



St. Anastasia Catholic School
Newsletter - December, 2009
"Joy To The World"



Christmas Pageant—Dec. 17th, 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve, Children's Mass—Dec. 24th, 4:00 PM

First Trimester Honor Roll: Congratulations to the following students who made the honor roll.

Principal's Award

Kindergarten—Andrew Marin, Miguel Gallegos, Karyme Fabian, Nathaniel Cordova, Kennedy Causgrove, Jayden Bonilla, Hayden Carr

Grade 1—Jackson Fair, Abigail Shanley-Roberts

Grade 2—Nisarria Castellanos, Jordan Erdal, Mitchell Geier, Jena Gessert, Emma Johnson, Nickole Levy, Tina Li, Joshua Matira, Jordan Mieure, Aidan Ritz, Mackenzie Strong,

Andrew Wagan, Owen Clark, Jake Gessert, Angie Grzeslo, Keely Kennedy, Elijah Mercado, Riley Moran, Kameron Rojas-Schueneman, Darlah Serrano, Brianna Rodriguez

Grade 3—Macy Streit, Cristian Quiroz, Sergio Malagon, John Avalos

Grade 4—Julissa Medina, Alexandria Monsalud

Grade 5—Maira De Guzman, Alec Gessert, McKenna Johnson, Caitlin Moran, Lindsey Needham, Mia OBerio, Lori Vitaioli

Grade 7—Katey Kennedy, Kelsie Lamb

Grade 8—Emily Shanley-Roberts

Achievement Award

Grade 4—Matthew Brolley, Noah Causgrove, Haley Gonzalez, Gaby Lanza, Karina Magana, Elena Martinez, Jonethan Santana

Grade 5—Kyle Burnett, Dylan Kennedy, Laura Ross, Emily Sivia, Nicholas Snarski, Emily Zastrow, Aidan Zawaski, Juan Zuniga

Grade 6—Jackie Gonzalez, Caroline Ives, Aaron Wagan, Nicole Berzin, Cindy Duran, Patrick Meadie, Giana Moio, Derly Vela

Grade 7—Hannah Johnson, Stefanie Ayala, Francesca Mateo, Jocelyn McNeany, Jordan Needham, Keli Vitaioli, Anais Santana

Grade 8—Tracey Brolley, Samantha Isidro, Ronnae Mailig, Aaron Monsalud, Prit Patel, Christian Santana, Angelica Benigno, Rachel Berzin, William Swank

Effort Award

Grade 4—Jay Chavez, Juan Carlos Flores, Emily Hinojosa, Olivia Landree, Charles Longsworth, Ben Quiroz, Michelle Sanchez, Valerie Vear

Grade 5—Cristian Alba, Julissa Martinez, Kayla Martinez, Kendall Needham

Grade 6—Brianna Patterson, Michael May, Ruben Marin, Victor Magana, Chelsey Bray, Jonathan Rivera, Alex Bustos, Elizabeth Grzeslo, Trevor Gutierrez, Angel Villa

Grade 7—Roberto Delgadillo, Peter Doctolero, Vanessa Flores, Kimberly Flament, Delilah Harris, Gabriela Reid, Federico Reyes, Hannah Weber

Grade 8—Hannah Asma, Abbey Carpenter, Anna Fuente, Luis Garcia, Bria Johnson, Michael Quiroz, Alex Sanchez, David Sivia, Cristian Cazares, Lenny Chapa, Makenzie May, Jack Ross, Fermin Santana

Perfect Attendance

Kindergarten—Jayden Bonilla, Wyatt Wold, Alexis Villalobos

Grade 1—Sydney Rini, Annabelle Burns, Adrian Magana, Madison Reed, Savannah Reed, Nicole Urban

Grade 2—Amani Boyd, Jordan Erdal, Tina Li, Mackenzie Strong, Andrew Wagan, Jerry Armstrong, Emani Usma-Bailey, Owen Clark, Geovanni Castillo, Jake Gessert, Keely Kennedy, Jenna Landree, Alexis Rodriguez, Brianna Rodriguez

Grade 3—Brandon Urban, Macy Streit, Jolina Moio, David Garza

Grade 4—Juan Carlos Flores, Olivia Landree, Gaby Lanza, Karina Magana, Elena Martinez, Alexandria Monsalud, Jonethan Santana, Valerie Vear

Grade 5—Maira De Guzman, Caitlin Moran, Nicholas Snarski, Emily Zastrow

Grade 6—Aaron Wagan, Jonathan Rivera, Brianna Patterson, Victor Magana, Paige Lindelof, Caroline Ives, Nicole Berzin, Giana Moio, Larry Wold

Grade 7—Roberto Delgadillo, Vanessa Flores, Jennifer Guerrero, Guadalupe Guzman, Katey Kennedy, Paola Vazquez

Grade 8—Ronnae Mailig, Prit Patel, David Sivia

Kindergarten in NewsSun: Congratulations to the kindergarteners for making front page on the NewsSun for their celebration of the traditional Thanksgiving. Thanks Mrs. Dutcher and Mrs. Santiago for taking us places. Also, thanks to Mrs. Moio and Mrs. May for preparing the meal.

