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Good News For Parents



HRCS Mission Statement

Holy Rosary Catholic School—Provides spiritual, academic and social development for its students in a safe, Catholic environment so that they will become witnesses of Christ's presence in the world. ☒

Pastor's Message: By Fr. Francis Bui

Lent is the penitential season of the Church's year. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Lent has six Sundays. The sixth is called Passion or Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It commemorates the Lord's passion and death on Good Friday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil and ends with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Then the joyful Easter Season of 50 days begins.

Traditionally the Lenten season is a time of penance throughout the Catholic Church. Lent is a season in which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity, and almsgiving are emphasized. Fast and abstinence are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

Weekdays of Lent: There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: These are days to fast and abstain from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for people between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent) All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

Easter Duty Obligation: After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at

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Principal's Message: By Joan LeBouef

We've just begun the season of Lent, the church season where Catholics are asked to imitate the Lord's forty days in the desert and to reflect in an intense way on the real meaning of Jesus' life and his final days on earth.

To help us make this time a special season of grace, we are also invited to reflect on how Jesus' offering of himself on the cross impacts us today. In other words, what is the quality of our discipleship? What can we do to more closely follow and imitate him?

All of us have to answer these questions for ourselves each day of our lives.

Like Jesus, we have our own crosses to bear. We can spend our time preoccupied with their weight and the pain they cause us. Or, like Jesus, we may find that others are in similar, if not worse, situations than we and are not fairing as well. How will we respond to them?

As we pray for one another during this Lenten season, may our prayers help us to realize our dependence on God and God's unconditional love for us. May our acts of penance challenge us to be more compassionate people, especially to those who hurt us the most. Our faith tells us that beyond the cross of these forty days is a new and glorious resurrection! ☒

..make this [Lent] a special season of grace.

MARCH EVENTS:

- ☉ Adoration- 2nd @ 9:30 am / Faculty Mtg- @ 3:45 pm- Book It Deadline
- ☉ IN HOUSE REGISTRATION- 3rd-5th
- ☉ Mass/Way of Cross-6th-@ 8:45-[3rd grade Reed]
- ☉ NEW FAMILIES REGISTRATION- 10th-12th -9:30am-2:30 pm
- ☉ 3rd 9 wks ends /Last day for Reading Counts-11th
- ☉ Mass/Way of Cross- 13th @ 8:45 [Mrs. Joseph] Seafood Drive Through 5-7pm
- ☉ 4-H Mtg, St Patrick's Day, Advisory Council Mtg- 5:30-17th
- ☉ Farm City Day @ SLHS for K-18th
- ☉ St Joseph's Altar & Bag lunches 19th
- ☉ Mass/Way of Cross- 20th @ 8:45 [7th Boulet]
- ☉ Spring Photos 25th-26th
- ☉ Mass/Way of Cross- 27th @ 8:45 [6th Daigle] Seafood Drive Through 5-7pm
- ☉ DRESS DOWN DAYS-31- April 2

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Krewe of Kindergarten Paraded for Mardi Gras

The Mardi Gras Holidays began February 23 and continued until February 27, 2009. To kick off the Holidays, HRCS began with a parade presented by the HRCS Krewe of Kindergarten on the afternoon of Thursday, February 19, 2009.

Big Buddies pulled kindergarten students through East 4th Street, currently known as Sister Claire Rodrigue Drive. It was evident that parents and students enjoyed the parade. The youngsters

generally enjoy throwing as much as the other students enjoyed the catch! ☒



BETA—DISTRICT DAY

On Saturday, January 31, the HRCS BETA students participated in the annual District Day. The students enjoyed performances by Beta members including William Birdsall who performed “Cha-Cha Slide” with his devil sticks. Other students participated in various competitions throughout the day.

Congratulations goes out to our Beta Quiz Bowl team consisting of Nicholas Guidry, Justin Rogers, Joseph Bourg, and Eric Bourg, who placed 3rd.

Our banner designed by Shelby Angelette placed 6th.

Congratulations students on your representation of our school and our BETA Club! 📧

Seafood Dinners Scheduled



Two seafood dinners have been scheduled during the upcoming Lenten Season. Our first will be held on Friday, March 13, while the second will be held on Friday, March 27, 2009. The menu has not been confirmed, but as usual, we will need volunteers to assist with these dinners.

Mark your calendars for our Friday, Seafood Dinners to be held this Lenten Season and plan to purchase or sell your tickets and assist.

Many thanks ahead of time for your continued help and support! 📧

3rd 9 WEEKS EXAM SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 12—Religion /Science
Friday, March 13—Social Studies/
Spelling

Monday, March 16—Math / Reading
Tuesday, March 17—Language / PE 📧

HRCS Sweeps Social Studies Fair

HRCS STUDENTS WON THE GREAT MAJORITY OF AWARDS AT PARISH SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR.

