

January 22, 2013

Dear Madeleine Parents,

We begin the count down to the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week. It begins on Sunday, January 27. The 2013 theme is **“Catholic Schools Raise the Standards”**. Our Catholic schools are noted for their academic excellence and high moral standards and lay the foundations that will produce good Christians and citizens. Catholic schools pass on the faith and traditions of our church to our young and help children understand the message of Christ. This year’s theme celebrates the success of Catholic educators who work to increase student learning and growth in faith. This theme also highlights the launch of a new initiative, The National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools. This document ensures consistent high standards at all Catholic schools across the country. This year’s logo illustrates a chart of steady growth culminating in the highest achievement of them all, a cross representing the faith that underscores all Catholic education.

#### **CALENDAR CHANGE**

**Friday, March 8, 2013** will now be a minimum day for all children from kindergarten through eighth grades. Our teachers have a wonderful and unexpected opportunity to attend an iPad class that will assist them in preparing student lessons for their individual grade levels. This class will be paid with federal funds and can only be offered on this one day. I am sorry for any inconvenience this calendar change will make for any of our families. However, this is a great opportunity for our teachers and I doubt sincerely that we will be given this chance again!

#### **2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR TUITION SCHEDULE**

School of the Madeleine will be changing the tuition and student fees schedule for the 2013-2014 school year. All families will pay **student fees for the following academic year in May** and start the **first tuition payment in July**. This new tuition schedule would have the last tuition payment due in April. This will help the school to better know its enrollment numbers and accept new students faster. Many school families now do not inform the school that they are planning to leave until August or even September. Often this leaves the school with no available students on the waiting lists because potential families have enrolled in their second choice of schools. Both student fees and the first month tuition **will be non-refundable**.

#### **REPORT CARDS AND AWARDS ASSEMBLIES**

**Second quarter report cards** will be sent home tomorrow (**Wednesday, January 23**). If you have any questions concerning your child’s report card, you are encouraged to request a conference with the teacher by calling the office or writing a note. Formal conferences for the second quarter are not scheduled because of the inconvenience of minimum days to many parents. Parents who have children in second through eighth grades, should continually check the parent portal for up-dates on grades. This will give you valuable information on your child’s academic progress.

Parents of fourth through eighth grade students are invited to our second quarter **Awards Assemblies**. They will be held on **Thursday, January 31** in our parish church. Grades 4 and 5 will be at 1:10 p.m. and grades 6 through 8 will be at 2:00 p.m.

## **OPEN HOUSE**

Our annual Open House is on **Sunday, January 27 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** To coincide with the opening of Catholic Schools Week, there will be a special Mass at **St. Mary Magdalene Church at 9:00 a.m.** Students will be actively involved in this liturgy. Our student choir and hand bell ensemble will be leading the music. We invite you to attend this special liturgy. To represent School of the Madeleine and honor Catholic Schools, we ask **all students to wear their school uniforms on this Sunday, no matter where they go to church or what time they attend Mass.**

We recognize from the past that some of our best new families have come through **recommendations from you.** If you know of a family who has expressed interest in a Catholic education, **please invite them to our Open House.** Our teachers will be in their classrooms for visiting parents to meet. There will be samples of student work and projects, as well as, textbooks on display. Our annual Art Show will also take place at this time. Student artwork will be **displayed in the main school hallway.** This is also a perfect opportunity for returning families to meet next year's teachers and see the kind of work your children will be doing.

## **SCIENCE FAIR**

During Catholic Schools Week, we will have our annual school-wide Science Fair in the parish hall on **Thursday, January 31.** First through eighth grade students will have their science fair projects on display. Parents are invited to visit and view these projects from **8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.** We are proud of our students for their hard work in completing their projects.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO OF OUR EIGHTH GRADERS**

We congratulate eighth grade students, *Cassidy Wurtz* and *Ryan Kenney*, who were honored with the Mrs. Adrienne Ward Award and the Father Leo Lanphier Leadership Award. Cassidy and Ryan received their award at the **Cathedral Catholic High School Leadership Luncheon** on Tuesday, January 15.