From the desk of Miss Borman:

Dear Mrs. Mon,

I wanted to let you know that John Avalos lent a dollar to another student for ice cream. The student paid him back.

John said he wanted to donate the money to the poor. He said, "I don't want the change back."

I thought this was a very generous thing for such a young boy and I want to share it with you.

Mrs. Mon says— "John, you are an angel and God loves you!"

Reminder from Father Aloy (Excerpt) To All Parishioner School Families

At the beginning of this school year, I met with you individually and all the school families to discuss your child's education here at St. Anastasia Parish and School. At the conclusion of the meeting, you and I signed the Archdiocese of Chicago Parent Participation Agreement where you agreed to the following:

- **You are a registered member of St Anastasia Church.**
- **You are a participating member of St. Anastasia Church who is involved and intends continued involvement in WEEKLY WORSHIP and contribution of time, talent and treasure for the support of the parish.**
- **As a registered member, you will use the PARISH ENVELOPES.**

Remember, your discounted parishioner tuition rate is based on your commitment to the church.

The weeks ahead mark a wonderful time to return to regular weekly mass attendance. The four weeks of Advent, the wonderful liturgies of the Christmas Season—these are special, spiritually rewarding and uplifting times. I am always overjoyed to see parents and their children attending mass together and you can serve as a magnificent model to your children through regular Mass attendance. This is the strongest means possible to pass on our precious Catholic faith to the next generation.

I look forward to seeing you at mass with your family.

Fr. Aloy

Cardinal George's Address to the People on Catholics Come Home (Excerpt)



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On this first Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, when we celebrate the birthday of Our Lord, I want to speak to you about Catholics who do not practice their faith regularly. I want you to consider inviting them to come home to the household of the faith. As we celebrate Christmas, the whole family should surround Jesus' crib; those who absent themselves from this birthday celebration are sorely missed.

Inviting lapsed Catholics to take up the practice of the faith is, finally, a matter of their salvation, their relationship to God in the Church founded by the world's savior, Jesus Christ. It is concern for them now and in the life to come that moves the Archdiocese to invite them home.

I ask you to add your voice to invite those whom you know and who have been away to come home to the Catholic Church: family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. You are the voice of the Church, and you can be the voice of invitation.

Christ has left us the command to go and make disciples everywhere, at all times. He would also have us call home those who were once disciples but who have lost contact with him in his Church. Your words, your works and your prayers will make all the difference in the weeks to come. Help extend the reach of Christ's love as we prepare again to celebrate his birthday. I thank you, and God bless you and your loved ones.

SCIENCE FAIR 2009

Congratulations to all of the Jr. High students for doing a marvelous job with their experiments. They are all winners. However, only a few can move on to the Regional Competition and we hope that they will continue on to the State Finals. We wish them luck. We appreciate all the hard work and effort that Mrs. Vitaioli invested in preparing the students.

We thank the judges who absolutely were very impressed with the projects of the students. They were:

Mr. Charles Raimondi— Teacher, Academy of Our Lady
Mr. Homer Benavides— Civil & Environmental Engineer
Dr. Caroline Vowels—Dentist
Ms. Joanne Bader—Physics Teacher, Carmel High
Mr. Todd Clark—Professional Business Owner
Mr. Brian Kassin— Professional, Self-Employed
Mrs. Terry Sivia - Lending Manager, Baxter Credit Union
Mr. Branko Jablanovic—Biology Instructor, CLC
Mr. John Gessert—Sales Professional
Dr. Kyle Kostroski (PhD) - Research Engineer
Mr. Raymond Ives— Self-Employed, Interactive Technology

The winners are:

Grades 7 & 8

1st Place—Keli Vitaioli

2nd Place—Katie Kennedy

Emily Shanley-Roberts

3rd Place —Eric Hoel,

Samantha Isidro

Hannah Johnson

Grade 6

Best in Show—Chelsey Bray