



The Parish Connection

St. John Bosco
Catholic School

St. John Bosco School is shaping future leaders by providing academic excellence in a caring 4K-8 Catholic environment where God's gifts are nurtured and where faith is put into action.

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From the Principal



A favorite saint of mine is Mother Teresa of Calcutta. She was famous for her incredible love of the poor, her simple lifestyle and her unwavering commitment to do God's will. Understanding what motivated her total giving can help all of us today understand and embrace a stewardship way of life. As we begin the new year let us remember and embrace her simple gifts, dedication to others, and positive outlook.

"I Thirst"

Mother Teresa was a nun teaching in a school in Calcutta, India when she repeatedly heard Jesus telling her that He thirsted for the souls of the poor people in the streets of India who never had a chance to know God. Motivated by the thirst of Jesus on the cross, Mother Teresa began a religious order in 1950 with herself as the only member. Today, still motivated by the thirst of Jesus, the Missionaries of Charity have over 4,500 sisters serving the poor in over 130 countries. In every Missionaries of Charity convent the words, "I thirst" hang next to the crucifix on the chapel wall. This is a constant reminder to the sisters that there is much work that Jesus wants them to do.

Gospel on Five Fingers

Mother Teresa always told her sisters to remember the "Gospel on Five Fingers." She would say the words, "You did it for Me," as she held up each finger of her hand. These words come from the

Judgment of the Nations (Matthew 25:31-46) where Jesus tells us that we will be judged by how we treated those who were thirsty or hungry or sick. When Mother Teresa began her work with the poor she cared for thousands of people who were truly thirsty, hungry, or sick, but later in her life as she became world famous and was invited to travel to the United States she began to teach that even people who have food and clothes and lots of material possessions can be poor because they are lonely or do not know God. She began to encourage all people to know who the poor were in their own corner of the world.

Smile

One of Mother Teresa's most frequent messages was to "Smile." She would often tell her sisters, "This is holiness – to do His will with a big smile." She also believed that a smile was a gift that we could give to one another and that when we followed Jesus it would be easy to smile because we would know that we were doing what God asked us to do. Mother Teresa once saw one of her sisters looking very sad, so Mother Teresa told her, "What did Jesus say - to carry the cross in front of Him or to follow Him? Why are you trying to go ahead of Him?" When we follow Jesus we smile. When we try to be out in front for Him we don't see Him and we cannot smile.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Hebrews 10:24

Mrs. Dassler

Christmas Concert



On December 21, the students joined together to celebrate Christmas with families and friends. Our 5th, 6th and 7th/8th grade bands performed classical, and Christmas selections. All students from 4K thru 8th grade sang and celebrated the season of Christ's birth. Thank you to Mr. Newbern, our music/band teacher, for planning this wonderful event,



and thank you to all who shared it with us!

Gala of Giving

The Gala of Giving is set for Saturday, March 3 in the St. John Bosco Gym. This wonderful event contributes over \$40,000 to our operating budget each year. You can be a special part of it by donating items for the event and/or by coming to the event. Some ideas for donations could be a themed basket, gift certificates, a craft or woodworking project, a service you provide, a piece of art, or cash to offset event costs. Your imagination is the only limit. Bring your donation to the St. John Bosco school office during regular office hours by February 16, 2018 or call us and we will have someone pick them up.



Annual School Fund

The Annual School Fund Drive has begun. The county has a long and proud history of providing Catholic education to residents of Door County. We offer a value based education, committed to nurturing and challenging our students mind, body and soul. Your donation is an investment in our school, our faith, and our tradition.

How Can I Donate? There are many creative ways to donate to St. John Bosco Catholic School. The best part is they are all tax deductible.

♣ Check/Cash: Write a check to support this year's Annual Fund Drive and return in the envelope provided or stop into St. John Bosco Catholic School.

♣ Donate Now: Go to the St John Bosco Website, www.johnboscoschool.org, and click donate now

♣ Monthly Direct Payment: Establish an authorized set amount to be debited monthly from your account

♣ Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds: A gift of securities. Check with your broker/financial planner about how to make this generous gift

♣ Estate Planning: Include St. John Bosco in your will or name St. John Bosco as a beneficiary of life insurance proceeds. Either contact your estate/financial planner or the Catholic Foundation of Green Bay to receive guidance on a planned or deferred gift.

Gifts and donations can be designated to specific programs. Many enjoy donating directly to:

- The Endowment Fund
- Capital Investments
- Student Tuition Assistance Fund
- Technology

There is also an opportunity to fund particular needs of the school. Check with the administration to see what these may be. Your gift may be given

in memory or honor of a loved one. Once a year we share with our parishes those honored in this way. For more information please contact Vickie Dassler at 920-743-4144.

Catholic Schools Week

National Catholic Schools Week, January 28 thru February 3, is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Through various events, St. John Bosco will focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

Catholic Schools Week Spaghetti Dinner

January 27, 5:00-7:00, St. John Bosco Gym
Take Out Available!

Baskets to Spare?

Do you have a couple of baskets around your house that you don't know what to do with, but are too nice to throw out? We will take them! We use those baskets to create wonderful gift baskets from the items that are donated for the Gala. We accept all kinds. Thank you!



Basketball Seasons

St. John Bosco School has three basketball teams for the upcoming winter season. We have a 4th grade boys team coached by Gregg Pieschek and Dan Tomaszewski. We have a combined 5th and 6th grade boys team coached by high school students Kyle Bruemmer and Hayden Shefchik. And, we have a combined 7th and 8th grade girls team coached by Ashley Garlow and Amy Fogarty. Thank you to the coaches for volunteering their time for our school. Basketball games are listed on our website. Come cheer on the SJB Bobcats!

Knights of Columbus Poster Contest

The "True Meaning of Christmas" was the theme for this year's Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Contest. St. John Bosco School had 52 posters entered from Grades 1-4. The winners are:

Grade One – Rosalyn Paye

Grade Two- Siena Rabach

Grade Three – Talia Schmidt

Grade 4 – Dominic Romero

The winning posters have been sent on to the Diocesan level of competition.

Thanks to Mrs. Mueller for her assistance in the contest once again!

Reconciliation Thank You

Thank you to Fr. Bob Stegmann, Fr. Carl Schmitt, Fr. Tony Birdsall and Fr. Ron Colombo for celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation with our students in grades 3-8 during the Advent Season. We greatly appreciate the sharing of their time for something so important in our students' faith development.

Grade Buddies

4K students had fun building gingerbread houses with their 8th grade buddies.



Reading Challenge

The staff and students of St. John Bosco School have proposed a reading challenge to Mrs. Dassler. If the students read 100,000 minutes by March 31, Mrs. Dassler will have to wear a hideous pair of yellow overalls for one entire day. Stop in the school and check out our reading tracker to see if we achieve our goal!

