



**St. Joseph School**  
**A National Blue Ribbon School**  
**February 24, 2010**  
[www.sjscrescent.com](http://www.sjscrescent.com)

### **Rooted in Christ**

On Monday and Wednesday of this week the students in grades 2-8 participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As part of our prayerful observance of Lent the students will also be stopping in church for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays. Next Thursday along with all the other Catholic students in the Diocese of Covington we will be participating in the Day of Prayer for Priests. The student body will be assembled in the gym at 9 a.m. for this prayer service.

The First Eucharist Parent Meeting is tonight at 7 p.m. in church.

### **In-School Registration**

Thanks to all of the families who have paid their registration fees. Those families that have not paid were sent a statement with their youngest student Monday, February 21. This year the registration fees are \$270 total. (This is a \$10 increase from last year). The first installment of \$135 was due February 1<sup>st</sup> and the second Installment of \$135 is due May 1. **It is important that we receive your child's registration no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> so that we can make staffing decisions.**

We are accepting registration for new students at this time. *For those parents registering new students, please submit your child's birth certificate, Baptismal certificate and social security card. The registration fee deposit of \$135 as well as a new student fee of \$10 is due at the time of registration.*

### **February Birthday Out of Uniform - Change**

The February Birthday out of uniform date has been changed from Friday, February 26 to Thursday, February 25.

### **Bearcat Friday**

We have been selected to host Bearcat Friday this week. The UC Bearcat mascot will be visiting the school during lunchtime. Students are permitted to

wear black and red or UC apparel and jeans on this day. Please watch for pictures to appear on the UC website.

### **From the PTO**

The PTO would like to recognized the **Volunteers of the Month** for February. They are **Mrs. Laurie Kanter, Mrs. Julie Kunkler and Mrs. Kelly Novak**. Stop by school and read about their nominations and all the valuable time they spend to volunteer at St. Joe's. The PTO thanks you for your hard work!!

Make your reservation for the **Mother/Son Amazing Race** event as soon as possible. The date is March 5th from 6-9 pm. The cost is \$15 per family for reservations made before February 27th! Reservations made February 28th and after will be \$20 per family. Send your reservation in an envelope marked "Mother/Son Amazing Race". The Amazing Race events were chosen at a planning meeting last week and will include events for all ages and capabilities.... T-shirt folding, free throws, scooter track, vegetable soup spelling, toenail painting, sock matching and Pictionary are just some of the "Amazing" events!! Pizza, snacks and desserts will also be included! It will be a fun event for all! Don't miss out - reserve your place soon!

The St. Joe's skating party that was cancelled due to snow during Catholic Schools week will be rescheduled in March. We'll let you know when a new date is confirmed.

During Catholic Schools Week, the students wrote essays about attending a Catholic School and what that meant to them. Some of these were read at the Saturday and Sunday Masses that weekend. Mrs. Stover and the PTO selected 2 essays, one from grades K-4 and one from grades 5-8 to award a \$100 scholarship towards their St. Joseph School tuition this year. The winners are **Kayla Torres** from 4th grade and **Maddie Tierney** from 8th grade. Congratulations to these students and their families!

Please send in your Tupperware order this week! St. Joe's will receive 40% profit on every purchase! Thanks for all you do to support St. Joes!

### **STAR Reading Program**

Please see the attached letter for important information concerning the STAR Reader Program.

### **Market Day**

Internet Orders due: Thursday, February 25  
Pick up Tuesday, March 2  
From 7 – 8 pm

If you have any questions, please contact Trisha Gamel at 859-344-1068.

### **Academic Team News**

Congratulations to Will Neltner who has qualified to move onto the state finals of the Governor's Cup in Social Studies! Good luck to our Elementary Academic Team who will be competing this Saturday at Beechwood in the Governor's Cup.

### **Scout Awards**

Several of our students received Boy Scouts awards for completion of projects designed to make them aware of their place in the church and to improve their understanding of their mission.

Congratulations to the following students:

Austin Foust – Light of Christ Award  
Greg Macke – Parvuli Dei Award  
Curtis Maxwell – Parvuli Dei Award.

### **Standardized Testing**

This year the Diocese of Covington has adopted a new standardized testing program. The students in grades 3, 5, 6, and 7 will be administered the Iowa Test of Basic Skills during the last two weeks of April. Please ensure that your children will not be absent during this time.

### **Fat Tuesday Art Contest**

Congratulations to Anna Eisner whose art work was judged to be the winner in the K-3 category! The Fat Tuesday Dinner was cancelled due to the weather, but all the entries will be on display at the Holy Thursday Dinner.

