



Week of May 18, 2009

May is the month of Our Lady

Saint of the Week: **Trait of the Week:** **Class Song for the Week:**

St. Bernardine of Siena

Joy

KB - "America the Beautiful"

"8th Graduation / PreK and K Promotion Week"

Sun. May 17

*6th Sunday of Easter
RCE Week # 37*

Sunday's Readings: Year B- Weekdays I - Acts 10:25-26,34-5,44-48 / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17 (Infant Jesus of Prague) White

1:00 8th Grade Athletic Banquet at Ball Room (tickets required)

5:30 St. Joseph's EDGE after Mass

Mon. May 18

*St. John I
RCE Day #168*

7:45 Faculty Meeting / Prayer

4th Grade Field Study - please see teacher information on time of departure/arrival, lunch and dress for the day

All Debts must be cleared with the office, students will not be allowed to take test, etc., resulting in grades of '0'

Tue. May 19

*St. Celestine
RCE Day #169*

8:20 Passing of the Candle (8th and 7th grade) in church

followed by **"Buddy Good-Bye"** (8th and Kindergarten)

followed by **8th grade Awards Ceremony** in church

6:30 8th Grade Promotional Mass in Church

12:05 St. Joseph Parish Mass - Altar Server: Mary Francis Beslin

Wed. May 20

*St. Bernardine
RCE Day # 170*

11:00 "SAT" Luncheon for most improved students in each grade

Thu. May 21

*Ascension
RCE Day # 171*

1st and 6th Grade Reading Buddies end of the year Picnic in the field

12:05 St. Joseph Parish Mass - Altar Server: Kyle Camp

3:05 Detention (Rm. 11 - F. Menard)

Shurley English Workshop for English Teachers (in Lounge)

Fri. May 22

*St. Rita
RCE Day #172*

Friday Dress: Students may wear 2008-09 **Green Spirit Shirt**, with uniform bottoms and shoes (Handbook, "Spirit Day Policy" p. 41)

8:30 Pre Kindergarten Certificate Ceremony in Church

(students should wear school uniform and will be dismissed with parents after ceremony)

9:30 Kindergarten Step-Up Ceremony in Church

(students should wear school uniform and will be dismissed with parents after ceremony)

5th, 6th and 7th grade exams:

8:16 7th period exams / 9:45 6th period exams / 3rd, 4th and 5th periods in afternoon

Sat. May 23

*St. John Baptiste de
Rossi*

RCE BULLETIN BOARD

May 25th:

NO Bus Service

5th, 6th and 7th grade Exams: 5th, 4th and 3rd Periods
New Kindergarten Student (2009-2010) Assessment Day

3rd Grade "SAT" Field Trip for Most Growth in one year



May 26th:

5th, 6th and 7th grade Exams: 7th and 6th Periods

6:30 School Board Meeting

May 27th:

12:15 Dismissal

NO PM Bus Service / No EXCEL

1:00 Teacher Luncheon

May 28th:

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

8:20 Liturgy and Awards Ceremony

Report Cards given at dismissal

Dismissal at 11:00

NO PM Bus Service / No EXCEL

12:00 Teacher Luncheon

1:00 Teacher Prayer Service in Church

May 29th:

Office Closed

**St. Joseph Parish
Bible School**

June 1st – 5th

Please register by
May 19th at the
CMJ office

**PreK – 7th: Students
will not be allowed to
take final test until all
Debts are cleared by
3:30pm on
Monday, May 18th**

St. Joseph Altar Servers

There will be an Altar Server Outing on Saturday, June 13, 2009 from 8:30am until 2:00pm at Teurlings Catholic High School, 139 Teurlings Drive in Lafayette. This day will be a time of prayer, fun and reflection, There will be many activities and games including water slide. If you are interested in attending, please call Lisa Mooney at 334-2747.

Please remember our... "Millions from Heaven" (Our school receives cash from all)



Community Coffee



Box Tops



Target

Office DEPOT.

Winn-Dixie

reward card

empty Ink Cartridges

No food, drink or snack containing
peanuts, peanut oil or peanut byproducts
allowed on this campus!



Caught Doing Something Good

Billy, Nygel
Dickeson, Devon
LeBeouf, Conner
Leger, Brandon
Richard, Logan

Students are eligible once per quarter

HOME AND SCHOOL'S



SHINING STAR of the Week

Stewardship Cross

Recipients for this week:

PreK-A
PreK-B
K - A
K - B
1 - A
1 - B
2 - A
2 - B
3 - A
3 - B
4 - A
4 - B
5 - A
5 - B
6 - A
6 - B
7 - A
7 - B
8 - A
8 - B



(Prayer is sent home with child / Cross should be returned to school by Tuesday)

Wishes Granted

Thank You! All Wishes Granted!