## **VARSITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AND STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Congratulations to our varsity football team for participating in the San Diego County 2012 Parochial Football Championship sponsored by the Saint Augustine Alumni Association. Participation in this tournament is by invitation only and includes the top eight teams in the county. School of the Madeleine came in second place in this tournament. The following four students are also to be congratulated for being named to the All Tournament Team 2012 for their exemplary play during the tournament: *Andrew Alves, Jacob Jackson, Jeffrey Jackson,* and *Kyle Strobbe.* We would also like to congratulate our coaching staff: *Jeff Jackson, Luke Rohde, Eric Schaldach,* and *Tom Strobbe.*

## **JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AND STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Congratulations to our junior varsity football team for **winning** the San Diego County 2012 Parochial Football Championship sponsored by Mater Dei Catholic High School. Participation in this tournament is by invitation only and includes the top eight teams in the county. Our Madeleine team took first place in this tournament. The following four students are also to be congratulated for being named to the All Tournament Team 2012 for their exemplary play during the tournament: *Michael Welch, Kai Acol, Jim Jarvis,* and *Jake Silva.* Congratulations to the coaching staff: *Michael Silva, A.J. Calabrese, Jim Lance,* and *Mark Mahady.*

## **THE MAIN EVENT: MADELEINE MASQUERADE BALL!**

Our main event committee is working hard to make this year's dinner dance a spectacular evening. Hopefully, everyone has purchased their tickets and will generously respond to the request for donations. This event raises money to support the **PSA budget, pays for teacher aides, and other needed educational materials but also builds community among school families.** Therefore, it is imperative that you buy your tickets now. You can purchase them on line or send in a check to the office. The Main Event will be held on **Saturday, March 23** at the **Mission Valley Hilton.**

Remember that the **PSA commitment states clearly that it is *mandatory* to purchase 5 raffle tickets.** **Most schools have dinner dance tickets as a mandatory requirement for PSA.** Making raffle tickets mandatory is a much more reasonable commitment economically for parents than dinner dance tickets. In addition, this mandatory commitment makes all parents contribute to the success of our dinner dance and it gives them an opportunity to win a monetary prize for their purchase!

**The PSA budget is a very important part of the financial health of the school and their efforts help translate into lower tuition for each Madeleine family!** In addition, the PSA budget also helps to purchase extra educational materials and to do creative projects around the school. For instance, PSA helped with the purchase of iPads and additional wall mounted projectors in several classrooms. Therefore, please be generous! In addition, this is the last **opportunity for you to fulfill your PSA fundraiser commitment.** We have been very fortunate recently at School of the Madeleine that we have not only been able to meet our budgetary needs, but also purchase new books, add new programs, and to see improvements in our facilities! Many Diocesan schools have not been so lucky! We have been able to do this with one of the lowest tuition rates in the Diocese! For this to continue, each family must do their part!

I sincerely thank all the committee members who are working so hard on this event. A BIG thanks goes to the individuals who are chairing our dinner dance this year: *Nazare Judd, Jolene Ferreira, Evelyn Feliciano, and Jeannette Nunes.* I am forever indebted to the four of you for stepping forward and chairing this vital fundraising event!

## **ACRE RELIGION TESTING**

If your child is in fifth or eighth grades, he/she will be taking the **ACRE Religion Test** (Assessment of Catechesis Religious Education) **during the week of February 5.** This test will be given by all the San Diego Diocesan Schools to help them better evaluate their religion curriculum.

## **TUITION ASSISTANCE**

Applications for tuition assistance (TADS Program) for the 2013-2014 school year were available in December. All applications must be returned to the TADS Organization by **Wednesday, February 6.**

## **KINDERGARTEN MEETING**

There will be a kindergarten meeting for prospective kindergarten parents on **Thursday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. We invite all Madeleine preschool parents who wish to send their child to our kindergarten program and any new parents who will be transferring in from other schools. Please remember that our Madeleine preschool parents must turn in an application to be accepted into our kindergarten program. We will be discussing our developmental kindergarten program and assessment. You will have an opportunity to meet our kindergarten classroom teachers and ask questions.

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

**Sunday, January 27 through Friday, February 1 is a very special week.** It is Catholic Schools Week, the week schools across America open doors and join together in a special celebration to recognize the benefits of Catholic schools to our world, church, and community. This year, the theme is **“Catholic Schools Raise the Standards”**.

We would like to thank *Janet Herreweyers, Liz Brady, Erin James, and Ross Manfre* for organizing a wonderful week of activities for the students and teachers.

