



MAGDALEN Messenger

February 2011

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Important Numbers

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Take Your Family to Church Weekend

by MariaKozan

On February 5th and 6th, Magdalen School Council sponsored Take Your Family to Church. This is a weekend set aside where the Magdalen and PSR (Parish School of Religion) students play a role in getting their family to attend church together and to talk about different aspects of their church

life. Each year, the students have a theme, and this year's theme was: Patience is a virtue. Don't be afraid to use it. Kindergarten through 2nd grade did

artwork related to the topic, and 3rd through 8th grade wrote essays on the virtue of patience. A first, second, and third place winner from each class was selected by the School Council. The middle school winners read their essays after Mass. The rest of the artwork and essays were on display in the Church Gathering Space.

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Top Row: Isabelle Monnin, Makenna Johnson, Nathan Hostert, Reagan Moege, Ian Nichols, Devyn Porter, Kristy Nguyen, Marilyn Nguyen; 3rd Row: Aden Reusser, Emily Michaelis, Lauren Taldo, Joe Antoun, Joey Higgins, Caleb Orr, Taylor Schoenhofer; 2nd Row: Renee Richardson, Catherine Lam, Christina Nguyen, Karter Riley, Josh Guereque, Maycie Sanders; 1st Row: Courtney Trent-Miller, Mary Kate McClure, Carley Isherwood, Cooper Isherwood, Ava Frambers, Berkley Lacy, Jackson Burrus

Fr. Pat and Sr. Connie Honored at Mass



Fr. Pat and Sr. Connie were honored at an all school Mass, Feb 3.

Students presented them with a "foot book" and thanked them for leading them to the path of Jesus.

Pictured with Fr. Pat and Sr. Connie are Chiara Fernando, Teresa Collins, Taylor Nye, and Grady Klein. Students presented a similar book to Fr. Lanzrath at the earlier Mass that same day.

Vietnamese New Year Celebration

by Joseph Ha

This is the third year in a row that the Vietnamese Catholics in the Wichita Diocese have held their New Year celebration here at Magdalen. This year, the Vietnamese celebrated the year of the Cat. The celebration began with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Jackels. After Mass, the celebration took place in the gym. The festivity began with the Dragon Dance welcoming the Bishop and invited guests. The entertainment is a collaboration of many Vietnamese from Magdalen and other parishes. This year the focus was about passing on the culture and history. The organizing committee wanted to use this opportunity to teach the younger generations about the history and culture of Vietnam. This was accomplished through the fashion show and by traditional dances which were performed by young children as well as teenagers.



VOCATIONS Calendars

by *JERRY Roos*

February 2011

		1 Religious Brothers & Sisters	2 Fr Darrin May	3 Fr Kent Hemberger	4 Fr Ned Blick	5 Bishop Emeritus Eugene Gerber
6 Pope Benedict XVI	7 Fr Andrew Kuykendall	8 Fr Patrick York	9 Msgr William Carr	10 Fr Benjamin Nguyen	11 Deceased Religious Brothers & Sisters	12 Fr John Hotze
13 Sr Connie	14 Fr Sixtus Ye Myint	15 Fr Charles Harvey	16 Fr Daryl Befort	17 Fr Michael Linnebur	18 Fr Reinhard Eck	19 Fr Michael Maybrier
20 Bishop Michael Jackels	21 Catholic Diocese of Wichita Seminarians	22 Fr Bernard Gorges	23 Fr Roger Lumbre	24 Fr James Billinger	25 Fr Michael Peltzer	26 Fr Jarrod Lies
27 Fr Sherman Orr	28 Fr Leon Kerschen					

Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son. Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as religious. By their way life may they provide a convincing sign of your kingdom for the Church and the whole world. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

March 2011

		1 Fr Michael Simone	2 Fr Stephen Thapwa	3 Fr Paul Oborny	4 Fr Brian Bebak	5 Fr Michael Schemm
6 Bishop Emeritus Eugene Gerber	7 Catholic Diocese of Wichita Seminarians	8 Fr Eric Weldon	9 Fr Robert McElwee	10 Fr Thomas Stroot	11 Religious Brothers & Sisters	12 Fr Adam Keiter
13 Fr Joseph Gile	14 Fr Hung Quoc Pham	15 Fr Patrick York	16 Fr Francis Cox	17 Fr Wayne Schmid	18 Fr Robert Wachter	19 Fr Benjamin Shockey
20 Pope Benedict XVI	21 Fr Chrysostom Au Maung	22 Fr John O'Shea	23 Fr Daniel Vacca	24 Fr Arthur Busch	25 Fr Jerome Spexarth	26 Deceased Religious Brothers & Sisters
27 Bishop Michael Jackels	28 Fr Kenneth Van Haverbeke	29 Fr Charles Seiwert	30 Fr Michael Klag	31 Sr Connie		



