

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents,

This Wednesday, in true fourth grade fashion (cool and relaxed), Belle stepped up to the microphone and spelled 'jealously' to capture her SJB spelling crown.

I remember my fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Felsing, at St. Joseph Catholic School in Battle Creek, Michigan. She would always remind us how important it was to spell words correctly. Mrs. Felsing encouraged us to grab the **ginormous** Webster's Dictionary from the shelf to look up commonly misspelled fourth grade words like: a lot, their, there, they're, were, where, we're and so on. She stressed how spelling was an assessment of intelligence. I tried valiantly to ace our weekly spelling quizzes, but somehow seemed to always miss one or two words. As the years progressed, so did our technology with the advent of spell check. Like many of you, I am grateful for this useful tool. Today I take measure of the teachers in my life who taught me that being proficient in spelling is a critical element in effective writing. Spelling matters because it is one factor in learning how to read.

It's great to see our children succeed in academics, athletics, and in other ventures. We must never give up on expecting the most from them. They deserve it, and they certainly recognize it. With solid work and fortitude they will live up to it.

By the way, I just quizzed Belle on how to spell ginormous... she didn't even flinch.

Ted Havens, Principal

**Dates to Remember:**

- February 14—**Valentines Day** parties 2:30
- February 15—12:15 dismissal
- February—16 & 17 **NO SCHOOL—Conferences**
- February 20— **NO SCHOOL—President's Day**
- February 22—Ash Wednesday—All School Mass 8:30
- February 23—All School Mass
- February 26—SPAGHETTI DINNER 11:30-6:00PM
- March 1—All School Mass, 8:30  
**REGISTRATION DUE**
- March 2— All School Adoration/Benediction 9:30
- March 8—All School Mass, 8:30  
Auction Meeting 6:00 pm/PFA Meeting 7:00 pm
- March 14— End of Trimester
- March 15—All School Mass 8:30  
SAC Meeting 6:00 pm.
- March 23—Report cards go home, 8th grade to Cathedral 9:30
- March 26-30 **SPRING BREAK**

**Prefects scheduled  
for next week:**



- Monday— Herder, Keller
- Tuesday— Robinson
- Wednesday— 12:15 dismissal
- Thursday— **NO SCHOOL**
- Friday— **NO SCHOOL**
- Monday—**NO SCHOOL**



# “Oh the power of prayer”

## Family Faith Sharing: February 12 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time \* Mark 1:40-45

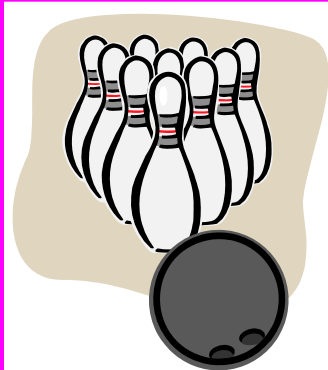
In Today’s Gospel we hear about a man who is suffering from such a terrible illness that people are afraid to touch him or even be close to him. The man begs Jesus to help him. Jesus feels sorry for the man — and then touches him and heals him. The man is very happy and grateful and tells everyone what has happened to him.

*Have you ever been left out or felt alone without friends? How did that make you feel?*

*Did anybody show you kindness and compassion? Talk about what they did and how that made you feel. Have you ever tried to help a person who is lonely? Talk about what you did and how it made you feel.*

### 2012-13 School Year!

It is now that time of year to start thinking about next school year. Registration for current school families will be coming out early February. With that in mind, you can apply for tuition assistance NOW! You may do it on line at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com) or if you would rather do it in paper form, contact the school office. We also have applications available in Spanish. DEADLINE—March 30, 2012.



### Mother—Son Bowling Day

Please join us on  
Sunday, February  
12, 2pm-4pm at  
Kellogg Bowl in  
Milwaukie.

Snacks/drinks provided. Cost is \$25.00 mother/son and \$5.00 for each additional son. To sign up contact Pam Boeh —503-344-4404 or email [pamboeh@msn.com](mailto:pamboeh@msn.com), You may send your money in to the school office.

### 2012-2013

## Registration Forms are coming home today!

### REGISTRATION DAY MARCH 1

#### ALL PAPERWORK AND FEE'S DUE THEN.

\$300.00 registration fee (per student) can be done in 2 payments. \$150.00 on March 1st and \$150.00 on May 1st. If you are currently enrolled in SMART tuition, the fee is going up to **\$41.00** for 12-13.

