



*St. Anastasia Catholic School
Newsletter - January, 2010*



' A Blessed New Year to All !'

*Catholic Schools Week; January 31st —February 5th
OPEN HOUSE—February 2nd*

January 30th—Pre-Valentine Party @ Midlane Country Club, Contact Elvie@847-244-7728

Spelling Bee: This year's junior high competition will be held on Wednesday, January 27th , at 1:30 PM, in the church. Families are welcome to attend.

First Trimester Honor Roll: Congratulations to the following students who made the Principal's Award and were omitted on the last newsletter. They are:

Alyssa Bradley, Sonya Castellanos, Emily Christianson, Allison Galiene, Liliana Hinojosa, Emily Martinez, Gabrielle Rini, Natalie Rosas, Leilani Tong

Alumni Update: The Illinois *Student Assistance Commission (ISAC)* announced that the following graduates of our school who ranked in the top ten percent of high school seniors and are named 2010-11 State Scholars. Congratulations and best wishes to:

*Rene Lamb Anthony Ramirez
Amy Angelos Sarah Angelos
Jennifer Doctolero Kathleen O'Connor*

St Joseph High School Honor Roll—1st term

** Students with straight A grades*

Stephanie Zurita Brian Kennedy Stephen Nelson
Kiley Kennedy Crystal Hernandez *Elizabeth Roberts
*Allen Femy Samson

New Year's Quotation

I feel that you are justified in looking into the future with true assurance, because you have a mode of living in which we find the joy of life and the joy of work harmoniously combined. Added to this is the spirit of ambition which pervades your very being, and seems to make the day's work like a happy child at play.

Albert Einstein

From the desk of Mrs. Miller: Families who have changed addresses, home and work phone numbers must call the school office to update your family information.

Catholic Schools Week 2010

Theme: "Catholic Schools—Dividends for Life"

The schedule of activities for Catholic Schools Week which will be held on January 31st to February 5th is sent to you early with the hope that you will plan to join us in the festivities.

January 30 (Saturday—Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM)

- * Student Council & NJHS will be greeters
- * NJHS do greetings before mass

January 31 (Sunday)

- * Student Council & NJHS will be greeters
- * 11:00 Mass— School Mass –All school families are asked to attend. Refreshments after mass.

February 1 (Monday)

- *Walkathon—Proceeds to benefit Fr. Aloy's Street Children's Mission
(Pledge forms will be sent on Thursday, January 14th.)

February 2 (Tuesday)

- * **OPEN HOUSE—9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**
- * **Pre-registration for 2010-2011 welcomed**
Ask Mrs. Miller for information.

February 3 (Wednesday)

- * 8:30 AM—Mass for Military & Veterans

February 4 (Thursday)

- * Student Appreciation Day

February 5 (Friday)

- * Faculty & Staff Appreciation Day

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