

# Ascension School Family Newsletter

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"For God gives those who please Him wisdom, knowledge, and joy."

*Ecclesiastes 2:26*

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## Advent Giving

The final tally of all the student and family generosity during Advent reveals that Gr. K-2 collected 10-12 large boxes of toys items (games, Barbie's, baby toys, etc.) to donate to the Children's Medical Center. Gr. 4 raised \$255 in cash to purchase teens & pre teens items, also for the Children's Medical Center. Gr. 3, 5, 7 & 8 raised over \$1,200 for Heifer Project International. Gr. 6 were inspired to collect over \$300 to the *Gifts of the Magi* to help St. Vincent DePaul & Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio assist needy families in the Dayton and Cincinnati area. Thank you students, teachers and families for your generosity.

### DAYTON DAILY NEWS. SUNDAY, JAN. 3, 2010

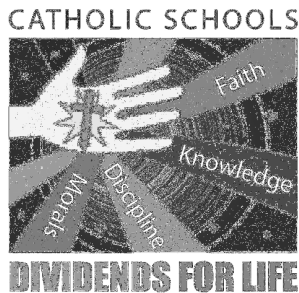
#### Teachers Inspire Their Students To Give

A huge thank you to Ascension School's teachers for inspiring their students to give. This year, instead of gifts, the teachers asked students to give to organizations such as Children's Medical Center, Heifer International and St. Vincent de Paul. The kids were shaking piggy banks and searching between sofa cushions for loose change. You have taught a lesson that Christmas is about emptying yourself into your community and your world.

**Karen Westgerdes, Kettering**

## Catholic Schools Week 2010

The theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 31-Feb. 5) is "*Catholic Education Dividends for Life.*" A complete calendar of events for Ascension will be enclosed in next week's school envelope. Since last year's event was snowed out Gr. 2-8 students who were selected from those interested last year to represent Ascension School in the Miami Valley Catholic Schools Week mass at St. Henry Church on Weds. Feb. 3 have a flyer enclosed. First Graders are offered the opportunity this year to attend and have permission interest forms enclosed.



Two new ways families can participate in Catholic Schools Week this year are highlighted in this envelope with enclosures. Parents may reflect on their thoughts regarding the dividends Catholic Education can provide and share that with the school and students. And Families have the opportunity to support the school by posting a School sign in their yard. Details are enclosed!

## 2009 Patriot Art Show Winners

Ascension 8<sup>th</sup> grade participants and their Awards at the Carroll High School Patriot Art Show:

- **Brianna Manfreda** – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- **Marissa Friel** – Art Award
- **Morgan Nash** – Art Award
- **Brittany Dorr** – Prize Work
- **Tony Quatman** – Prize Work
- **Andy Walker** – Prize Work

## Prayers for Parents...

This past two weeks in our morning prayers we have kept the following parents in our prayer intentions:

Al & Patty Cridge  
Dan & Maria Cross  
Robert & Jodi Dahm  
Greg & Jodie Daniel  
William & Michele Delaney  
Rob & Vivian DeWall  
Eric & Susan Dietrich  
Nanny Newport  
Joe & Deidra Drumm  
Scott & Lisa Eckley  
John & Erin Eifert  
Jenny Evemy  
Tim & Jenny Farrell  
Rob & Jane Fortener  
Elisabeth Friel & Dennis Wahle

Russell & Lisa Cron  
Jeff Dahlinghaus  
Matt Dalton & Kim Witt-Dalton  
Richard & Theresa Davis  
Kent & Molly Depoorter  
Jeff & Debbie Dickson  
David & Carrie Dirksen  
Chris & Susan Draper  
Dave & Lois Eberly  
Eric & Amy Eichner  
Kate Elder  
Larry & Danielle Fairres  
Larry & Michelle Fitterer  
Stephen & Christie Frederick  
Kevin & Marie Gaeke

## Athletic Board Fish Fry Benefit

Fish Fry raffle tickets went home before Christmas in the family envelope. Please support this aspect of the Athletic Board Fish Fry scheduled for Feb. 5, 2010. This is the one and only major fundraiser for the parish youth athletic programs.

## Fish Fry Silent Auction

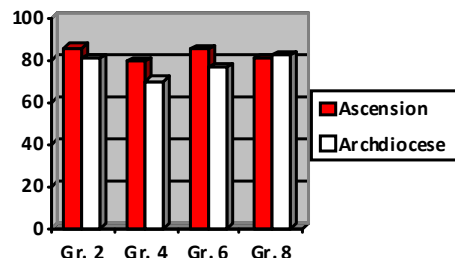
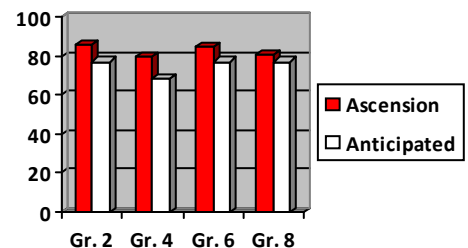
The Parish Athletic Board is counting on our school families for their generous support of the fish fry silent auction. Below is a general break down of what is needed from the various grade levels to put in the baskets:

- K-2** College Sports Theme: UD, Wright State or OSU items
- 3-4** Date Night Theme: Restaurants/Movie gift Cards
- 5-6** Professional Sports Theme: Bengals, Browns, Reds items Reds, Bengals, or Browns
- 7-8** Family Game Night Theme: Board Games, video games & snacks.

Anything that would work for the silent auction is appreciated. No item too big or too small. Monetary donation also accepted. Please have the items to the school office by Fri. Jan. 29. Any questions, please call Joylynn Tracy 241 1068.