Friday, January 30, 2009, HRCS sent 27 projects to compete in the Parish Social Studies Fair. Twenty-five of those projects won recognition. Awards included 3 honorable mentions: Division II Rene' Chiasson, Jenna Lafont, and William Birdsall; 4 third places: Division I-Aisha Brady & Joseph Bourg and Division II Justin Callais & George Hobson; 6 second places: Division I- Hugh Plaisance, Payton Lemoine & Jean Paul Malcombe, Division II Nicholas Guidry, Colleen Cheramie, Marley Duet & Taylor LeBlanc [Group Project]; and 12 first places including: Division I -Christopher Duet, Damien Lefort, Jonathon Bruce, Travis Hebert, Jenna Orgeron, Jessica Martin; Div. I Group- Caroline Guilbeau & Taylah Dantin and Seth Bouvier & Alex Gros. First Place winners in Division II were: Bailey Brady, Reece Duet, Peyton LeCoq. 1st in Group Division II were: Shelby Angelette & Sarah Galjour. Students who won first or second place will compete in the Regional Social Studies Fair. The eighteen top projects were submitted by: Hugh Plaisance, Christopher Duet, Damien Lefort, Jonathon Bruce, Travis Hebert, Jenna Orgeron, Payton Lemoine, Jessica Martin, Jean Paul Malcombe, Caroline Guilbeau & Taylah Dantin, Seth Bouvier & Alex Gros, Bailey Brady, Nicholas Guidry, Reece Duet, Colleen Cheramie, Peyton LeCoq, Marley Duet & Taylor LeBlanc, Shelby Angelette & Sarah Galjour.

The school is quite honored to have so many winning entries in the annual competition.

Congratulations Students on your outstanding accomplishments! 📧

Teacher of Excellence Mrs. Tammy Joseph

Mrs. Tammy Joseph is this year's Teacher of Excellence from HRCS.

Tammy Landry Joseph, and husband Jay Joseph of Lockport have a son, Austin Paul Joseph who is seven years old.

Austin attends Holy Savior Catholic School and is in the 1st grade.

This year marks Tammy's 7th year as a teacher at Holy Rosary Catholic School. She teaches math to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders and Computer Lab to K-7th graders.

Prior to becoming a teacher, Tammy obtained a degree in Accounting at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond. She worked for the City of Baton Rouge, United Companies Mortgage Corporation and Community Coffee as an accountant and internal auditor. After marrying Jay and knowing that they wanted to start a family, she decided to go back to school for certification in elementary education. She enrolled in the Alternate Certification Program at Southeastern Louisiana University and began her education courses. In 2002, Tammy received her Certification in Education. A year later she decided to continue her education even further and began working towards a Masters Degree in Educational Technology Leadership at Nicholls State University. In 2006, she received a Masters Degree in Education. Congratulations Mrs. Tammy Joseph!! 📧



March Mass & Way of the Cross Schedule

March 6- A Reed-3rd grade

March 13- T Joseph

March 20- R Boulet -7th grade

March 27- J Daigle-6th grade 📧

Second Graders Support Children's Crisis Center

HRCS REGISTRATION 2009—2010

least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

It is time to register for school year of 2009 – 2010. Thank you for choosing Holy Rosary Catholic School as a place to invest your child's education. Making decisions for your child's future is important.

Wishing you a Blessed Lenten season! ☒



Mrs. Mae Rose Chiasson's second graders began collecting coins at the beginning of the school year. Students were to earn the money by doing errands or saving money they would have otherwise used to buy gum, candy, etc. The class used the coins for math skills and counted over \$150. The goal of the project was to give the money to a worthy cause. Movie passes and Cane's gift cards were purchased and donated to the Louis Children's Crisis Center in Houma. The center, which is dedicated to caring for abused and neglected children, is run by Sr. Rosario. After receiving the donation, she sent a thank you card to the class and offered to keep the students in her prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. ☒

For Christ-Centered Challenging Academics, prayerfully consider Holy Rosary Catholic School as the choice for your most precious possession, your child. On March 3rd through 5th, HRCS will hold **In-House Registration** for Pre K 3 through the Eighth Grade for families whose child/ren are currently enrolled. Registration for **new families** will be held from **March 10th through 12th** between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. New students must bring birth & baptismal certificates, social security cards & updated immunization records.

HRCS continues to offer

- Safe, Catholic Environment
- Challenging Curriculum
- Caring, Capable, Certified Staff
- Low Pupil/Teacher Ratio
- Bus Service
- After Care
- Financial Assistance to Qualified Families
- FAMILY PLAN DISCOUNT

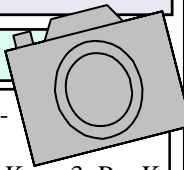
Holy Rosary Catholic School adheres to a **NON-DISCRIMINATORY** policy as established by the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.