### **Bids and Bites**

Hurry, time is running out to take advantage of our early bird benefits. Tickets are \$50 each. Make your reservations by **March 1** and you will receive:

**Priority Assigned Seating**  
**\$5 in Cruise Cash to spend at the event**  
**A chance to win your ticket money back**  
**A chance to win the door prize**

After March 1, the bonuses will be gone. Call Monica now at 344-0216 or purchase tickets on line at [www.bidsandbites.com](http://www.bidsandbites.com). The reservation form is also on the school's web site forms page and can be sent in with your child at school.

Thank you to all who have donated to Bids and Bites. If you haven't had a chance and would still like to donate, we are currently accepting new items for the silent auction and live auction. Please contact Lisa Knochelmann at 331-9487 if you would like to donate.

### **Everybody Counts - Parent Helpers Needed**

We are celebrating Everybody Counts Week March 1-5. This is a program through which our students get acquainted with various types of disabilities by learning what it feels like to have the disability, and seeing how those with the condition make adaptations. Emphasis is on seeing the person behind the disability and recognizing that everyone has some limitations.

We are still in need of parent volunteers to come into the classrooms and help the students with hands-on activities to simulate what it is like to have some of these disabilities. If there are not enough parent helpers, then some grade levels will not get the full experience. *We still need volunteers for Kindergarten (Tuesday, March 2), 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (Thursday, March 4) and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Friday, March 5).*

If you can volunteer an hour or 2 during the school day the week of March 1-5, please contact Sarah Bilott (341-8677) for more information. It is very rewarding to see our students learning about disabilities.

## **March Madness 2010**

### **Extreme Makeover, Faith Edition**

All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to the annual Junior High Youth Ministry Retreat on **Saturday, March 13 through Sunday, March 14, 2010**. There is a discrepancy with the date on the permission form. Permission forms were sent home with all students and are due by Feb. 28. Virtus trained adults are needed to volunteer for a four hour shift: 4-8 PM (mass/dinner) 8-midnight (snack/gym time) overnight, 8 AM-11:00 AM (breakfast), 11-2(ending and clean up). Please contact Tina Klare at 341-6609 if you have any questions.

### **Parishwide Flea Market**

Mark your calendars now for our Parishwide Flea Market to be held June 18 and 19. We will accept donated items on June 12 and from June 14 – 17. Watch the bulletin for more details. When you start your spring cleaning, please put aside items to donate to the Flea Market. If you have any questions, please call Barb Fritz at the Parish Office.

### **Box Tops and Campbell's Labels**

We will be conducting another competition for the Box Tops and Campbell's Labels through the month of February. The homeroom that brings in the most items by percentage of students will receive a class out of uniform day. Please include your child's homeroom number on any Box Tops and Campbell's labels that are sent to the office. Get **BONUS-BOX TOPS Automatically!** - Register your Kroger Plus Card @ [www.rewardyourschool.com](http://www.rewardyourschool.com) and receive 5 Bonus Box Tops now and when you make selected BOX TOP purchases you will receive a promotional code coupon to receive more Bonus BOX TOPS which **automatically** gives \$\$ to our school!!! Register today, it takes only 30 seconds. Promotion now thru March 31.

### **Cov Cath Colonels Middle School Football Sign-Ups**

Sign ups for Cov Cath middle school football will be Wednesday, March 17 at 7 pm in the Cov Cath school cafeteria. Boys who attend any grade school

of the Diocese of Covington and who will be in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall are eligible to play. A Q&A session will be held, along with sign ups. We run the varsity plays and practice on the high school turf field. We are the only school with two teams. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders play in the Large School division and were the Division Champions. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders play in the Small School division and were the Division Runners Up. Come join Colonels football! Any questions, contact Head Coach Ted Edgington at [coachedgington@yahoo.com](mailto:coachedgington@yahoo.com).

### **Playground Volunteers Needed**

Due to schedule changes, we have lost several of our playground volunteers since the Christmas holidays. We need your help! If you are interested and would like to sign up, or if you have any questions, please call the school office or email Mrs. Horstkamp at [lhorkamp@sjscrest.org](mailto:lhorkamp@sjscrest.org). Thanks!

### **2010 Calendars**

The Holy Name Men's Society is selling 2010 pocket Calendars for \$10.00 each. Daily raffle drawings and your chance to win every single day for the year from \$25.00 up to \$500.00. Calendars may be purchased by contacting Kelly Novak at 859-426-8806 or May Kay Waugaman at 859-344-1726.

