

## ***Holy Family of Nazareth School***

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December 8, 2009

Dear Parents,

I would like to first of all thank all of the children and families who participated in the Toy Mass today. We were able to collect over one hundred and fifty toys to give to families who would not have had a Merry Christmas without your help. It is indeed the true spirit of giving that makes Christmas special.

Our first Christmas Canter will take place on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Each class is asked to raise \$1,000.00 in pledges in support of the Verizon team of runners. Verizon will match the donations and the school will receive a total of \$20,000.00 if each class meets its goal. Please support the school by asking your friends and neighbors to pledge or participate in this fun 5K run. The funds are dedicated to many school activities and programs.

The Iowa Test scores have finally arrived and are being sent home in the Tuesday folders today. Overall the school did very well with our **fifth, seventh and eighth grade classes scoring in the top 15% of schools in the country who took the test**. All of our grades scored above the average with three other grades in the top 28% of the country. Our programs continue to develop strong students both spiritually and academically.

I would encourage all who are able to attend the parish mission tonight and tomorrow. It has been a wonderful experience so far and is a great way to reflect on our spiritual life during this holy Advent season.

Reminder – This Friday is a full day with the ½ day on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your continued support of quality Catholic education at Holy Family.

Sincerely yours,



Dennis R. Poyant  
Principal

# Waiting For The One Who Has Already Come!

An Advent Parish Mission

Presented by  
Dr. Richard Gaillardetz

**Sunday-Wednesday**  
**December 6-9, 2009**  
**7:00-8:30 pm**  
**Holy Family Church**



Please join us for this unique opportunity to revitalize your spiritual life. It is a planned and purposeful retreat type experience for renewal and transformation.

Being a Christian is both very simple, and very hard. It is simple because all we have to do is follow Jesus. That is what being a disciple means. Yet it is hard because we live in a complicated world. All of us look to the future with a combination of hope and fear.

**Child care for the young and Children's Liturgy with fun crafts and snacks for the school aged.**

**Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church**  
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# 4th Grade

Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic School

Mrs. Reimer  
December 8, 2009

## Religion

Today we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception. We recognize Mary's holiness, and we strive to be more like her in our response to God's call. Today during Mass, we also had the Toy Drive and collected many, many toys for less fortunate children. Thank you all for your generosity! In this second week of Advent, we are also learning about the role John the Baptist played to help prepare the people for the coming of Jesus.

## Math

This week we are working hard with problem solving as well as reviewing multiplication with 2 and 3 digit numbers (with and without regrouping). We will continue reviewing tomorrow, and our test will be on Thursday.

## Science

This week we are finishing up Chapter 2. Today we had an open-book test, and we will do corrections together tomorrow. We have enjoyed learning about how animals are similar and different from their parents. We also learned that some behaviors are inherited, while others are learned. Later this week we will be working with our Scholastic News.

## PLEASE NOTE:

- 1 Vocabulary quiz on Thursday, 12-10-09
- 2 Math Test on Thursday, 12-10-09
- 3 Spelling Test on Friday, 12-11-09
- 4 English test on Friday, 12-11-09



Don't forget about the Christmas Canter Run on December 19. Sign up in the office today!

## Language Arts

### Vocabulary/Spelling

This week we have begun Unit 10. As always, vocabulary quiz will be on Thursday, and spelling test will be on Friday. In your child's Tuesday folder, please also see the PSIA Spelling List as well as the rules and additional information for the contest. Starting next week, some of these words will be incorporated in our weekly spelling lists.

### English

We are finishing up Chapter 10 on action verbs and linking verbs this week, and we will have a test on Friday. We are working hard to identify and use correct subject-verb agreement. You can refer to page 126-127 for a review on Chapter 10.

### Reading

We are working hard writing our script for the play! We are learning the importance of working together in groups, cooperating with each other, and sharing ideas. In our Scholastic News this week, we will also be reading and acting out a play, "The Giving Spirit," based on *The Gift of the Magi*.

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*"What seems to us as bitter trials are often blessings in disguise."*

*-Oscar Wilde*

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Due to the Parish Mission this week, the students will have opportunities to finish homework during school. We will still have the scheduled tests, and we will be doing extensive reviews in class.