

Good News

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Salem Catholic Schools Foundation *Spring*

In Memory of Lorin E. Goodwin

Lorin E. Goodwin, who served on the Salem Catholic Schools Foundation Board of Directors from 1982 to 2006 passed away on April 20, 2010. The Foundation made Lorin an emeritus member of the board in 2006, in recognition of his long-standing dedicated service to Catholic education in the Salem area. We extend our deepest sympathies to Joan Goodwin, Lorin's wife, and to all of the Goodwin family.



St. Vincent de Paul first and second grade teacher, Miss Chenaille, and her students, collected money for Haiti Relief.

President's Message



Kevin L. Mannix,
President

One of the great things about our Salem-area Catholic schools is that they emphasize service as part of the education program. This includes not only service within the school, but service to the community.

Service is another way of making use of the gifts God has given to us, for the benefit of others.

Yet, the very act of service enhances not only the lives of others, but our own lives. One should have a sense of fulfillment when one realizes the value of a gift from God, whether it be time, talent, or treasure. Making the most beneficial use of that gift enhances its value.

If you have been fortunate in a business or profession, and so have developed substantial income or other financial resources, you can serve others by sharing those resources.

If you have a special talent, be it some craft or hobby, or a skill such as singing, writing, or painting, you can serve others by making use of that gift. As soon as I wrote the word "painting" for this article, it occurred to me that painting itself reflects a wide range of creative capabilities for service. One may be a great painter in the

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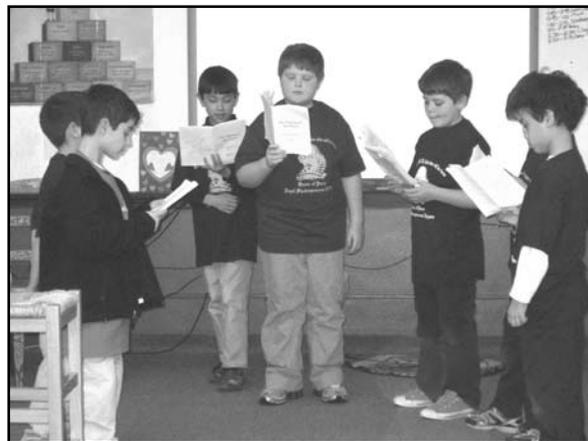
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sense of being a fine artist, who can produce a piece of art to decorate a school or to be sold at auction, or one may be good at interior or exterior house painting, so that you can volunteer to help paint some part of a school facility, or donate your services via a school auction.

The possibilities are endless. I have a friend, who shall remain unnamed, who is now retired from a career in business and a subsequent career in politics. He has taken up woodcarving, and it turns out he is highly skilled at producing beautiful artistic pieces. One such piece has already been donated for a school auction. So, sometimes, you can discover a new way of serving by honing a new talent!

Finally, there is service through sharing your time. In one way, this is the most valuable commodity, because we cannot leverage time, and we cannot expand time. Everyone has the exact same share of it, on any given day. When you donate your time to read to a child at one of our elementary schools, or help coach a team, or run a school event, you are serving others. Whatever your background, or whatever your occupation, your gift of time is a precious gift.

I have not yet met a person involved in Catholic education who had nothing to offer. Simply reflecting on the gifts you have to share, through service, can be an opportunity for personal growth and commitment.



The Queen of Peace third grade class is hard at work rehearsing for its June production of "The Taming of the Shrew." This is the third year that the class has studied and performed one of Shakespeare's works.

St. Joseph School

Stephen Lynch, Principal

We Love to Serve!

Service is a hallmark of Catholic education. At St. Joseph School, we have lots of daily opportunities to emphasize this virtue: from holding the door open for others, to picking things up in the hallway, to helping younger students at Mass. There is always a chance to remember the needs of others in every school day.

At our school, there is also the opportunity to serve our parish. When funeral Masses are held during the school day, the altar servers are chosen from among our students. This reminds the students of the fact that service sometimes takes precedence over our daily school work. Students also take on the regular task of recycling the old missalettes when they expire, and putting the new ones in the pews. For a parish the size of St. Joseph, this is a big job!

Throughout our school year, we organize canned food drives, which enable students to serve local needs in a tangible way. Our student council delivered the food to St. Vincent de Paul, and then volunteered some time to help arrange and pack bulk food. Recently, a few of our classrooms collected "Change for Haiti." This service project tied into our studies. The sixth graders looked at how "change" (money) can bring actual change in the lives of those who have lost so much. And the kindergarteners used the project to practice their counting skills as well as their kindness to others.



