

## Virtue of the Month: SACRIFICE

March 19, 2009

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### Upcoming Events

- Thursday, March 19th, Auction Meeting, 7:00pm, Parish Hall
- Friday, March 20th, PSO Soup Supper , 6:00pm
- Spring Break, March 23rd-27th
- Monday, March 30th, School Resumes
- Monday, March 30th, Parish Reconciliation Service, 7:00pm
- Wednesday, April 1st, School Mass, 8:30am
- April 2nd, K-4 Science Fair, 8:30am-9:30am
- Sunday, April 5th, Mother/Son Bowling
- Wednesday, April 8th, School Mass, 8:30am
- Thursday, April 9th, Noon Dismissal
- Friday, April 10th, No School
- Wednesday, April 15th, School Mass, 8:30am

### Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

I still have not gotten used to the term Spring Break in a Catholic School. You see, all my life, vacation time in Catholic School began on Holy Thursday and ran the week following Easter Sunday. This was true back east where I went to Catholic grade school as well as in California. In any case, we are about to take a spring holiday and I hope that you and your family enjoy the break. When we get back we will finish the final two weeks of Lent and prepare for Easter.

It is important that I remind everyone of the importance of the Sunday liturgy and the responsibility we have as Catholic School educators to remind and convey this to our students and families. The Church clearly teaches that attendance at Sun-

day Mass is not an option but rather it is central to our lives as Catholic Christians. Participation in parish life is part of our expectation here at St. Francis School, if this is your home parish. This participation prompts the parish to support the students enrolled in the school with the parish subsidy. St. Francis Parish makes a significant contribution to our students here, and I just wanted to remind everyone that we have a role to play in contributing back to the parish.

Work is underway to ensure a successful Friar Trot/Jog-a-thon as well as our upcoming Golf Tournament. We are all looking forward to putting on these two exciting events. The Golf Tournament Registration form will be in the next newsletter but remember to save the date - Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> in

the afternoon at Langdon Farm-\$120.00 which includes an after tournament BBQ at Langdon.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,  
Principal



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## News from the School Office

**Registration fees are due by March 20th.** They are \$200 per student. If you are unsure of how much you owe contact the school office. We already have waiting lists for some grades and need to know if there will be any openings. Your registration fee holds your spot. If unable to pay in full by March 20th contact Mr. Cantu to make other arrangements.



**See's Candy Orders** will be available for pick up the weekend of April 4th and 5th (Palm Sunday) or in the School Office the following week until noon on Thursday the 9th. Call the School Office if you can help distribute the candy orders that weekend.

**Lenten Food Drive** continues. Let's fill the corner of the school atrium with donations.

If your student is practicing for the Great Spanish Challenge, siblings may join the practice before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and after school on Tuesdays.

## Save the Date



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

**PSO Family Fun Night**, April 17th.

**Friar Trot and Jog-A-Thon**, May 15th and 16th

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

## Auction News

And the theme  
is.....?  
Find out to-  
night!

Join in the preparation for the 7th Annual St. Francis Auction tonight at 7pm in the Parish Hall. It is sure to be an eventful meeting as we will be revealing this year's auction theme and determining auction roles. Not to mention door prizes and refreshments. This is also a great way to earn your school share hours. Thank you for supporting the St. Francis Auction!

\*\*\*\*\*Check out our new Auction Website for all your auction news at

[stfrancisauction2009.pbwiki.com](http://stfrancisauction2009.pbwiki.com)\*\*\*\*\*

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## St. Francis Parish News

**Coalition of Troop Support** is an organization that was founded in March of 2004 to create one place for various volunteer groups to come together to honor and support our troops. Packing Party is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st from 11am to 4pm in the Old Hall.

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be Saturday, April 11th at 11:00am. Candy donations and volunteers are needed. There will be a volunteer meeting on March 15th between the Masses at 9:45 in the Parish Center. All candy donations should be individually wrapped. The stuffing of the eggs will be Tuesday, April 7th at 6pm.



**Vacation Bible School** planning is underway. We need your help NOW. Please contact the parish office at 503-625-6188 with any questions.

**Lenten Experience**, Friday, March 20th 7:30-8:45 (Following Stations of the Cross). You will be gently guided in a prayerful, self-reflective movement practice to help you be aware of what distracts, blinds, or hinders your relationship with a God of love. Contact Gaylie Cashman at 503-925-1390 to pre-register. Free-advanced registration required.

## Out of Parish News

**Northwest Family Services** will offer a Mother-Daughter Program on Sunday, April 19th from 2-4 for girls ages 9 to 12 and their mother or guardian and a Father-Son Program on Sunday, April 19th from 6-8 for boys ages 10-13 and their father or guardian. See the fliers in today's envelope for more information.

**YMCA Spring Break 2009:** "Our days will be filled with exciting field trips, games, arts and crafts, nature and plenty of fun learning opportunities. So bring your coats, umbrellas, and a smile too, as we celebrate Spring Break 2009." You may register by the day or for the entire week. An additional \$15 charge will be assessed for all registrations postmarked after March 13th. For more information stop by the YMCA, the school office or phone 503-925-9602. Email contact is [eschultz@ymca-portland.org](mailto:eschultz@ymca-portland.org)

What's Happening in Your Neighborhood? Your CPO knows! The Washington County Citizen Participation Organization (CPO) is coordinated by Oregon State University Extension. They are looking to reactivate CPO 5 serving the residents of Sherwood, Tualatin and neighboring areas. For more information contact Terri Wilson at 503-781-6744 or [twilson\\_is@yahoo.com](mailto:twilson_is@yahoo.com).

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**Central Catholic Theatre** presents "The Wind in the Willows!" The performance dates are March 12, 13 and 14 at 7:30pm, with matinees on March 14 and 15 at 2:00. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors. For ticket reservations call Jane Towle at 503-235-3138 ext. 107.

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