

April 17, 2009

Dates to Remember:

- April 17 - Progress Reports go home
- April 19 - Divine Mercy Mass 2:00 at QHR
- April 20 - MAP testing begins Get a good nights sleep!
- April 21 - Can Day
- April 21 - B.O.B. Battle for 4th grade
- April 22 - Secretary Day
- April 23 - Middle School Musical 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- April 24 - Volunteer Appreciation Mass 8:15
- April 25 - SPX Jesus Day Retreat 2nd grade
- April 25 - QHR 1st Communion Practice after 4:00 Mass
- April 26 - First Holy Communion 11a.m. SPX & 2 p.m. QHR
- April 27 - 8th grade to Wildwood
- April 28 - Chat'n'Chew 2nd grade
- April 29 - Enrichment classes 3rd & 5th grade 3:15-4:15
- April 30 - Chess Club 3:15-4:15
- May 1 - May Crowning after All School Mass
- May 1 - Field Day 11:00
- May 1 - Flower Sale Delivery—pick up your orders!
- May 3 - *Spring Fling* at SPX 12-5:00 come enjoy!
- May 3 - TreasureFest family event at Power & Light
- May 4 - Pop-Tabs Assembly
- May 5 - 3rd grade to EarthWorks
- May 6 - Internet Safety presentations
- May 6 - Papa John's Pizza night
- May 6 - Spring Concert K-5 at SPX church 7:00
- May 7 - 3rd grade parent breakfast after All School Mass
- May 7 - 6th grade to Day at the K
- May 8 - No School K-8 Teacher in-service day

Mass Schedule

- Friday, April 24 Fr. Ken has Mass and Kindergarten plans.
This is our **Volunteer Appreciation Mass!**
- Fri, May 1 Fr. Cullen 2nd gr First Communion celebration

Divine Mercy Benediction

Please come and pray with Jesus, the Divine Mercy this Sunday, April 19th. PLEASE NOTE this is a special prayer hour, **not a Mass! Children participating in the procession should be at QHR church by 1:45. Flowers will be provided!!!**

Jesus spoke these words to St. Faustina:

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. *On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy.* The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. - Divine Mercy in My Soul, Diary of St. Faustina, n. 699

Let's have a great turn out to honor Jesus and our patron, John Paul II.

Thank You!

The Dramaturgy was presented on Holy Thursday by the 7th graders. It was a very moving and well done performance. All the readings were articulate and loud, and the acting was solemn as the occasion called for. Thank you to all the 7th graders and to Mrs. Mahoney for making this a special addition to our Holy Week.

QHR First Communion Parents

Fr. Cullen & Denise have taken a closer look at the calendar and realized the practice for First Communion on Saturday, April 25th will be hard to attend due to parking in the QHR lot. For your convenience, the practice is being moved to 5:15 (just a little later) to give you room to park in the lot! Practice should run approximately 45 minutes to one hour.

Annie is Coming April 23rd For Two performances!!!

1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. performance times in the JPII Gym. JPII student tickets are free for the 1:00 performance—all other tickets are \$4.00 and are available in the school office. Don't miss this fun musical presented by the JPII Junior High!

Internet Safety Presentation

Representatives of the Boys and Girls Club will be here on May 6th go give a presentations on internet safety. The presentation will begin at 8:30 and will cover many aspects of this crucial topic.

Win a Porsche!

Bishop Miede is selling raffle tickets! The grand prize is a used Porsche Boxter. Tickets are \$25 ea or 5 for \$100. If interested contact Bishop Miede 913-262-2700 or a Miede student!

TreasureFest!

I shared information about this upcoming Archdiocesan talent show. It is on Sunday, May 3rd, at the Power and Light District from 3-7p.m. Our Middle School Choraleers and members of the 8th grade cast of Annie will be performing to represent John Paul II. The students participating will receive a complimentary ticket. Tickets for family members, friends, neighbors, etc. will be sold in the office. They are \$10 for individual ticket or 4 for \$25. I think it will be a super event for a great cause. Please try to attend!!!



Have You Volunteered at JPII?

All of you who have volunteered, whether it be at the auction, within the school day, driving, to the food kitchen, to field trips, just to list a few please take note: we would really like to honor you at our Volunteer Appreciation Mass. We do not send out invitations for fear of missing someone. We hope you will set aside that morning to let us show our appreciation with Mass and refreshments afterwards in the cafeteria. We are able to do so much more for our students because of people like you! Thank you and hope to see you then!

SPRING FLING - SUNDAY, May 3rd

This is the major fundraiser for St. Pius X Parish and the theme baskets are a way for the school, John Paul II, and the SOR to help out. This has become a very fun tradition for the children over the years. It's time to start collecting items for the school/SOR baskets. We will be collecting items through Friday, May 1st. **PLEASE** bring in our send an item with your child for their class basket **THANK YOU** in advance for your generosity. Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets...maybe you will win!!!!

Kindergarten—"Fun in the Sun"

1st grade—Arts and Crafts

2nd grade—Family Entertainment

3rd grade—Gardening

4th grade—Chiefs

5th grade—Royals

6th grade—KU

7th grade—K-State

8th grade—"Mom's" basket (something special for your MOM)

Each basket will be raffled off at the end of the Spring Fling. Thank you again for your support! Be sure to come to the "Fling"... it's a great time for everyone of ALL ages! Just call if you have questions.

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PTO News!

A BIG thank you is in order for these parents support in helping at the QHR Lenten Dinner on April 3: Mary O'Meara, Renee Falcon, Patrice & Aaron Manning, Nancy & Brad Burchstead, Sherri O'Shea, Chris Brooks, St. Pius Men's Club, Jane & Dominic Gomez, Andrew Molina, Sherri & Dave Janner, Martha & Harley Astorga!!!

At the Spring Fling this year we will be having a Book Exchange/Sale. The 7th & 8th graders are in charge of this event. Students may bring in gently used books between now and April 30th. Bring these books to the School Office. Your family name will be taken and you will receive tickets to be used at the event on May 3 to "exchange" for some gently used books. At the event there will be no exchanging but you can buy more books.



More thoughts on the Divine Mercy

Pope John Paul II inaugurated the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday.

After he was shot in 1981, Pop John Paul asked that the diary of St. Faustina be entirely re-read to him.

JPII instituted the Divine Mercy Feast I the year 2000...at the beginning of the millennium which he considered the "threshold of hope."

John Paul II said, Right from the beginning of my ministry in St. Peter's in Rome, I consider this message (of Divine Mercy) my special task. Providence has assigned it to me in the present situation of man, the Church and the world. It could be said that precisely this situation assigned that message to me as my task before God.

During a 1997 Pilgrimage to St. Faustina's tomb, JPII testified: The message of Divine Mercy has always been near and dear to me... (it) forms the image of this pontificate.

Again, please come and pray with Jesus, the divine Mercy this Sunday in QHR church at 2:00