First grader Ethan Ruettgers reads at a school Mass.

St. Joseph students also participate with the Senior Luncheon in the parish, and spend time visiting with senior citizens and entertaining them with songs. We are planning some spring cleanup projects in the upcoming weeks to help keep things clean and bright around our school and parish. We have been recognized for the past few years as an Oregon Green School, and our "green team" helps recycle lots of paper products as one of their service projects. As you might see, we love to serve!



Audrey Parks, Eli Meuchel, Valerie Porter and Jasmine Wetter display food gathered in a recent food drive.

St. Vincent de Paul School

Hector Martinez, Principal

Service in Our School Community

The students at St. Vincent de Paul School know the value of service. Our students serve in a variety of capacities in our school community. Our servant students assist with weekly Mass, assist in the school, and seek to support the greater global community.

Service at Mass

Each week a different class from kindergarten to sixth grade takes an active role in planning, preparing, and assisting during our school Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church. The teachers and students work very closely with Fr. Heuberger to make each Mass special. Our fifth and sixth graders have done an outstanding job helping the younger students value each aspect of the Mass.

Our student choir does a splendid job singing songs of prayer and worship for our daily parishioners, parents, and school community. The choir also practices and performs sign language for a few of our school songs. The hand movements inspire all the students to participate. Teachers plan with students to create the Prayers of the Faithful. Students prepare the Scripture reading by practicing with parents at home. Then they are ready to share the Scripture with the parish and school community.

In addition, the students of St. Vincent de Paul School serve the greater community by bringing canned foods to offer during the Presentation of the Gifts. This expression of community continues to grow as more and more students remember and bring in non-perishable food items weekly.

Service at School

In the school, our students are very active stewards. During lunch, our students sit in prayer communities where older and younger students are intermixed to help one another at the table. From a rotating weekly list, our third and fourth graders are in charge of four microwaves. They help heat up food for those students who have microwavable items for lunch. The third and fourth graders are also responsible for making sure the microwave area is kept clean. Our fifth and

sixth graders also rotate weekly. After lunch they help with clean up in the cafeteria. The two upper classmates assist with wiping off tables, sweeping, and throwing away trash.

Some students work with Fr. Heuberger after school. Students put up chairs, empty



Second grader Tommy Duffy.

classroom trash cans and recycle bins, and vacuum. Involving our students in some of the school's dynamics allows them to take ownership of their school community, and develops service and work ethic in their hearts.



Fifth graders Rita Callaway and Hanna Duffy.

Service in our Global Society

This year our school community, along with many other Catholic school communities, decided to answer the call to raise money for the people of Haiti. Our students and staff decided to have a penny drive "To Change the World." The students prayerfully decided to raise funds for food and water. In less than two weeks, our school was able to raise over \$978! The money was sent to Catholic Relief Services on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul School faith community.

As you can see, service and community go hand-in-hand at St. Vincent de Paul School!

Queen of Peace School

Debilyn Janota, Principal

Serve with Joyful Hearts

The concept of servant leadership is very much a part of the Catholic tradition. We are also called to serve with joyful hearts, and the students at Queen of Peace School have done so with great enthusiasm!

Recently, the school's leadership team challenged students to collect 500 non-perishable food items for the Table of Plenty in a two-week period. The student leaders were responsible for rallying their peers and generated a great deal of excitement about helping the hungry. Their hard work paid off, and they exceeded their goal by collecting 721 items. Because they did such a good job, Mrs. Janota wore a giant Mac-n-Cheese box during school on April 20.



Fourth grade students on the way to the Table of Plenty with over 700 food items!



Students from the Leadership Team recently planned a successful food drive for the Table of Plenty. First grade teacher Pam McHugh and sixth grade teacher Nicki Medeiros are the group's moderators.

Students in grades 3 through 6 also go to Marion-Polk Food Share once a month to help sort donations. This gives them insight into where food donations go and how they are processed and distributed. It also makes them more aware of the needs that others in our community have.