### **Monday, January 28—“Service to Others”**

1. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies may wear their scout uniforms with red, white, and blue accessories.
2. Student Council officers and classroom representatives have a dress-up day with red, white, and blue accessories.
3. Students whose parents are in the military may also have dress-up day with red, white, and blue accessories.
4. Students who bring a can of soup on this day may wear red, white, and blue socks or hair accessories. The can goods will be given to Community Christian Service Agency.
5. Classes will say special prayers for all those who protect us and hold discussions about the sacrifices made by service men and women.

### **Tuesday, January 29—“Honor the Students”**

1. All students may wear their favorite sport team jersey/t-shirt with PE shorts.
2. There will be a basketball game between 8<sup>th</sup> graders at 1:30 p.m. for all students to see.
3. Two Christian Living Awards per class will be given out to students who exemplify Christian living. These students will be recognized during half time.

### **Wednesday, January 30—“Tribute to Parents”**

1. Students will write a thank you note in class to their parents.
2. Crazy Accessory Day-students can wear crazy socks, hats, sunglasses, or bling.
3. Crazy Sandwich Day students may make crazy sandwiches (all ingredients must be edible). Bring all sandwiches to picnic table outside of 8B in the morning. Make sure your child’s full name and grade is noted on sandwich entry. Winners will be announced at the end of the day and will receive a dress-up day on **Thursday**. Their names will be in the newsletter.

### **Thursday, January 31—“Honor your Teachers”**

1. There will be a special luncheon for our teachers and staff.
2. Students should wear their uniforms on this day.
3. Students may make a thank you card for their teacher.

### **Friday, February 1—“Honor God”**

1. There will be a **school Mass** on this day. Student Council and their little buddies will lead us.
2. Please wear Mass uniforms.
3. This is a minimum day.

## **LENT BEGINS**

Ash Wednesday is on **February 13** and begins the **liturgical season of Lent**. The student body will attend a special school liturgy on this day to receive ashes. Lent is a special time for individuals to renew their relationship with God and deepen their faith. It is a time of change and growth—it provides us with an opportunity to look over our lives and see where we can improve. Lent invites us to do penance, make sacrifices, do good works, give alms, and to pray, reflect, and meditate! **Most of all, Lent is a journey of love**. Students are encouraged to participate each day in our parish morning liturgy that begins at 7:45 a.m. In addition, **each grade level** will be assigned a special day of the week when they are invited **to attend Mass as a class**. **Students will not be marked tardy if they attend morning Mass.**

## **RAINY DAY PROCEDURE REMINDERS**

**On rainy days, we always need extra parents for lunch duty** to cover the classrooms. On these days, it is all right to come without calling the office ahead of time if you have been cleared to volunteer at the school. When you arrive on campus, check in at the school office and then report to Coach O'Neal or Coach Stabile at the P.E. office. They will give you a classroom assignment. You will receive two service points for each rainy day lunch supervision.

Please remember that if it is pouring rain at dismissal time, you **may pick up your child early**. You do not have to check out at the office if you pick up your child after 2:30 p.m. in their classroom. This rainy day policy will help alleviate traffic, help small students stay dry, and will create a safer dismissal environment. We do encourage all parents to send their children to school with an umbrella on school days when rain is forecast. Raincoats with hoods are allowed on campus but are not to be worn in the classroom. **Please label all raincoats and umbrellas with your child's name.**

## **EMERGENCY/DISASTER PLAN**

The administration and faculty at School of the Madeleine have a comprehensive emergency plan for the school. This plan covers **detailed procedures for many emergencies** that may occur including earthquakes, strangers on campus, or fire. It includes an **emergency backpack for each classroom**.

Please remember that there are **several areas where the students may be evacuated depending on the emergency**. The preferable site will be the field at the back of the school. Alternative sites include the parish hall/church, the parish parking lot, or Tecolote Park.

**If it is necessary for parents to pick up their children from school because of an emergency situation, it is imperative that parents remain calm and follow the directions and procedures given by the staff!** Procedures for emergencies are practiced often with the students to ease their fear in case of a real disaster. Children will become more frightened if parents are hysterical!

In the light of recent events, I had the San Diego Police Department and the San Diego Fire Department visit to inspect the **campuses on both sides of the street**. Plans are being made to follow through with their suggestions.

### TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE THANK YOU

This committee has been working hard to up-grade School of the Madeleine's technology. Recently, they spent the Christmas break working on our wireless Internet system. A **BIG CHEER** goes to these individuals: *Ed Franqui, Bryan Nielsen, Chip Jarvis, Eric Nasland,* and *Mark Forsyth*. We especially thank *Dana Faccio*, our computer teacher, who has been working with and guiding our technology committee. Because of their hard work, our wireless signal that allows teachers and students to use laptops and iPads is more efficient.

### PRAYER REQUEST

Please continue to pray for our many Madeleine parents who are ill. We also ask that you pray for all of our Madeleine students. We ask that they will continue to grow in their faith and love of the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

*Donna*

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## Thanks To:

*The Wolff Family*—for a large monetary donation.

*Paul Yahnke*—for organizing a group of tickets to the USD Basketball game.

*Corey Stewart and the MAC*—for their continuous support of our athletic program.  
They recently fixed our equipment basket.

**January 22, 2013**

**Newsletter**

**Reminder:** Please put your child's first and last name on all uniform items. So many of the items in our lost and found cannot be identified so it is impossible to get them back to the students. These items are put in the Uniform Exchange bin for anyone who needs them. Please remind you children to check the lost and found their missing item.

**Dear Madeleine Families:**

Our second Box Top Collection is coming up, scheduled for **Feb 4th - Feb 8th.**

Box Top collection **containers** will be located outside the office and in the kindergarten courtyard. Please place you clipped Box Tops in a baggie with your child's classroom written on it. The classroom with the most collected will win a treat.

Thank you in advance for supporting our school!

The Box Top Committee  
Debby Ferrante, Cindy Bayless and Kristin Silva

PUT YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME AND GRADE ON ALL UNIFORM ITEMS  
**COLLECTION FOR CCSA**

During the month of February St. Mary Magdalene Parish is asking for donations of soap and deodorant and disposable razors for needy families. We ask that Madeleine families to take their donations to rectory between 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

**Kindergarten**

**Happy New Year! It's wonderful to be back in school.**

This month in religion, Kindergarten learned about the Epiphany and the special gifts we can bring to Jesus today. We also discussed how God gave us our five senses to discover and celebrate His world.

This month in Practical Life we have learned about winter weather, the Artic and Antarctica, and the animals that live there. We are now learning about sea life. We are looking forward to our Sea World field trip at the end of January, as well as our 100 Days of School and Valentine's Day celebrations in February.

All of the students are making great, steady progress in the reading room and enjoying checking off the boxes on their reading cards and moving to the next level. Some students have even begun their first reading workbook! It is exciting for us to see their progress and even more exciting for them to experience reading! We thank all of the Reading Room volunteers who help make the progress possible!

## **1A/1B**

The children have begun their daily observations of their experiment on Osmosis in preparation for the upcoming Science Fair. They are excited about the changes they are seeing. They are using the scientific method in their written observations. Working with a partner makes it fun too. The children are being challenged with reading chapter books in sustained silent reading and guided reading activities. They are learning how to write book reports on selected books. In Social Studies we learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. and his message of equality and non-violence, but most importantly how to be a PEACEMAKER!

## **Second Grade News**

January has been another busy month for second grade! We have really been concentrating on preparing for our sacrament of First Reconciliation, which takes place in early February. In math, are just finishing our unit on geometry. We will soon begin addition with two-digit numbers. In science, we currently are studying matter, gravity and magnets. We're very excited about our science fair projects on magnets and are eager to share what we've learned. We're becoming better and more fluent readers. Second grade wishes all Madeleine families a blessed and happy 2013.

## **3A and 3B News**

This month we started soccer and track. We are having fun training for the games and meets. We have been working really hard on projects for the art show. We have been running in the 50 Mile Club. Most students are halfway done with their miles. We have starting writing our work in cursive. We are doing our spelling words in cursive. It's hard, but we'll get used to it. We are making inventions for the science fair. Come see our inventions at the end of month in the parish hall. January has been a fun month!

Written by: Blake Levy and Camden McCormick

## **4A and 4B**

What a busy but fun month we've had. We had a great time building our missions. Thank you so much to the parents that volunteered their time and talent. Thanks also for donating the supplies. We couldn't have done it without you! If you get a chance, please stop by the classrooms and office hallway and take a look at them.