Spelling Bee Winners

- 1st Place – Parker Manning 4th grade
- 2nd Place – Hoang Nguyen 5th grade
- 3rd Place – Amanda Haas 6th grade



Geography Bee Winners

- 1st Chase Swenson; 2nd Jack Chessmore; 3rd Joey Higgins

Lots of "Bees"



Spelling Bee Winners Gr 1-4

- 1st Parker Manning
- 2nd Quynh-Thi Nguyen
- 3rd Grant Johnson
- 4th Corbin Mai



Spelling Bee Participants Gr 1-4

CATHOLIC Schools Week



Spelling Bee Participants Gr 5-8



Ali Herman, first grade contestant at the spelling bee, praying before it started.



Fruits of the Holy Spirit won the Religion Bee

Front row: Claire Maybee, Sophie Yoakum, Stephanie Born, Parker Manning; Back Row: Ashley Kozan, Kennedy Staiger, Terry Dester, Javen Kennedy; Not pictured: Christian Oatsdean



During Catholic Schools Week, students vote on a classmate that they feel lives their faith to the fullest and is a good role model for the class. These students were recognized and presented an award at an all-school Mass on Feb 3. The winners are pictured with Fr. Pat and Sr. Connie

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The winners in each grade were invited, along with their families, to join Fr. Pat and Sr. Connie for a pizza lunch after the 11:30 Mass. At the luncheon, the winners were

announced, and they received a certificate.

The School Council is very excited to be able to sponsor such an event. The artwork and essays are always outstanding and such a treat for the families to be able to read together. You can

tell by reading the essays and seeing the artwork that the students really do take the time to think about what the theme is, and then express it on paper. We are truly blessed to have the students and families that we have at Magdalen.

Walk in Sister's Shoes

by Janice Palmer



Magdalen students learned about St. Katharine Drexel during the month of January. We kicked it off with an assembly with Sr. Joseph Mary who gave us the history of Katharine Drexel and some of the many great works Katharine did for others. Sr. Joseph also shared with the students what it is like to be in a Drexel school

and why they need our support to educate their children the same way we do at Magdalen.

Throughout the month of January, each classroom had a shoebox for students to bring money for the Drexel fund. The middle school held a Drexel candy bar bingo. The students brought a candy bar to donate as

prizes. Students played one bingo card for free and could play additional cards for at least \$.50/each. Thursday of Catholic Schools Week was St. Katharine Drexel Day. The students were able to learn without shoes – they could wear crazy socks all day. In the end, Magdalen students raised \$1582.52 for the Drexel fund.

St Vincent de Paul Society

TO OFFER PROGRAM TO ASSIST PARISHIONERS
OUT OF WORK OR LOOKING FOR JOBS



The Magdalen St. Vincent de Paul Society is going to be offering a program to assist parishioners who are out of work and looking for jobs. Our plan is to offer assistance with resume preparation, interview coaching, skills analysis, and other HR type issues. If you have professional or clerical skills in these areas and would be willing to help with this very important ministry please contact Ted Cook (616-0717).

Chris Roth ~ Director of Youth Ministries

I grew up as an only child in Denver, Colorado. My parents were Dennis and Anna Roth. My father's battle with alcoholism often hid his intelligence and great sense of humor. My mother, on the other hand, was a 4'11" ball of fire who taught me how to throw a football, kick a soccer ball, and attend Mass every Sunday. She also showed me the meaning of hard work as she put in 50 hour weeks with the telephone company, cooked all of our meals, washed all of our laundry, and did most of the house cleaning every week. My favorite memory of her was our weekly tradition of walking to Mass on Sunday, taking the city bus to downtown Denver, (my mother preferred the bus after her eighth car accident), eating breakfast at the old Woolworth's, and catching a movie at a little old theatre. My father often spent his Sundays skipping Mass and staying home.

