

## Virtue of the Month: KINDNESS

**February 19, 2009**

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### Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Feb. 25th, School Mass, 8:30am, Ash Wednesday
- Thursday, Feb. 26th, Magazine Sale Begins
- Wednesday, March 4th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Thursday, March 5th, Science Fair, Grades 5-8, 6:30-7:30pm
- Friday, March 6th, Noon Dismissal
- Friday, March 6th, End of Magazine Sale
- Saturday, March 7th, Doug Smith Benefit Concert, 8pm
- Wednesday, March 11th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Spring Break, March 23rd-27th

### Message from the Principal

Please keep all the Principals in your prayers. They are on retreat for the rest of the week.



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## News from the School Office

Check your Albertsons receipt to see when your card is expiring. You will need to re-new it to continue with their contribution to the Parish and School.

**Registration:** Turn in your commitment forms for next year so that we know if we have any openings for new students. We especially need to know if you will have a Kindergarten, First Grade, Second or Third Grade Student.

**Financial Aid** applications are available in the school office. These are mandatory for all families seeking assistance. Let the school office know by March 13th that your application has been submitted.

Senora Rutledge is looking for donations of candy from Spanish speaking countries. She uses this in the Spanish challenge. Must be individually wrapped/no nuts.

Mrs. Green is looking for any yarn you would like to donate to the art program.

Volunteers needed to help with the Sees Candy Sale after Masses the weekends in February and the first 2 weekends in March. Call the School office if you can help.

## Save the Date



**Mother/Son Bowling** will be Sunday, April 5th from 1:15-3:15.

**The Golf Tournament** will be Sunday, May 31st in the afternoon at Langdon Farms Golf Club.

## Called to Protect

We will be having an adult *Called to Protect* class on February 26, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. This is a mandatory class if you work with children in any capacity in our parish community. If you have already taken this class you do not have to take it again.

## Capital Campaign

Benefit Concert, Saturday, March 7th, 8:00pm at St. Francis. Call the school office today to reserve your tickets. Tickets are \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. Invite family and friends to enjoy this wonderful evening. All proceeds from the performance (not just profits) go to the Capital Campaign. Refreshments for sale during intermission.

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# St. Francis Parish News

**Feb. 24th-Fat Tuesday**, “Mardi Gras Dinner”, 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Center. Free will donation.

**St. Patrick’s Day Dinner, March 14th, Calling all Dads**-Call the school office now to be part of the St. Patrick’s Day program.



**Attention parents:** St. Francis Parish will be starting a brand new series on the Mass beginning Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Church. Most people attend Mass every week but few actually understand the theology of the Mass. What does it mean when we say the “Sacrifice” of the Mass? How did the apostles celebrate Mass? Is the Mass scriptural? Bring a friend or family member as we dive deep into the Church’s most magnificent treasure – the Holy Mass. Contact Deacon Bill 503-625-6185 or Chrissi Nappe 503-625-1980 with any questions.

**Lent** begins Wednesday, February 25th. **Abstinence** from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older. **Fasting** is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be Saturday, April 11th at 11:00am. Candy donations and volunteers are needed.



## Out of Parish News

**Jesuit High School** performance of the Sound of Music will be Feb. 26-Mar. 8. For more information, visit [www.jesuitportland.org/drama](http://www.jesuitportland.org/drama). Tickets go on sale January 17.

**2009 Tigard, Tualatin, Sherwood Sno-Blaster Ski & Snowboard Bus**-Fully chaperoned program for 1st thru 6th grade. Sundays in February. Contact Beth at [snoblast@verizon.net](mailto:snoblast@verizon.net) or visit [www.beonthebus.net](http://www.beonthebus.net) or call 503-312-5021

### VERBOORT SCHOOL RUMMAGE SALE

Visitation Catholic School in Verboort will hold its 24th Annual Rummage Sale on March 5, 6, and 7. You will find us at the Harris Parish Center located at 4285 NW Visitation Road, Forest Grove, 97116. Regular sale hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. An early bird sale will be held Thursday, March 5, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., allowing bargain hunters to find the best deals for an entrance fee of \$5. Everything will be half price on Saturday, March 7, with a \$3 bag sale from 2:00 to 4:00. Donations of furniture and other large items will be accepted until February 23. Please note that we can not accept any more clothing. For more information call (503) 357-6990 or visit our website at [www.vcsknights.org](http://www.vcsknights.org).

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**Vacation Bible School:** Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 22-26. The first meeting will be Wednesday, February 18th at 6:45 in the Parish Center. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to attend. Don't wait—we need you NOW.

**St. Francis Mom's Group:** For all Moms, come on out and join us for our bible study this New Year. We'll be meeting every week to discuss the readings of the Mass and to share where the Lord is working in our lives in relation to those readings. Let's meet together to grow in God's Word and in our vocation as Mothers. We meet Tuesday evenings at 7pm in the Parish Center. Contact Stephanie Konopka for more information. 503-419-7820.

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**CYO Night with Pilots Basketball:** Saturday, February 14th, 2pm, Women's Basketball vs. Saint Mary's. Wear your CYO uniform and get in for only \$3.00.

**CYO 2009 Track and Field Registration:** February 12th and 18th, 6pm-8pm at St. Anthony School-O'Reilly Hall. Open to all 3rd-8th grade boys and girls.