

FAMILY BULLETIN

Calendar

January 8: Boys Basketball vs OLPH, 4:00 PM

January 9: Godspell Jr. Auditions for Grades 4-6, 9:00 - Noon, Cafeteria

January 9: High School Application Day, 8:00 AM

January 11: Soccer HOME vs. St. Edward the Confessor, 4:00 PM, Cleary Playground

January 12: Spelling Bee, 8:15 AM, Teen Center

January 12: Boys Basketball vs. St. Mary Magdalen, 5:00 PM

January 13: Grandparent's Club Meeting, 6:30 PM, Cafeteria

January 14: Class Picture Day, School Uniform Required

January 14: Geography Bee Practice Round, 3:15 PM, Library

January 15: Boys Basketball vs. St. Rita @ St. Clement, 4:00 PM.

January 15: Pinewood Derby Registration, 7:00 PM, Cafeteria

January 16: Pinewood Derby, 9:00 AM, Cafeteria



January's Virtue: Gratitude

Perhaps one of the most radical and challenging parts of Christian faith is to adopt a worldview that in the end, nothing is earned... it is all a gift. Therefore, we as Christians are to be thankful in all of our words and actions. Do not pray to earn salvation... pray in thanksgiving of the salvation that has been granted to you through Christ's death and resurrection! Do not serve others to be blessed... serve others because you have already been blessed! This month, let your family focus on what it means to live with gratitude... to see everything as a gift and being thankful. How can you live this virtue at home? Here are some ways:

- Make a new year's resolution and focus on keeping it. Make sure you keep your goal's small... that makes them easier to keep.
- Discuss as a family at dinner what it means to "walk the walk" instead of "talking the talk."
- Encourage your children every day to pray for their future spouse, whether that spouse be a future husband or wife, or God





The Luck of the Irish Spring Gala

Plan to join us for the party of the year at the “Luck of the Irish” Spring Gala on Saturday, April 9, 2016 **in Metairie** at the Landmark Hotel (Copeland Tower). The Gala will begin at **7:30 PM**. Groups purchasing sponsorships at the Gold level or higher will also get exclusive access to the Sunset on the Lake Patron Party upstairs at the Landmark from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Order forms will be coming home after Thanksgiving, or you can order online now at www.stbenilde.com/irish-spring.

Please note... only 34 seats remain for the Sunset on the Lake Patron Party! So get you table reserved ASAP!

Ticket order forms can be found on the school’s main website and through the main office. Paper copies will come home to families later this month!

through a call to priesthood or the religious life.

Night at the Races

Attention parents! One of the best “date nights” of the year is almost upon us! Come join us for Night at the Races, sponsored by the Home and School Association! This year’s Night is Saturday January 23 starting at 6:00 PM in the Cafeteria. The way Night at the Races works is this:

- Volunteer “horses” composed of members of the school’s faculty, staff, parents, and parishioners face off in races.
- The races occur by the rolling of dice by the emcee. Each roll indicates how many “squares” on the “track” a specific horse may move forward in a turn.
- The first horse across the finish line wins.
- Before each race, everyone can bet on the horses involved. Bets go in \$1 increments. Right before the race, odds for each horse are announced based upon the number of bets for each horse.
- There is also plenty of good food and drinks to be had, along with the fellowship that is so important in our community.
- New this year* we will be offering low cost babysitting service in the Rainbow Building for just \$5 per family. So especially our parents with young children can come out and enjoy the night without having to spend a fortune on higher priced babysitters.

In reality, Night at the Races is a lighthearted, fun, and low cost way to enjoy a night out for our families and members of the wider St. Benilde Parish community. We hope to see you there!

Fun Day Update

As of this writing, the Fun Day scheduled for this Friday is still on. However, inclement weather is being predicted. So the school will continue to monitor weather reports before making a final decision. As of this writing, we have planned inflatables, movies and popcorn in the cafeteria, and a dance party with DJ Ice in the afternoon.