### **Snow Closings & Delays**

Thank you to everyone for your patience as we go through the ice and snow season. We will always try to utilize the Kenton County bus service if at all possible. We will continue to notify you through the phone notification system and email. If you are in doubt, please check the TV or listen to the news to verify whether or not we have bus service if we are open. We will utilize all three systems for snow schedule notification. Half-day kindergarten families – on days we are on a delay, you will be on private transportation arrival at 9:30 am but will have bus service for the 12:30 pick-up if bus service is available.

### **Transportation Changes/Walkers**

This is a reminder that your child **must** have a signed and dated note to walk home. Students who

wish to go home on the bus with a friend must have a signed, dated note with their friend's address and bus number. ***Emails or phone calls for transportation changes are not acceptable.*** **Students will not be permitted to call parents at the end of the day to receive permission.**

### **Calendar**

Feb 25 February Birthday Out of Uniform  
Feb 26 Bear Cat Friday – Students may wear UC Spirit Wear or Red & Black Clothing  
Drama 2 – 4 pm  
Mar 1 Drama 2 – 4 pm  
Mar 3 Stuco 2 – 3 pm  
Academic Team 4 – 5:15 pm  
SJS AAA – Open Meeting 7:00 pm  
Mar 4 Day of Prayer for Priests  
Grades K & 5 – Field Trip  
Mar 5 Drama 2 – 4 pm  
PTO – Mother & Son – Amazing Race  
Mar 8 Drama 2 – 4 pm  
Mar 9 Mini Bank 7 – 7:20 pm  
Computer Club 2 – 3 pm  
Mar 10 Chess Club 2 – 3:15 pm  
Quilt Club 2 – 4 pm  
Jr. High and Elementary Academic Team 4 – 5:15 pm  
Mar 12 March and April Birthday Out of Uniform  
Drama 2 – 4 pm  
Mar 15 Drama 2 – 4 pm  
Mar 16 Scoliosis Screening 8 am – FCC  
Mar 17 NO ALL SCHOOL MASS  
STUCO 2 – 3 pm  
Elementary Academic Team 4 – 5:15 pm  
Mar 19 The Feast of St. Joseph  
ALL SCHOOL MASS 9:00 am  
Drama 2 – 4 pm  
Mar 22 Drama 2 – 4 pm  
Mar 23 End of Third Quarter  
Mini Bank 7 – 7:20 am  
Computer Club 2 – 3 pm  
Mar 24 Chess Club 2 – 3:15 pm  
Quilt Club 2 – 4 pm  
Jr. High Academic Team 4 – 5:15 pm  
Mar 26 Drama 2 – 4 pm  
Mar 29 Drama 2 – 4 pm  
Mar 30 Report Cards Go Home

### **Attachments**

Certificate Order Form  
STAR Reader Letter  
Adult Faith Formation Flyers  
Dixie Area Knothole Sign Up Information

**Posted on School Website “Forms” Page**  
Bids & Bites Ticket Reservation Form

**ORDERS DUE MONDAY, DELIVERED FRIDAY!!!**

**LOOK WHATS NEW IN BOLD!**

SEE WEDNESDAY NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS!

2/1/2010

# St. Joseph Parish Certificate Order Form

**NAME:**  **DELIVERY METHOD:** pickup school/pastoral center  
**CHILD'S NAME:**  circle one student delivery  
**HOMEROOM:**  **PAYMENT METHOD:** check credit cash  
**DAYTIME PHONE:**  Instock Certificates marked \*

