

## Virtue of the Month: GENEROSITY

December 4, 2008

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### Upcoming Events

- Dec. 5th-Dec. 8th,  
Book Fair
- Friday, Dec. 5th,  
PSO Family Fun  
Night
- Sunday, Dec. 7th,  
Parish Advent  
Celebration, 2:30-  
4:30
- Monday, Dec. 8th,  
School Mass,  
8:30am
- Wednesday, Dec.  
10th, NO  
SCHOOL MASS
- Thursday, Dec. 18th,  
Christmas Pro-  
gram, 7pm
- Dec. 22-Jan.2,  
Christmas Vaca-  
tion
- Monday, Jan. 5th,  
School Resumes
- Friday, Jan. 9th,  
Noon Dismissal

### Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

The Book Fair opened this week and we are off to a good start. Thanks to all the parents that volunteered to set it up especially Laura Larsen... While the Book Fair does not bring in any money to the school, it has provided the school with book purchasing credits that have really been an effective way of building up our school library as well as the classroom libraries.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are on an Advent Retreat today at the Father Bernard Youth Center in Mt. Angel. This is a particularly talented group of youngsters and I am very proud of them. The Catholic High School entrance test is coming up on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Father Tom will be on a missionary journey of sorts next week as he will

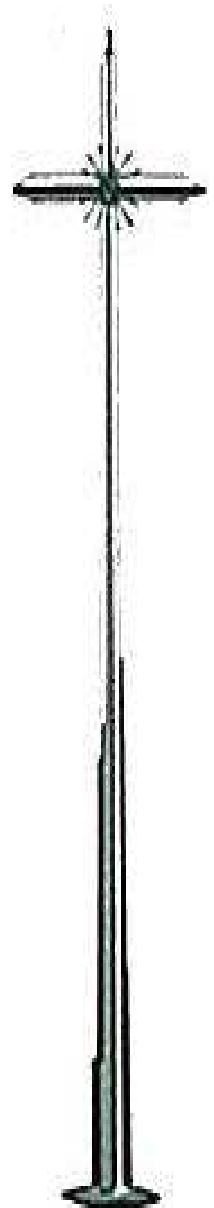
be traveling to a Jesuit outpost in Belize which is in Central America. Father Stewart, SJ will be celebrating the school Mass on Monday, which is a Holy Day of Obligation (Immaculate Conception). If you can join us at 8:30 AM, please feel very welcome to do so.

The annual Toy Drive for families of National Guard troops ends next Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Every year, we have made this a special part of our Advent celebration. This year, troops will be arriving to pick up the toys on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> (time to be determined). If you would like to support this project, send in an unwrapped toy with your child. The Kindergarten class is spearheading the collection process. They will make sure the toys are collected from the classrooms.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,

Principal



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## News from the School Office

We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate Jump Rope for Heart. The materials are in the office if you would like to take a look at them.

Add to your school directory the email address for Debi Grealish:  
googoojooob@comcast.net

Sherwood Coffee Company will be displaying art work from our 3rd and 4th grade students from now through the holidays. Be sure to thank them for including our school.

Teacher Giving Tree—We will have a teacher giving tree in the school office again this year. If you would like to give your child's teacher a gift for Christmas and are not sure what to get, this will help provide you with some suggestions.

## Kindergarten Toy Drive



The Kindergarten class is once again collecting toys for National Guard families. They have collected 85 towards their goal of 400 or more. The Oregon National Guard will be here next Friday, December 12th to pick up the toys. Last year they were overwhelmed by your generosity. Continue to send those new, unwrapped toys in for all ages. Let's break last year's record!

## Jump Rope Team

Practice is on Wednesdays from 3:15-4:15 on December 10th and then again in January and February. **No food allowed.** Bring your own water bottle (no other beverages). Pick up your students promptly in the back.

## Book Fair



Mark your Calendars our annual book fair is here!!! The Scholastic book fair will be open Dec 3rd 8am - Dec. 9th at 1pm. We will be open during coffee and donuts on Sunday and during the PSO family fun night on Friday. Save your Christmas book shopping or the fair to help our school earn books for our classrooms and library. The teachers will have wish lists so you can donate books to your child's class. Volunteers are needed!!! Please call Laura Larsen 503-570-1134 or stop in at the school office to sign up!  
Thank You!

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## PSO News

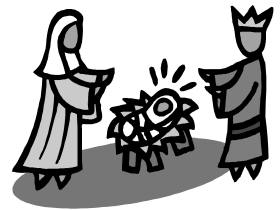
PSO Family Fun Night - Please save the date: Friday December 5th from 6 - 9 p.m. for our first Family Fun Night of the school year. Join us for pizza, movies and more!



## St. Francis Parish News

Please join the entire Catholic community of western Oregon in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Episcopal ordination of Archbishop John G. Vlazny. You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving with Archbishop Vlazny on Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 2:30pm at the University of Portland's Chiles Center. A reception also in the Chiles Center will follow.

Come one, come all! Join us as we celebrate Advent! This Parish wide event will take place on Sunday, Dec. 7th from 2:30-4:30pm in the Parish Center. Come & learn about how different customs got their start. As a part of the celebration parishioners are invited to share their nativity scenes for a Nativity Display. There will also be a baby shower for baby Jesus benefitting Coffee Creek. If you would like to display your Nativity scene, contact the Parish Office (503-625-6185). Please bring a snack to share! There will be a free will offering to help cover expenses.



Preschool Volunteer for the 8:30am Sunday class needed. Contact Violet Wanner if you can help. 503-625-6188 ext 243.

First Annual St. Francis Crab Feed, Saturday, January 10th, 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. See insert in today's envelope for more information.

## Out of Parish News

**Jesuit High School** is having auditions for children 6-10 years of age for their production of the Sound of Music. Tuesday, December 9th from 4-6pm at Jesuit High School. For more information email [JHSAuditions@gmail.com](mailto:JHSAuditions@gmail.com)

**12th Annual The Red Sled Christmas Bazaar**, Nov. 7th-Dec. 24th next to Papa Murphy's. Bring your donation of non-perishable food and help us fill the Red Sled to benefit the Oregon Food Bank.

**5% back to St. Francis Parish:** Eat at the Sherwood Station Bistro ( 16147 SW Railroad Street) on Saturday or Sunday from now until the end of December and 5% of your bill will be donated to St. Francis Parish. The church with the largest total will receive double. Watch for a school program possibly coming soon.

**Irish Dance** is being taught in the Old Hall on Tuesdays after school. There is still room in the class. Join us next Tuesday.

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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

## Inside Story Headline



**Caption describing picture or graphic.**

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list

the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.