



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.

Pops Concert

On Wednesday, April 25, the middle school students are performing their annual Pops Concert in the DB gym. The concert begins at 6:30pm.

2018-2019 School Calendars

The BCSS school board has approved the school calendars for the 2018-2019 school year. They have been posted on the school website.

Teacher Appreciation

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7-11. Monetary donations are being accepted to put towards gifts for all the teachers at St. Joseph, IC, & Don Bosco. Items from their classroom wish list will be gifted. If you would like to show your appreciation to our wonderful teachers by donating, please contact Crystal Frost at 319-215-9599 or at crystaleven@hotmail.com. We are asking all donations to be turned in by May 1. Thank you!



The following homerooms met their Box Tops goal and earned a jean day with their spirit or uniform shirt Wed., April 25.

Mrs. Bolick, Mrs. Neverman, Mrs. Ownby, Ms. McMaster, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Schroeder.

Nurse's Note

April 22 is Earth Day. Earth Day is a reminder that we need to protect our environment. One of the things you can do to promote Earth Day at home is to plan a nature walk. Plan to take trash bags and pick up trash along the way. Take note of different things that you find. Discuss recycling at home. Look for recycling labels on products you use at home. Encourage reusable bottles and containers. Remember to turn off lights in an empty room. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Marianne Hickey RN

DON'T Dates

- DON'T graduation will be May 8.
- DON'T Torch Run is scheduled for May 18.

Vacation Bible School Registration

It is time for Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School preregistration! Vacation Bible School is open to students beginning 4 year old preschool through beginning 5th grade. The form is below. Vacation Bible School will be July 16-20 in the St. Mary Center from 8:30-11:30 each day. Your child will get a snack and come home with a craft each day. The cost is \$12 per child with the option of ordering a t-shirt for each child for \$8. Please make checks payable to Bosco Catholic with VBS in the memo section. If you wish to preregister, please have your form and payment submitted by May 21, 2018. Hope to see you there!

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Download the MyScripWallet on your phone. You can order and reload e-gift cards immediately. You can do this while you are in line and know the exact amount you are going to be spending.

No matter which process you use, it all comes back to our school with you getting 50% credit of profit towards your tuition, the balance going to the program. From this the program gives \$25,000.00 to the school budget. It is a WIN WIN situation for everybody.

Hy-Vee Receipts

Please send your Waterloo, CF, Waverly Hy-Vee receipts to school by May 3 so they can be tallied and redeemed.

Please send all newsletter items to icsjnewsletter@boscocatholic.org by 3:00pm on Wednesday, April 25.

COF Thank You

Once again for the 33rd year, our Catholic Order of Foresters Matching Fund Project (breakfast and raffle) held on March 18, 2018, was a great success. Because of the fantastic loyal support of the COF members and friends, a profit of \$5,459.55 was made and \$1,500.00 was matched by the High Court making it a total of \$6,959.55 proceed to St. Joseph School for building improvements.

Thank you to anyone who contributed in any way, by attending the breakfast, donating to the small raffles, working at the breakfast and especially for purchasing your raffle tickets. We served 363 adults and 47 children. Raffle winners: \$100 Brian Weber; \$50 winners: Bob Voigt, Dorothy Waddell, Dave Weyland; \$25 winners: Jerald Steimel, Chad Weber, Paula Delagardelle, Barb Thoma, Harold/Phyllis Walton, Gary L. Weber.

Rick and Joan Kresser, Committee Chairs

Sunday's Word - Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 22

Synopsis

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own."

One-Minute-Homily

- Every parent knows what it's like to hear a shout from the other room, "Mom, help!" or a late-night phone call, "Hey, Dad!" The vocation of a parent is laying down their life for a child.
- In today's Gospel, Jesus calls himself the "Good Shepherd" who lays down his life to protect the sheep. This is a twist on nature, where the shepherd usually ends up leading the sheep to slaughter.
- The point is that the "Good Shepherd", like a good parent, has lays down his life so that we might know the Father's love. The challenge for us is to accept this love, be transformed by it, be grateful for it, and share it with others.
- The Eucharist reinforces this fact; here is the Good Shepherd, like the good parent, who feeds and nourishes us so that we may have life in its fullness.

For Reflection or Discussion

Question for Children: What are some of the good things your mom or dad does for you because they love you?

Question for Youth: Young people often feel that parents try to protect them too much. Can you see behind this the Good Shepherd who would rather die than have his loved ones hurt?

Question for Adults, Families and Faith Communities: When and how are we called to be Good Shepherds, willing to sacrifice our security and comfort for others?

What You Should Know About the NEW TAX LAW & CHARITABLE GIVING

Now that the 2017 tax season has passed, our attention turns towards the recently passed Tax Reform Law and its potential impact on charitable giving in 2018. Below you will find some information and, hopefully, some helpful guidance as responsible stewards of God's many gifts.

So, what will change?

- The standard deduction (allowed on federal tax forms) will nearly double to \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for married couples. This change (coupled with other restrictions) will reduce the number of individuals and families who itemize their federal taxes. Fewer people itemizing their federal taxes will mean that fewer people will be receiving a federal tax deduction for cash gifts given to charity.

But, what won't change?

- Many different avenues of giving still remain very lucrative! Gifts, such as, those receiving a tax credit (for example, the STO), appreciated stock gifts, gifts of property, grain gifts, and IRA charitable rollover gifts will all continue to offer excellent ways to save tax.
- The tax benefits of charitable giving will remain the same on your state taxes in Iowa, since those still have not changed.
- The charitable deduction for those who will continue to itemize is still very much available and, in fact, has been enhanced, allowing individuals to deduct up to 60% (up from 50%) of their adjusted gross income to charity.

And, most importantly...

- Our reason for giving hasn't changed! Rather than giving in order to save on tax, we give to a cause, to a mission, in the name of Christian charity. The message of Christ was, is, and will forever be the expectation that we help those in need by—among other things—being good stewards of the many gifts with which we have been entrusted. Supporting the mission of Christ through the sharing of our gifts at the local, diocesan, and universal levels is still very much a part of our identity as Catholics.

Other things to consider:

- Certain individuals and families might end up saving some tax under the new law. Perhaps those who do will think to donate a portion of those savings through charitable giving.
- Even this year, a certain number of us will be receiving a tax return. A generous option might be to share a portion of that return through a gift to a charity that supports the poor and disadvantaged or perhaps to our parish community.

This information is not intended as legal or tax advice. Taxpayers should consult with their tax advisor as to his/her specific situation.



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

IDEA Part B – Parent Survey

2017-2018

Dear Parent,

Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) requires states to report the percent of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with IEPs.

The Iowa Department of Education is gathering these data as a census for both students with and without an IEP using a brief survey.

Survey Link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018AEA267>

Survey Information

Please use the link above to answer the following questions for each of your children. The survey will allow you to answer these questions for up to five children.

- How old was your child on January 1, 2018? (choose 3-21)
- What is your child's race or ethnicity? (choose American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Two or More Races, White)
- Does your child have an Individualized Education Program – IEP? (y/n)
- Did the school your child is currently attending facilitate (request, encourage or initiate) your involvement as a means of improving services and results for your child? (y/n)

Timeline

The survey will be open March 26th through June 30th.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.



July 16-20 8:30 - 11:30 AM
St. Mary's Center

REGISTRATION FORM

(One Per Child)

\$12 per child
\$8 per t-shirt
(optional)

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (_____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Child's T-shirt size (optional) Adult: S M Youth: XS S M L
(Circle)

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Please preregister by May 21 Checks payable
to: Bosco with
VBS in the
memo.