Retailers	Profit	Amt	QTY	Total	Retailers	Profit	Amt	QTY	Total
<b>LAROSA BUDDY CARD</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>\$10</b>			The Container Store	9%	\$25		
AMC Theaters	7%	\$25			Hallmark Gold Crown Stores	4%	\$25		
American Eagle	9%	\$25			Donatos Pizza	10%	\$10		
Applebees	8%	\$50			Dunkin Donuts*	4%	\$10		
Applebees*	8%	\$25			Dream Dinners	8%	\$75		
Arby's*	8%	\$10			<b>Dell Gift Cards</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$100</b>		
<b>American Express Gift Card</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>\$25</b>			Express / Structure	13%	\$25		
American Express Gift Card	2%	\$100			Exxon/Mobil	1.5%	\$50		
<b>Aeropostale</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>\$25</b>			Family Christian Stores	9%	\$25		
Barnes and Noble*	9%	\$25			Amazon.com	4%	\$25		
Barnes and Noble*	9%	\$10			Shutterfly	14%	\$25		
<b>Teacher-Barnes &amp; Noble Card</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>\$20</b>			Sears	4%	\$25		
Bass Pro Shop	7%	\$25			Footlocker/Ladies and Kids	9%	\$25		
Bath and Body/ White Barn*	13%	\$10			Frisch's*	5%	\$10		
Bath and Body/ White Barn*	13%	\$25			Gamestop	3%	\$25		
Bed Bath and Beyond*	7%	\$25			Gap/Old Navy/Banana Rep*	9%	\$25		
Best Buy*	2%	\$25			Golden Corral	3%	\$25		
Best Buy	2%	\$100			Graeters*	10%	\$5		
Biggs*	6%	\$50			Gymboree	13%	\$25		
Blockbuster	7%	\$10			Harry & David's	12%	\$25		
BP Gas*	2%	\$50			Home Depot*	3%	\$25		
BP Gas	3%	\$100			<b>Honey Baked Ham*</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>\$10</b>		
Barleycorns*	10%	\$10			iTunes*	4%	\$15		
<b>Buffalo Wings &amp; Rings*</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$25</b>			JC Penney	5%	\$25		
Baskin Robbins*	9%	\$2			J Crew	13%	\$25		
Build-a-Bear*	8%	\$25			Joe's Crab Shack	9%	\$25		
Burger King*	4%	\$10			Home Shopping Network	6%	\$25		
Cheesecake Factory	5%	\$25			<b>Domino's Pizza</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$10</b>		
Chevron	2%	\$50			The Childrens Place	12%	\$25		
Chuck E. Cheese	8%	\$10			KFC*	8%	\$5		
CVS	8%	\$25			K-Mart	2%	\$25		
<b>CVS</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>\$100</b>			Kremers*	5%	\$25		
Chipotle*	10%	\$10			K-Mart	2%	\$50		
Claire's / Icing*	9%	\$10			Kohls*	4%	\$25		
Cold Stone Creamery	8%	\$10			<b>Kroger*</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>\$25</b>		
Color Me Mine*	5%	\$10			Kroger*	0%	\$5		
Bob Evans*	10%	\$10			LL Bean	15%	\$25		
Cracker Barrel*	9%	\$10			Lands End	9%	\$25		
<b>Choice Hotel Gift Card</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$50</b>			Great Clips	8%	\$25		
Crestville Drugs*	5%	\$10			Limited	9%	\$25		
Disney	2%	\$25			Macaroni Grill/Chilis*	11%	\$25		
Dicks Sporting Goods*	8%	\$25			Logan's Roadhouse*	8%	\$25		
Dillard's*	9%	\$25			Long John Silver	9%	\$5		
Dillard's	9%	\$100			Lowes*	4%	\$25		
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>TOTAL</b>				



Dear Parents.

Some of you have voiced a desire for further information concerning the Accelerated Reader Program. The following notes contain some ideas you may find helpful.

- The Accelerated Reader Program is an independent reading program that is used to reinforce comprehension lessons.
- Students read books on their own reading level and their interests.
- The STAR Reader test is given to determine the students' reading level.
- Students are encouraged to read carefully so they can comprehend and remember what they read.
- After completing books, students take quizzes at school.
- Students get points according to the percent of correct items on a quiz. Passing quizzes is necessary to get points.
- The students are given the goal of achieving an 85% average on all the quizzes taken in a quarter.
- Students are also given a personal goal of points to gain each quarter. This goal is determined by the STAR Reader test.
- As an incentive to encourage participation in the AR program, the students are challenged to work towards achieving the Wall of Fame each quarter.
- In order to achieve the Wall of Fame, students must achieve their point's goal plus grade level and an 80% average on all the quizzes taken during the quarter.
- The Accelerated Reader Program is web-based providing the students with access to more than 140,000 AR Quizzes.
- Students can check the availability of a quiz on any book read by using computers at school.
- Parents can check the availability of quizzes by accessing HomeConnect at <https://Hosted7.renlearn.com/96851/HomeConnect/Login.aspx> using the same AR user name and password the students use at school.
- HomeConnect can also provide parents with information about their students' progress.
- At HomeConnect MY OVERALL PROGRESS shows quiz averages, the number of points achieved, and the average reading level of books being read.
- Parents can view MY BOOK SHELF to see all the books students have read. Clicking on an individual book will provide the score achieved.
- AR BOOK FINDER at the bottom of the webpage will provide information on books for which quizzes are available. Check this often since new quizzes are added daily.