HRCS has been Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools AT **THE HIGHEST LEVEL!**

In today's challenging world, offer your child the tools needed to succeed. Give them Holy Rosary Catholic School. For more information call 693-3342 or come by. ☒

SECOND GRADERS STUDY FOSSILS

SPRING PHOTOS



Please note the following schedule for Spring Photos:
Wednesday, March 25th - Pre K 3, Pre K 4, Kindergarten and First Grades.
Thursday, March 26th—Second - Eighth Grade.
Students who do not take Spring Photos must wear their school uniforms as usual. Arrangements may be made to accommodate family photos on one of the two scheduled photo days. Please give requests ahead of time in order for the main office to accommodate your needs. ☒

DARE GRADUATION

Our fifth grade students recently completed instruction in Drug Awareness Resistance Education [DARE], and participated in their DARE Graduation, held on Friday, February 20, 2009, at the 8:45 a.m. school mass.

As part of the program all fifth grade students wrote an essay about the impact of the DARE program on their lives. The top three essays were recognized and awarded at the ceremony. They were Stephen Martin, Jr., Deaven Lombas, and Carly Guidry who won the top award.

Congratulations students on your recent completion of the Drug Awareness Resistance Education program. ☒

UNITED BLOOD SERVICES



On Tuesday, February 10, HRCS supported the United Blood Services Blood

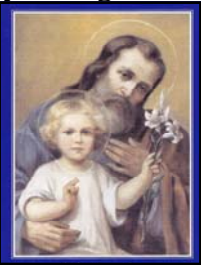
Drive as 13 participants contributed to the blood drive.

The organization, which provides blood for our local community, and our donors are to be commended for their assistance and life-giving contributions.

MANY THANKS TO YOU ALL! ☒

Mrs. Mae Rose Chiasson's second graders are studying fossils in their reading class. Students had the opportunity to learn how fossils leave traces of their presence behind, long after they were on the earth. Children replicated this process by making Plaster of Paris molds filled with "bits of nature" that they brought from home. After the plaster hardened, they removed the object, then made sand-casts of the object. Their sand-casts resulted in what looked like petrified fossils!

Not only did the students learn how fossils were formed millions of years ago, but they really enjoyed making their own! ☒



St Joseph's Altar

St. Joseph's feast is Thursday, March 19, 2009. Churches around the world annually pay tribute to St. Joseph, patron of families, with beautifully adorned "altars". Our community is invited to visit our St. Joseph Altar in HRCS's cafeteria throughout the feast day.

While on earth, you saved the Child Jesus and His Mother, Mary. So today protect our families and make our homes sanctuaries of prayer, love, patient sacrifice and work. ☒



HRCS WELCOMED SIX PRIESTS DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Holy Rosary Catholic School was truly blessed to have six priests to visit the school during Catholic Schools Week.

Retired priests: Fr. Wilmer Todd, Fr. Roch Naquin, Fr. Warren Chassaniol, and Fr. Ronilo Vilamamor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church, Fr. Albert Santiago, Assistant Pastor of OLR Catholic Church, and Fr. Francis Bui, Pastor of OLR Catholic Church came and spoke to students about their vocations during National Catholic Schools Week. It was a very

enlightening day as students learned about the different experiences of these pastors. Fr. Roni presented student parishioners of OLPS a challenge to attend mass on the weekends and offered three awards for top attendance. Having six priests on campus was a real record in our books!!!

Hopefully, students will be better prepared to discover their own personal vocation, whether it is a call to the religious or to the secular life. ☒

SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS -Please remember all within the HRCS family who are ill and other special intentions.

What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us. ☒

Arnold Chiasson—severe stroke [great grandfather of Claire & Luke Chiasson]

Troy Guidry—recovering from surgery [former HRCS parent]

Harris Cheramie—recovering from open-heart surgery [grandfather of Norah John and Nicky Cheramie]

Mary Molaison—recovering from surgery [mother of Mrs. Kathleen Ledet]

Dr. Bill Crenshaw —recovering from successful removal of a brain tumor [former HRCS parent]

Poor, Homeless, the Displaced

Recently elected officials; may they serve effectively for the common good of their constituents.

All deceased alumni of HRCS

Our adopted students, **Pauline, Rubylen, Sanjala, and Kamyra**

Joseph.

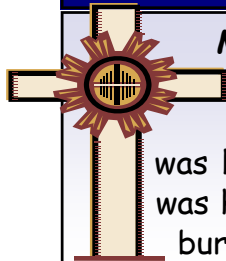
Supporters & Benefactors of HRCS

More Vocations to the Religious Life

All Souls in Purgatory ☒

God is our refuge and strength, ever-present help in trouble. *Psalm 46:1*

Please remember in your prayers those who have died and their families.



Mrs. Ovelia B. Darda —87-year-old mother in law of Mrs. Donna Darda, great grandmother of third grader Owen Callais and Luke Callais who is in Kindergarten. Mrs. Darda and her husband, the late Innerce Darda, had 9 children. She died on Feb 9, 2009, which was her 67th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Darda died after a lengthy illness. Her funeral mass was held on Saturday, February 14, the Feast of St. Valentine at OLR Catholic Church and was buried at OLPS in Golden Meadow. ☒



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