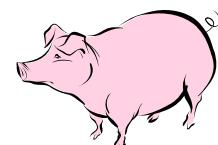
Questions, contact the school office. If you didn't not receive one in your family envelope please contact me.

### Heifer International Update

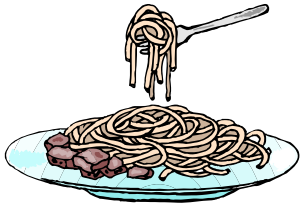
Congratulations! Our school raised **\$927.68** for the Heifer International service project.

We were able to purchase the following—

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Prek</b> - Tree seedlings   | <b>6th</b> —1 goat             |
| <b>K</b> - 1 pig               | <b>7th</b> —1 share of rabbits |
| <b>1st</b> - 1 flock of chicks | <b>8th</b> —1 sheep            |
| <b>2nd</b> —1 goat             |                                |
| <b>3rd</b> - 1 llama           |                                |
| <b>4th</b> - 1 share of Fish   |                                |
| <b>5th</b> —1 sheep            |                                |



## SAVE THE DATE!



St. John the Baptist Annual Spaghetti/Ravioli dinner will be held on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2011 from 11:30am - 5:50pm. Please call the church office at 503-654-5449 if you'd like to volunteer!



Mr. and Mrs. Roelofs welcomed their new bundle of joy into this world on Monday, February 6 @ 11:25am McCallister Steven Roelofs 9.5lbs.

AND.....

Mr. & Mrs. Chipps welcomed their new bundle of joy into this world on Thursday, February 9 @ 4:12 pm, Adeline Pearl Chipps 8.2lbs.



### Volunteers needed to help make salad for the Spaghetti dinner—

**Sunday—February 26**

If you can help please call Andy Downey for the details.

503-772-1312



### LOST AND FOUND—

We have a large bin full of lost items once again. If your child is missing hats, coats, sweatshirts, lunch bags... we may have them!

We will be donating all unclaimed items to St. Vincent DePaul the week of conferences. Feel free to come by and check through the pile.

Thank you!

Also a huge **THANK YOU** to Cathy Hunter and Jo Dillard for keeping our uniform exchange and lost and found organized. We appreciate your help!!



## Jog-A-Thon is coming up April 25, 2012.

We have included in today's family envelope a slogan contest flyer to be returned to class teacher on February 14th.

This year we are putting a little twist on the Jog-A-Thon. We are going to have a challenge to compete with Christ The King School.

Principal Havens and Principal Bridgeman have agreed to a competition for Top dollars. (now of course we will BEAT CTK).

The winning school will be presented with a Trophy, a Party TBA and Karaoke by the principal!



# Welcome to Living the Eucharist

## It's Not Too Late!!

Sr. Marirose will be leading a group on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the new Idea Room.

As you are probably aware our parish is participating in *Living the Eucharist*. This Lenten spiritual renewal program provides us with opportunities to grow in our faith through learning more about the Eucharist, participating more actively in Sunday Mass, and *Living the Eucharist* each day as disciples of Jesus. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to grow in your faith with Sr. Marirose as your leader. What an awesome way to spend some quality time in you very busy lives.

Please email your name to Sr. Marirose at [sr.marirose@sjbcatholicsschool.org](mailto:sr.marirose@sjbcatholicsschool.org) by February 15<sup>th</sup> to join her group.

*Living the Eucharist* will begin the week of Ash Wednesday (February 20-26).

## COUGAR CORNER—02-10-12

The Cougar Corner is excited to announce that the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys earned a fantastic win last week with momentum that will carry them into the tournament next week!

This week's games –

3<sup>rd</sup> Girls – Bye (no game)

3<sup>rd</sup> Boys – 8:30 at St. Anthony (Tigard)

4<sup>th</sup> Boys – 9:45 at St. John the Apostle (Oregon City)

6<sup>th</sup> Boys – 5:15 PM at Madeline

7<sup>th</sup> Boys – 11:00 at St. John the Apostle

8<sup>th</sup> Girls – 1:30 PM at St. John the Apostle (Oregon City)

The Tournament will start on Thursday and Friday (16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>) for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders – We will get the schedule on Tuesday of Next week for 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>

Just a reminder to parents that CYO charges a \$2 gate fee per day for adults and \$1 for students ---

Go Cougars!

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