



# Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter December 2, 2010

## Messages from the Principal:

The third virtue from the series “Understanding and Living the Virtues” is Charity. “Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.” (CCC1822,1823) Many people think of charity as service but remember charity is also giving love. “Charity allows us to love our friends as well as ‘enemies’; to pray for those who persecute us, hating the sin but loving the sinner.” (Offices of Catechesis & Evangelization and Catholic Schools, Diocese of La Crosse, WI) Love is always present. At certain times we may not feel love emanating from us because it can be easy to get discouraged or in today’s society disconnected. But it is in these times that we need to feel His love in and through us. During this Advent season remember to love.

## News Items:

- Please help me raise money for the MDA (Jerry’s Kids) by donating at either school or online through my webpage: <https://www.joinmda.org/prairieduchienlockup2010/wmarlow> . I will be “incarcerated” for an hour on December 16<sup>th</sup> at a local restaurant. Sounds like a vacation to me!
- The Christmas Program will be on **Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in St. Gabriel’s Church.** Students in grades Pre-K through fifth will be performing. If you cannot attend the performance there will be a dress rehearsal on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in St. Gabriel’s church. The 15<sup>th</sup> has been scheduled as a make-up date.
- Prairie Catholic will celebrate an All School Mass on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am in St. Gabriel’s church. The junior high students will report to St. Gabe’s and will be transported to St. John’s after Mass has concluded. Please see enclosed permission slip.
- I would like to thank all of those individuals that donated to the Prairie Catholic food-drive that was sponsored by the Student Council. The amount of food was astonishing, one thousand items was collected. The fifth grade class won at St. John’s and second grade were the winners at St. Gabriel’s. The success of this drive is a testament to the giving nature of our community.
- You can still purchase Advent Calendars from the fifth grade. Consider this perk: you get to eat the chocolates from the days that have already past. If you buy one next Sunday, you get to eat seven pieces of candy to “catch up!”
- Please remember “GoodSearch” on our Prairie Catholic website for all of your online holiday gift searches. GoodSearch.com is a search-engine that donates money back to Prairie Catholic every time someone searches or purchases goods online. That’s right, you don’t even have to buy products for our school to benefit. Your searches get us paid.
- Don’t miss the St. John’s Holiday Craft Show on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in St. John’s school. Gift ideas Galore! Some gifts are black and gold but don’t let those gifts fool you. They’re barely better than average. I’m sorry I’m misplacing my anger toward the Iowa football team.
- If you have that hard-to-shop-for person on your list consider Script. Think about it, your gift will never be returned, it easily fits into stockings and travels well when you are taking a Jell-O mold, crock of bean soup and deviled eggs to grandma’s.

- Math Counts had its first competition on December 1<sup>st</sup> at Huckleberry's. Mrs. Igou returned very proud of all the Prairie Catholic teams. The team of Brooke Moret, Laura DuCharme, Morgan Pedretti and Jamie Kozelka finished second in the competition. Congratulations girls and great job to all the teams that represented Prairie Catholic.

Prayer: *God of hope, as we await your coming, we remember your care for us and for all of creations. Help us to trust in your goodness and love. Amen.*

## Mark Your Calendars

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7G & 8G @ Boscobel, 4:30 & 5:30  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5B & 6B vs. MFL/Mar-Mac @ 5:30 & 6:30  
December 4<sup>th</sup> – ABC Craft Fair - St. John's School – 9:00  
December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball Tournament at Wauzeka  
December 6<sup>th</sup> – 5B & 6B vs. River Ridge, 5:30 & 6:30  
December 6<sup>th</sup> – 7G & 8G @ Lansing, 4:00 & 5:00  
December 7<sup>th</sup> – 7G & 8B @ Clayton Ridge, 4:00 & 5:00  
December 7<sup>th</sup> – 6B & 8B vs. Cassville, 5:00 & 6:00  
December 7<sup>th</sup> – Dress rehearsal for Christmas Program, 1:30, St. Gabriel's  
December 8<sup>th</sup> – All School Mass, 8:30, St. Gabriel's  
December 8<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Program for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6:30, St. Gabriel's  
December 9<sup>th</sup> – 6B vs. Bloomington St. Mary's, 5:30  
December 14<sup>th</sup> – 5B & 6B @ Boscobel, 5:00 & 6:00  
December 14<sup>th</sup> – 7G & 8G @ MFL/Mar-Mac, 4:00 & 5:00  
December 15<sup>th</sup> – Possible Make-Up date for Christmas Program, 6:30, St. Gabriel's  
December 16<sup>th</sup> – 7G & 8G @ Bluffview, 5:30 & 6:30  
December 17<sup>th</sup> – 7B & 8B @ MFL/Mar-Mac, 4:00 & 5:00  
December 18<sup>th</sup> – 5B @ MFL/Mar-Mac Tournament  
December 20<sup>th</sup> – 5B Bloomington St. Mary's, 5:30  
December 20<sup>th</sup> – 7B & 8B @ River Ridge, 4:30 & 5:30  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Break Begins – No School  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Classes Resume

## Fundraisers

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Advent Calendars – Extended!  
Sweepstake Calendars – November 18 – February 3  
Bail Mr. Marlow out of MDA Jail – November 24 – December 16