Wish List

TERRIFIC TIGERS!

Great Things are Happening at Rayne Catholic

GREAT JOB! Our SAT Scores are in!

We are so excited!!!

1st Grade: Exceeded their goal by 3 percentile points in total battery

1st grade surpassed their goals in: Language and Environment and equaled in Math

3rd Grade: Exceeded their goal by 3 percentile points in total battery

3rd grade surpassed their goals in: Reading, Language, Math

3rd Grade had the most growth from last year

They grew 21 percentile points from 2nd grade to 3rd grade

They will receive a field trip with limo rides, movie, park, and fire station in Crowley.

4th Grade: Exceeded their goal by 3 percentile points in total battery

4th grade surpassed their goals in: Reading, Language, Math, Science, Social Studies **(WOW!)**

5th Grade: Exceeded their goal by 1 percentile point in total battery

5th grade surpassed their goals in: Math, Science, Social Studies

7th Grade: Exceeded their goal by 3 percentile points in total battery

7th grade surpassed their goals in: Reading, Language, Math, Science, Social Studies **(WOW!)**

8th Grade: Exceeded their goal by 1 percentile point in total battery

8th grade surpassed their goals in: Language, Math, Science, Social Studies

6 of our 8 classes exceeded their goals.

We are extremely proud of our students and their teachers!

This is the first time the school, as a whole, has done so well.

We can now raise the bar higher and set new goals!

Students in each grade with Most Growth

2nd Grade: Elliot Hebert

3rd Grade: Taylor Chapman

4th Grade: Ashton Dupuis

5th Grade: Kirklyn Zaunbrecher

6th Grade: Dillan Gilbert

7th Grade: Alyson Henry

They receive a free dress day and lunch at local restaurant on 20th

Thank You!

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because we are a CATHOLIC school first:

Sunday, May 17, 2009

gospel reflection

"I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you"



Scripture: *John 15:9-17*

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 This I command you, to love one another.

Meditation: Do you know the love that produces immeasurable joy? Jesus speaks of the love which the Father and he have for those who belong to him. We can never outgive God in love, because he has loved us without measure. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding mercy and kindness towards us. Paul the Apostle tells us that we can abound in joy and hope because *God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us* (Romans 5:5). In God's love we find the fulness of grace, life, peace, and joy. Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment – a new way of love. We are to love others as Jesus has loved us. What is the essence of this new commandment? True love is sacrificial. It gives all to the beloved. And there is no greater proof in love than the sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. Jesus proved his love for his disciples by giving his life for them, even to death on the cross. We prove our love for God and for one another when we embrace the way of the cross. What is the cross in my life? When my will crosses with God's will, then God's will must be done. Do you know the joy and contentment of a life fully surrendered to God and consumed with his love?

Do you know the friendship of God? One of the special marks of favor shown in the scriptures is to be called the friend of God. Abraham is called the *friend of God* (Isaiah 41:8). God speaks with Abraham as a man speaks with his friend (Exodus 33:11). Jesus, the Lord and Master, in turn, calls the disciples his friends rather than his servants. What does it mean to be a friend of God? Friendship with God certainly entails a loving relationship which goes beyond mere duty and obedience. Jesus' discourse on friendship and brotherly love echoes the words of Proverbs: *A friend loves at all times; and a brother is born for adversity* (Proverbs 17:17). The distinctive feature of Jesus' relationship with his disciples was his personal love for them. *He loved his own to the end* (John 13:1). His love was unconditional and wholly directed to the good of others. His love was also sacrificial. He gave the best he had and all that he had. He gave his very life for those he loved in order to secure for them everlasting life with the Father.

True love is costly. Those who truly love give the best they can offer and are willing to sacrifice everything they have for the beloved. God willingly paid the price for our redemption – the sacrifice of his only begotten Son. That's the nature of true friendship and love – the willingness to give all for the beloved. True friends will lay down their lives for each other. Jesus tells us that he is our friend and he loves us whole-heartedly and unconditionally. He wants us to love one another just as he loves us, whole-heartedly and without reserve. His love fills our hearts and transforms our minds and frees us to give ourselves in loving service to others. If we open our hearts to his love and obey his command to love our neighbor, then we will bear much fruit in our lives, fruit that will last for eternity. Do you wish to be fruitful and to abound in the love of God?

"Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Prayer of Ignatius Loyola)