Hopefully this information will help both you and your children make the most of the Accelerated Reader Program which will help to make them better readers.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Barth

What are our responsibilities as Catholics in this ever changing world where the chasm between the very wealthy and the very poor seems to be deepening and widening? Pope Benedict addressed this issue in his most recent encyclical, **Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth)**: **“Love—caritas—is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace.”** Join Fr. Ketteler for a discussion of how we here in Villa Hills and Crescent Springs are called to respond to the Pope’s call for peace and justice in the world.



## *Justice in a Global Economy*

Fr. Ronald Ketteler

Faith Community Center

February 28, 2010

After 9:30 a.m. Mass



Fr. Ronald Ketteler is a Theology Professor and Chair of the Theology Department of Thomas More College where he has been on the faculty since 1982 and a priest in residence at St. Joseph Parish. Fr. Ketteler was an English instructor at Covington Latin School and a Professor of Philosophy at Pius X Seminary. He served as Chaplain at the University of Kentucky (1965-1970) and was founding Chaplain at Eastern Kentucky University (1970-1982). Currently, he chairs the Pro-Life Committee of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky and is a representative on the Health Care and Ecumenical Committees. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Council of Churches. He serves on the Ethics Committee of St. Elizabeth Hospital and Carmel Manor. Fr. Ketteler has lectured and written extensively on bioethical and social justice issues. He is Director of Ecumenism for the Diocese, and Episcopal Liaison to The Messenger.



## *The First Three Chapters of Genesis*

Deacon Joe Baker

March 9, 16, & 23

School Library

7:00 p.m.



# To Be Catholic and American: The Diocese of Covington

Dr. Paul Tenkotte

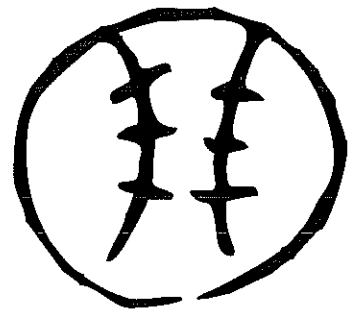
March 30, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Faith Community Center



Dr. Paul Tenkotte is Chair and Professor of History and Geography at Northern Kentucky University, and coeditor of *The Encyclopedia of Northern Kentucky*. His specialties include urban history, world history and American Church History.



## DIXIE AREA KNOTHOLE DISTRICT 29

### WELCOME TO THE 2010 BASEBALL SEASON

**District 29 is your community baseball league - For the Kid's Sake !!**

Dixie Area Knothole Baseball was formed almost 50 years ago to provide area boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 17 the opportunity to play the great American game of baseball. Each year approximately 75 teams suit up to take the field to represent area businesses and organizations. Games are played at Kenton County, local city, and school baseball fields. Fun and sportsmanship are the order of the day as kids learn the fundamentals of America's favorite pastime.

Teams are assembled with consideration to school and neighborhood affiliation, if possible. Teams typically practice one time per week and play games twice per week in their respective classes. We will hold an All-Star celebration mid-season and an end of year tournament for those who qualify.

The season runs from early April through July 4<sup>th</sup> and includes our district's participation in the Greater Cincinnati Knothole Waite Hoyt City Tournament. We will have at least two teams qualifying for the tournament in Class D, C, B, and A in this exciting competition. In the past, we have had many NKY teams that have placed in or won this year end city tournament. Final rounds are usually played at the Blue Ash Sports complex.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Age Range</u>
Instructional	Cannot turn 8 before May 1 <sup>st</sup> of current year
D-1	Cannot turn 9 before May 1 <sup>st</sup> of current year
D-2	Cannot turn 10 before May 1 <sup>st</sup> of current year
C-1	Cannot turn 11 before May 1 <sup>st</sup> of current year
C-2	Cannot turn 12 before May 1 <sup>st</sup> of current year
B-1	Cannot turn 13 before May 1 <sup>st</sup> of current year
B-2	Cannot turn 14 before May 1 <sup>st</sup> of current year
A	Cannot turn 16 before May 1 <sup>st</sup> of current year
AA	Cannot turn 17 before May 1 <sup>st</sup> of current year

If you would like your child to participate in the great American pastime, please sign them up on our website at [www.dixieknothole.com](http://www.dixieknothole.com) or you may call (859) 426-0123.

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010**

We are also in need of umpires, both experienced and otherwise. Classes for new umpires start in February. For more information call Greg Hall at (859) 331-4906 or (859) 393-6404 or go to our website at [www.dixieknothole.com](http://www.dixieknothole.com).