After 12 years of Catholic School, nine years as an altar server, a great youth group experience, and a life changing transition away from football, I followed my best friend Tony,

who was a grade ahead of me, to Sterling College in Kansas. There I discovered what it meant to talk to Jesus as my Savior, as well as how to defend my Catholic faith from the many Presbyterian and Baptist students who wanted to "convert" me. I spent my summer teaching for Totus Tuus and then transferred to Benedictine College in the fall. After graduating with a degree in Religious Studies and experiencing three Totus Tuus summers, I knew



I wanted to be a youth minister. I headed back to Denver and was blessed with seven incredible years ministering to the thousands of youth that I encountered through retreats, youth group meetings, and mission trips.

In 2007, my world would be shaken as I experienced the loss of both my father and mother only four months apart from one another. My father passed away after complications in surgery that were due to his alcoholism. My mother passed away shortly after we discovered that she had major kidney failure. Even though I had the spiritual strength I gained in all of my Catholic experience, I still questioned what God was trying to teach me. After two years of filling my life with "work" and not addressing the wounds I had from the loss of my parents, I decided to step down from youth ministry and see if God had another plan for me. I spent almost a year working transitional jobs and looking for work. I could clearly hear the call from God to get back into youth ministry; however, all of the youth ministry positions were filled in Denver. My prayers were answered when God led me to Wichita to begin a new chapter in my life in the wonderful Magdalen parish. The first six months have been absolutely wonderful; however, there are still many families that I would love to get to know.



Mission Trip to Austin, Texas

July 24th - 29th

MAX is headed to Texas to serve the poor and elderly. Current 8th grade students- High School Seniors are needed to help! You can find more information on the MAX homepage by going to www.magdalenwichita.com/max-youth/home.



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*Thanks to
Everyone for
their Stewardship*

The Mission of
Magdalen Parish
is to cultivate
a family of stewards
for Christ through
personal prayer,
public worship,
Catholic education,
Ministry
to one another and
the community at large.

BAPTISMS

by **MARSHA Hoffman**

Isabella Maree, daughter of Mark & Erin Lehman
Allison Lee, daughter of Graham & Renee McGlynn
Nathan Patrick, son of Karl & Natalie Sacay
Bridget Katherine, son of Pete & Tiffany Cohlma
Mykayla Marie, daughter of Stephan & Alina Schwebke
Madeline Mary, daughter of Damon & Jessica Cicciu
Abigail Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas & Emily Angelo
Luke Richard, son of Aaron & Meredith Mansfield
Mason Coy, son of Coy & Danielle Schwager
Carter Caleb, son of Michael & Erin Eilert
Brinley Reagan, daughter of Jacob & Rosalynn Wetta
Hayden Reece, daughter of Jacob & Rosalynn Wetta
Kooper Matthew, son of Kale & Jessica Collins
Mei-Lin, daughter of Tai Le & Ni Luu
Emma Katherine, daughter of Tyler & Deanna Ternes
Cylee Marie, daughter of Austin Herron & Kimberly Nguyen
Aleia Ann, daughter of Kristopher & Connie Fickler
Isabella Marie, daughter of Michael & Vicki Brotemarkle
Zachary Ray, son of Greg & Cassandra Sporleder
Cate Conner, daughter of Patrick & Cassy Hough
Anistyn Jane, daughter of John & Courtney Engels
Jackson Don, son of Aaron & Cassandra Bushell
Carolyn Shelby, daughter of Lee & Gina Cole
Blake Joseph, son of Justin & Heather Bloomer
Lucas Thien, son of Thanh & Brianna Le
Ana Claire, daughter of Marco & Tamar Sandoval
Ella Cecilia, daughter of Matthew & Megan Jantzen
Stella Grace, daughter of Brett & Christyn Haberly
Alice Irene, daughter of Mattew & Beth Barron
Kennady Renee, daughter of Stephen & Ashley Graf
Eva Marie, daughter of James & Laura Rice
Kinley Grace, daughter of George & Mary Gordon
Korbin Reed, son of Shea & Jessica Walter
Sophie Yuna, daughter of Jung & Miran Lee
Sloane Ryan, daughter of Kevin & Meghan Polk
Aiden Nickolas, son of Nicholas & Sarah Zimmerman
Millie Quynhdao, daughter of Graham & Merry Ho
Kerington Kennedy, daughter of Rick & Kerri Coleman
Devin Lucas, son of Daniel & Christina Ricke
Anthony Michael, son of Clayton & Anna Kaiser



Mary Magdalen
Pray for Us