



SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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March 2, 2023

Tomorrow is the feast of St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955). She was born in Philadelphia and is the second American – born saint to be canonized. Katharine was from a wealthy family who was deeply religious, and who raised their children to be aware of the needs of the poor. In 1885, Katharine and her sisters traveled to several Indian reservations and witnessed poverty there. She began building and supporting schools on the reservations. In 1917, she founded Xavier University to train teachers. She is the patron saint of philanthropists and of racial justice.

Father Andrew has asked that we do a school Lenten project. It is two-pronged. Each of us will say an Our Father before we go to sleep. The second part is respect in the lunchroom, which is long overdue. These are the things we will work on: walk, don't run, sit down with your feet in front of you and eat, use conversational voices, clean up your table and floor mess. Respect the lunchroom volunteers.

1. Congratulations to our Science Fair Winners:

JUNIOR DIVISION

- First Place – Ryan Zimmerman
- Second Place-Analia Reyes
- Third Place- Alejandro Vazquez
- Fourth Place – Betty Brough

ELEMENTARY DIVISION

- First place – Collins Bentley
- Second Place- Eli Connolly

They will all advance to the Northeast Indiana Regional Science Fair on March 18, at Purdue FW.

Thank you, Mrs. Hayhurst, for securing the judges, and for setting up our Science Fair.

- 2. Courtesy Reminder** – Friday, March 10 is an e-learning day. Teachers will post work by 9AM, and then they will be engaged in Professional Development in the afternoon. The Catholic Schools Office is orchestrating a diocesan curriculum based on Indiana State Standards, and infused with Catholic teaching. We will be working on that.

3. This is another important year in the Indiana State Legislature. There is talk to eliminate the need for a pathway for families to receive the Choice Scholarship. There is talk on raising financial amounts required to receive the Choice Scholarship. A meeting to inform and discuss this information will be held on Thursday, March 16th from 6-7:30 at Bishop Dwenger High School. Each school has been asked to send one board member and five parents. Please let me know if you can attend this event.
4. The Home and School sponsored Mother-Son event, originally scheduled for Sunday, March 5, has been put on hold. When information is available, you will be informed.
5. **Marie and Caroline Lepley** have qualified to participate in the Indiana Divisional Swim Meet to be held this weekend. Good luck to these swimmers.
6. The NED assembly was held yesterday in the gym. The message was three-fold: **Never give up, Encourage Others, Do Your Best.** Taylor was our presenter. She did yo-yo tricks while this message was delivered. Yo-yos will be on sale in the mornings before school in Mr. Javin's office through March 10.

COMING UP

Friday, March 3	5-8 th grade Stations of the Cross
Thursday, March 9	Fire Drill
Friday, March 10	E-Learning Day
Tuesday, March 14	End of third quarter
Wednesday, March 15	School Penance Service
Thursday, March 16	Legislative Assembly at BDHS
Friday, March 17	8 th grade presents the Living Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, March 22	2-hour delay
Friday, March 24	2:15 Stations of the Cross
Friday and Sat. March 24-24	School Play in the church basement
Monday, March 27	School play for students
March 31	Spring break begins, no school

Mother Teresa says: *The hunger for love is more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.*

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