for Catholic Families

Give up television and Internet for one day.	Genuinely compliment someone who isn't expecting it.	Donate a bag of food to a local church or charity.	Go to a weekday Mass.	Pray for good things for someone who has been unkind to you.	Visit an elderly friend or relative who doesn't get a lot of visitors.	Make homemade pretzels, a traditional Lenten food.	Make an alms-giving box and collect change throughout Lent to donate.
Plan a simple meal and talk as a family about how to help the hungry.	Pray for people in your parish's RCIA program preparing to enter the Church.	Do a craft, piece of art, or creative project that glorifies the Lord.	Send a card or note of encouragement to a priest or a member of a religious community.	Pray for an increase in religious vocations.	Ask for forgiveness from someone that you have wronged.	Not just Friday: Have an additional meatless day one week during Lent.	Pray for someone preparing for First Communion or Confirmation.
Light a candle at church and pray for someone in your life.	Volunteer some of your time to help at church, school, or home.	Clean up a mess that somebody else made (without complaining).	Memorize a prayer that you don't already know by heart.	Surprise someone by doing a task or chore that they normally do.	Donate a bag of things that are still nice, but that you just don't use.	Pray the Rosary (or even just a decade) as a family.	Thank someone who has been a good influence in your life.
Read a religious book individually or as a family.	Listen to religious music while doing a task you have been putting off.	Attend (or read at home) the Stations of the Cross.	Pray for world political and religious leaders.	Make hot cross buns.	Learn more about a saint that your family is unfamiliar with.	Do something healthy to take care of the body God gave you.	Clear your mind of other things and sit quietly with God.
Do something to help the Earth.	Go to Adoration, even if it's just for a little while.	Pray for the Pope.	Watch a religious movie together as a family.	Give up sweets and other snacks for a day.	Read one book of the Bible.	Do a foot washing with your family members.	Attend a Holy Week Mass.



Bosco Catholic PTO Programs

Our school participates in the following programs:



BOX TOPS for EDUCATION ~ Our school receives **10¢** for each Box Top that we send in. Box Tops do have expiration dates, so please send them in often. There are always sweepstakes on their website to help the school earn additional rewards. **Signup is FREE!** Go to www.boxtops4education.com to sign up.



Box Tops has a **BONUS APP** which is **in addition to** clipping Box Tops.

You can earn Bonus Box Tops in the Box Tops Bonus App in combination with the on-pack Box Tops clip and any other coupon, discount, store program or promotion.

DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY!



HyVee Cash 4 Students ~ Our school receives **\$1.00** for every \$250 in receipts submitted.



KwikTrip / Kwik Star Milk Moola ~ Our school receives **5¢** for every cap and bag top submitted. There are no limits to the amount of money our school can receive.



Coca Cola Gives (coke.com/offers) ~ Collect Coca Cola codes to give money back to our school. You can sign up for free OR just send the codes to school and we will redeem them for you. The easiest way to find our school is to search by Zip Code (50634).

HOW MUCH IS MY CODE WORTH?					
SEE HOW WE REACHED THESE VALUES					
35-PACK	\$0.38	12-PACK	\$0.15	20 OZ	\$0.05
32-PACK	\$0.38	8-PACK	\$0.12	24 OZ	\$0.05
30-PACK	\$0.38	6-PACK	\$0.08	1 LITER	\$0.05
28-PACK	\$0.38	12 OZ	\$0.05	1.25 LITER	\$0.05
24-PACK	\$0.30	12.5 OZ	\$0.05	1.5 LITER	\$0.05
20-PACK	\$0.27	14 OZ	\$0.05	2 LITER	\$0.05
18-PACK	\$0.23	16 OZ	\$0.05	2.5 LITER	\$0.05
15-PACK	\$0.23	0.5 LITER	\$0.05	50 OZ	\$0.05



Tyson A+ Rewards ~ Collect product labels and turn them into school. Every label = **24¢** for our school!

Amazon Smile



You shop. Amazon gives.

- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
- AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.
- Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com

Ronald McDonald



Ronald McDonald House Charities Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois

Fun Fact: At a recycling rate of \$0.30-\$0.60 per pound, it takes 112 pounds of pop tabs to cover the cost for a family for ONE night!

Pop Can Recycling

Donate redeemable cans and bottles to Bosco Catholic School System, located on the north end of DBHS.

Paper Recycling

Bring paper, newspapers, phone books, soft cover text books, magazines, cereal boxes, etc. to the trailer in the north end of the plaza.

Please NO GARBAGE!

Please let us know if we are missing any programs! Please return all items to school.