## Terra Nova Testing

On the standardized Terra Nova tests taken last fall our students obtained better than anticipated scores in Total Reading, Language Arts and Math percentiles, given their cognitive skills index scores. The students also performed very favorably compared to Archdiocesan averages across most areas in all grades that were tested - Gr. 2, 4, 6, 8. **Congratulations students and teachers for excellent achievement test results!** Individual Student results will be enclosed in students' report cards in next Friday's Envelope.



### Students Perform National Anthem at Wright State

Congratulations to the Ascension School Choir, who under Mrs. Klein's direction sang the national anthem for the Wright State game on Sun, Jan. 10 at 4pm at the Nutter Center. Twenty students participated from grades 4-8.



### Helping Families Better Afford Catholic Education

Ascension will be hosting an evening seminar on Tues, Jan. 26 at 7pm in the Witzman Center where parents will learn more about the PSAS (Private School Aid Service) process for applying for tuition assistance, and other scholarship and tuition assistance options available through the Ohio EdChoice Scholarship Program and PACE (Parents Advancing Choice in Education). In addition there will be someone to speak about the Partnerships 4 Success, a Dayton area initiative to match employers with parents and young adults with part time positions to supplement income. Ascension Parish anticipates having over \$30,000 in tuition assistance for the 2010-11 school year thanks to the Education Ascension Fund and proceeds from Ascension BINGO. Child Care is provided for the seminar. Please call to RSVP for the Seminar at 223-5151.

### BINGO Volunteers

The volunteers for Jan. 14 are: **Kathy West;** Jan. 21 - **Dennis Brun;** Jan. 28 - **Tom Carusone, Marianne Barbaro, Rosalie Koesel.** Those who volunteered this past fall are invited to attend the BINGO Volunteers party on Fri, Jan. 22 in the Witzman Center. Call BINGO Ralph to RSVP at 299-2416



Many volunteers are still needed for Feb. Karen Walker is our school coordinator for BINGO volunteers. Please call her at 293-3976 to make arrangements for the one night of volunteering for BINGO that all parents of school families have been encouraged and challenged to pledge.

### Note From the School Nurse...

**Count down to good health 5-2-1-0** Here are some tips from the experts at Dayton Children's and the CDC to help keep your kids eating right and in good physical shape.

- Children should eat at least **5** servings of fruits and vegetables a day.
- Spend only **2** hours in front of the TV, computer or video game screen each day.
- Get at least **1** hour of aerobic activity everyday to keep your heart strong.
- **0** sugary drinks.

### Quotation

*"Kind words produce kind actions and they cost no more than unkind words."*

-Jeremy Bentham

### Spanish Club

Fri., Jan. 15th, marked the start of the new Winter session of Spanish Club. Those children that have signed up for the Winter session should remind their parents to pick them up & sign them out promptly at 4:00 in the cafeteria each week.

The Spanish club is not able to have the children who took the fall session of Spanish Club continue into the winter. The winter session was designed as a repeat of the fall to accommodate the great number of children interested in Spanish compared to the number of volunteers available to accommodate the children.

### Food Pantry

Thank you for your very wonderful response to our Dec. collection which helped brighten the holidays for a large number of local families. We now resume our standard "third Sunday of the month" schedule which means that the next collection will be held this weekend, Jan. 16 & 17. Needs this month include jelly, cereal, spaghetti, bar soap, and laundry soap. If you miss this month's collection, there are always marked boxes for the Food Pantry in the Brides' Room, located just off the Narthex.

This month, we also wish to especially say "Thank You!" to Georgi and Jerry Kassman who are retiring from their ministry with the Food Pantry after many years of service. Although they have been most visible through our monthly collections, they have selflessly given many hours each week to the Food Pantry, coordinating Ascension's efforts with those at Greenmont-Oak Park Community Church. Their selfless service has been so great that, at latest count, at least three couples will be stepping forward to take over portions of the roles! Thank you, Georgi and Jerry, for truly being caring and serving signs of God's presence to our neighbors in need.

### Intramural Basketball

The intramural basketball program for K-3 students began Sun, Jan. 10. For the K- 1 attendees the camp starts at 5pm. For Gr. 2-3 it will start at approximately 6pm. The camp will last one hour in duration and will be every Sunday in January and February except for Super Bowl weekend. Please make certain your child has the appropriate gym attire. Call Chris Draper at 937-509-7223 if you have any questions.

### Calendar Update

<b>Jan. 16-17</b>	S-SU	Ascension Food Drive, All Masses
18	M	MLK Holiday, No School
19	TU	Faculty Report Card Prep, Rm202, 2:45-4pm PTO Skating Party, Skateworld, 6-8pm
20	W	IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm Report Cards Printed
21	TH	Gr. 4-8 Out of Uniform for Good Behavior
22	F	Mass, 9am Report Cards Go Home Common Sense Parenting (1), WC 121, 6:30-8:30pm
26	TU	Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 2:45-4pm Helping Parents Better Afford Catholic Ed Seminar, WC118, 7pm
27	W	IAT Mtg, Rm106, 3-4pm
28	TH	PTO Exec. Mtg, Rm202, 7-9pm
29	F	Mass, 9am Common Sense Parenting (2), WC 121, 6:30-8:30pm
31	SU	Catholic Schools Week Begins

### Enclosures

CSW Yard Sign Participation  
 CSW dividends for Life Reflection Seminar Flyer  
 Title 1 Activities Flyer (All families invited)  
 Carroll cheerleading Flyer (Gr. 3-8)  
 Gr. 1 Catholic Schools Week Mass Permit

### Return Date

Mon. Jan. 25  
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 None  
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