

## From our Principal, Sr. Dolores

**NFEF** – We received a \$3000 grant for this fund. Also funds from the Breakfast with Santa and the Spaghetti Supper, along with the numerous donations we receive throughout the year, help us grow this fund. Each year we give out at least \$10,000 in tuition aid. Anyone needing assistance can call school for an application.



### Upcoming Events

Second graders have received the [Sacrament of Reconciliation](#) and are preparing for First Eucharist on **May 4<sup>th</sup>**. Our seventh and eighth graders are preparing for Confirmation. There will be a [Retreat](#) for them on **May 6<sup>th</sup>** at Saint Anne Convent, and [Confirmation](#) itself is scheduled for **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**.



[May Crowning](#) is scheduled for **May 11<sup>th</sup>**

[Graduation](#) will be **May 30<sup>th</sup>** at 7 P.M. in the evening. Mark your calendars for these events.

### Past celebrations and events:

We celebrated **National Catholic Schools Week** in **January**. We had a great Open House, with Seventh and eighth grade storytellers entertaining us. All students took part in the **Xavier University Nutrition Xperience**. This was part of a Service Learning project this year. We had also visited the Veterans Hospital in November, and plan a spring event also.

In **February**, Mrs. Jennifer Twehues surprised us with the early arrival of a beautiful baby girl, Samantha Rose.

The Parent Teacher Club again put on their very successful **Annual Stagette**. Everyone does such a wonderful job of getting it together, and working together.

At the end of February, Boosters provided us with a wonderful basketball **tournament** event. It's a great time for the students and competitors alike



We went on to the **Diocesan Competition** in early **March**.

**Joel Brune** got a third place in speech.

**Kaitlyn Schultz** won a first place in storytelling

**Elizabeth Clift** won a second place in the county in the Kentucky Conservation Essay Contest.

We also had **national achievement testing** in March.

**Grandparents Day** was celebrated on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Grandparents attended Mass with their grandchildren and then a fun reception followed in the Parish Center

Susan Doyle, Sean Brune, and Jimmy Frilling are running **Vacation Bible School** the week of June 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 27<sup>th</sup>. We owe them a debt of thanks. This is a huge undertaking. They will need lots of help, so consider volunteering for this project.

### NEWS—Coming Next Year

Susan Waters, a licensed speech and hearing apathologist will be administering the speech program at Saint Philip next year. This is a real gift for us. Formerly, parents had to take the students to either St. Joe, Cold Springs or St. Mary's.

We are also fortunate to have a counselor come from Catholic Social Services next year. She is provided through a grant from a generous donor.



**Sr. Dolores**



## Recycling News

Thanks to all who have helped collect Aluminum Cans this year. We were able to give the school around \$800. It is because there are many good people who have donated their Aluminum cans and other pieces of aluminum to help the school and recycle. Some people don't realize that each can adds to the money we make.

Remember the barrels are located at Ryan Field and the other two collection containers are at the Cafeteria dock and below the Sisters garage. With your continued support, we can earn even more money for the school. Thanks again. Also, we really appreciate your thoughtfulness in keeping all other garbage out of the can. It helps us get a better price for the clean cans.

Submitted by Theresa Frilling



## Bereavement Committee



We would like to thank all who have given donations of all kinds in the memory of their loved ones. We do not always get the names of the people or families

who are so kind and give of their talents at these times of sorrow. We would also like to thank all who have signed up to help with the services needed when we have a funeral: the Liturgy, Ministers, Servers, Choir, people who donate food, those who help at the gathering and all who pray for the family. We try to help with all the needs of the family and friends grieving the loss of their loved one.

Also, we would like everyone to know if they have not signed up or would like to help in any way, please let any of the committee know and they will take the information needed. Our committee members are: Chair: Theresa Frilling (635-3849)

Marian Leisz (781-4343)

Lynn Farris (781-0646)

Ed Schroeder (441-4721)

Mary McGrath (781-5991)

Marsha Gerhardstein (635-8843)

Submitted by Theresa Frilling

## Parish Pastoral Council

Here are some summary notes for our Feb.-Mar. 2008 Parish Council Meetings.

Parish Council and the Finance Committee approved the replacement of the HV/AC in our church. A notice was placed in the bulletin for bids and the lowest bid has been accepted. It is hoped work will be completed in April.

It was decided Dave Dee would fill the open slot on the Long Range Planning committee. Father reported he had hired a part-time bookkeeper and once work is caught up, he expects the bookkeeper will put in about 5 hours a week.

Parish Council approved building an overhead covering behind the Parish Center for the chicken fryers used for the dining room at the festival. Estimate and work plans are proceeding.

At a special February meeting, council also reviewed the Deanery Synod suggested activities for the Diocese. We were asked to affirm those we felt were in the best interest of our parish and diocese. Erma Schadler is our parish representative and she submitted our responses.

One of the goals for our Council this year was to review how we manage Parish Council elections. The last few years it has been very difficult if not impossible to get people to run for election. We discussed having a Nomination Sunday which was approved by everyone. We also discussed whether to have an election or have a drawing from the names of all who accept the nomination. All of this required a change to the Parish Pastoral Constitution. Council unanimously approved Selection Sunday and it was very successful. Over 100 names were submitted. Council is now in the process of calling those to see if they accept the nomination.

Changing from an election to a drawing triggered a lot of discussion and a special meeting. The basis for the idea of a random drawing is it allows God's hand in deciding who will serve on Parish Council. This was a new concept and Parish Council was divided on the issue and could not reach consensus. So it was decided not to make a change this year and have an election.

Father reminded Parish Council that we really need to move forward on the **100 Year Parish Anniversary in 2010**. We are collecting organization data including names of representative from each organization to serve on the committee. If you wish to take an active part in planning the celebration or you have ideas for the event, please contact Mary Jo Tiemeier. Most importantly, we are looking for someone or a couple to Chair the event.

Submitted by Mary Jo Tiemeier, Secretary