We are also called to be good stewards of God's creation. To that end, the entire school is working hard to be more aware of the resources we use. In addition to on-going projects in the school such as Watt Watchers, cork recycling and electronics recycling, students created Earth Day messages on grocery

bags for the Sunnyslope and Vista Roth's stores. We are also excited about the upcoming opening of a community recycling drop-off center to collect Styrofoam and plastic bags. There are currently very few places in the Salem area where these things can be easily dropped off, and the school won a grant from Marion County to construct recycling containers, which will be placed in the north parking lot of the parish at the beginning of May.

In other news, Queen of Peace students have received numerous awards in the community:

Pre-K student Tommy George won a coloring contest sponsored by the Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America and Bi-Mart. His prize was a Mongoose bicycle, which was presented to him at a school assembly.



Tommy George poses with his mother, Teresa, and his new bicycle.

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Blanchet Catholic School

Charles E. Lee, President

Putting Faith Into Action

On World Youth Day 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said in his message to the young, "The future is in your hands, because the gifts and riches that the Lord has enclosed in the heart of each one of you, molded by the encounter with Christ, can bring authentic hope to the world!"

Blanchet Catholic School students have taken this message to heart and are putting their faith into action, finding unique ways to serve others within their community. Students are using their own special gifts and talents to bring hope and inspiration to others in need.



Laura Ruggles

Seniors Laura Ruggles and Niki Ottolia have spent one day each week volunteering at St. Joseph Shelter in Mt. Angel. St. Joseph provides hot meals and safe housing for homeless individuals and families. Laura and Niki worked with the children of these families in an after-school study program. They helped with homework, read stories



Niki Ottolia

and just spent time talking with the children. "The families are so amazing. The kids love learning and the moms are so supportive of each other," said Niki. "It really makes me realize the importance of having the support of friends and family when you are young," remarked Laura. "We have gotten so attached to all of the kids and are going to miss them so much!" she added.

Two more seniors, Jake Haener and Lily Breshears, coordinated a concert to benefit the Janus Youth Programs. The concert took place on April 16 at



Jake Haener

twenty distinct programs ranging from residential treatment facilities to runaway and homeless youth services. Jake and Lily's concert specifically benefited the Janus Village

Garden, a program that uses sustainable urban gardening and farming as a means to increase access to healthy food and to offer employment opportunities to youth. "Over 100 people came to the concert and it was just a really fun way to help others," commented Jake.

In general, Blanchet high school students complete twenty hours and mid high students complete ten hours of service each year. Many of them, including sophomore Morgan Spear, go far beyond the minimum requirement. Morgan volunteered well over 400 hours this year raising and training service dogs for the disabled. "To serve others is not only beneficial to the community but also to those who are struggling to find their faith," she said.

In May of each year, students are asked to reflect on their service projects for the year and to put into words

Salem's Ike Box and featured five local bands. Jake and Lily are both musicians and performed during the event. "It's really important to use your talents and interests to help others," said Lily. Janus is a network of



Lily Breshears

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what they have learned from their experiences. Taylor Romero, a junior, wrote this in his reflection essay ~ *Serving others shows that this world still has love for everyone and that people don't help others for money or any type of reward. They do it out of the kindness in their hearts. I've made friends, shared smiles and, most of all, helped my community. Knowing that every kid in my school is out doing something to help someone makes me know that I'm at a great school.*

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Fifth grade student Denver Bogat was named a 2009-2010 Pop Warner All-American Scholar. The award is given to student athletes who rank academically in the top 2% of all 400,000 children who take part in Pop Warner programs.

Sixth grade student Tayden Flitcroft-Goodeill won the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest's eleven year-old division at the state level. Tayden made 21 out of 25 free throws at the contest, which was held in Milwaukie.

Each year, sixth grade teacher Nicki Medeiros nominates students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership potential and academic excellence. This year's Junior National Young Leader Nominees from Queen of Peace School are: Garrett Bibeau, John Jablonski, Alyssa Walsh and Johanna Willburn.

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The mission of Salem Catholic Schools Foundation is to manage and increase the Endowment Fund for Catholic education in Salem. Each year grants are given from the annual earnings of the Endowment to each of the four Salem Catholic schools in support of their programs, tuition assistance or special projects.

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Queen of Peace sixth grade students Julia Bahti and Aurora Hernandez rehearse for the upcoming production of "Our Town." Next fall, the sixth grade class will travel to Ashland to see a production of Hamlet.



St. Vincent de Paul fifth grader, Michael Araiza, helps to keep the school clean.



Blanchet junior Charleen Gust and her grandfather Jim Wilfers visit during Grandparent's Day on April 6.