We have been working very hard in math to perfect our multiplication skills. In science, we will be working on our science fair experiment.

For the next several weeks, we will be discussing the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes in religion.

## **Fifth Grade News**

Fifth grade has been a beehive of activity since returning from Christmas break! We began studying decimals and fractions in math, and picked up and took off running in all our other subjects. Everyone's been working hard on their science fair projects, and we're eager to share our learning and hard work with the rest of the school community at the science fair. Our latest art projects were the Arts Attack Victorian houses and the Chinese dragons. They are absolutely beautiful! Please walk by and take a look at the beautiful art we have hanging in the hallway outside the Principals' Office. Fifth grade rocks!

## **NEWS FROM SIXTH GRADE**

This past month we enjoyed Christmas vacation! Everyone had a great time off and a fun New Year's. We finished our science fair projects and are now working on our display boards. We made "I Have a Dream" posters to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. In social studies we are learning about Hinduism, and in science we are studying about volcanoes. Hard to believe we are half way through sixth grade! We hope everyone is having a good New Year and we look forward to seeing you at open house!

-written by Kevin Trusso, Jimmy Miller, and Casey White-

### **Greetings from 7A & 7B**

We are half way through our 7<sup>th</sup> grade year—WOW! Time flies when you are busy. In Social Studies we have completed our last Meso-American culture—the Aztecs. We studied their civilization, religions, and way of life. We will be having a Midterm on 3 of these cultures to help prepare us for cumulative tests in high school. Biographies are what we are reading currently for Literature and must be completed by Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. We will be completing a book project in school with a presentation. In Science we have completed our text book learning on plants. In our plant lab we explored a variety of different seeds, methods of seed dispersal, anatomy of angiosperms and identification of gymnosperms. On February 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be heading to the Natural History Museum to view the Exhibit on Plants, specifically the Chocolate Exhibit. Then we will be hiking to the Botanical Gardens and Lily Pond for some sketching. When we return to school we will be tasting chocolates from around the world. Sounds fabulous! Science Fair is fast approaching. All Science Fair Boards are due on Monday 1/28/13. Science Fair Binders with Journals and any equipment may be brought in on Monday 1/28, Tuesday 1/29, or Wednesday 1/30. Judging is on 1/30. Students will know the results of the judging on Thursday, 1/31. Forty of the 119 Junior High students will be selected to go to the San Diego Science & Engineering Fair Screening on February 11<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow. In Religion, we are learning more in depth about the apostles and the miracles of Jesus. Next on the schedule is our Family Life Religion component, where the main emphasis is that we are beautifully made in God's image. Bye for now.....

### **8th Grade News**

So far this year has been an amazing experience for us future high school students. We have been learning about electricity and magnetism first hand in Science. In the 7A lab we have discovered how to make magnets and how to make an electric circuit with the help and genius of Mrs. H. Our awesome Social Studies teacher, Mrs. Alves, has been teaching us about how our country had slavery and the ways it was trying to abolish it after a few decades. Our religious faith and knowledge of the church's history increased tremendously with the help of

Mr. Manfre' Mrs. Friedman has been teaching us to write high school book reports and high school essays in the most sophisticated way. Last but not least, our great math teacher, Mrs. Walker, has been teaching us how to factor polynomials. She is really helping the students who want to be in the stock-market.

**WE ARE HALF-WAY THERE!!**



**February Gospels and Questions**  
**for home reflection:**

***Gospel February 3, 2013***

Luke 4:21-30

He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But he passed through the midst of them and went away.

**Questions for Adults:**

Jesus challenges the people of Nazareth by reminding them of old sayings that seem to have a lot of truth in them. How can the words you hear in the Gospel or from the Church challenge you to have a different perspective? How might you and your family accept one another's wisdom and guidance?

**Questions for Children:**

How did Jesus' challenging words affect the people? Did they trust him? Why? Who do you look to for guidance?

***Gospel February 10, 2013***

Luke 5:1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

**Questions for Adults:**

What qualities make a good leader? What did Jesus see in Simon Peter? Are we able to follow Jesus in the same way those fishermen did that day? In what ways do you participate in the mission of the Church by leading people to Christ?

**Questions for Children:**

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to influence others in positive ways and to lead them to Jesus, as Simon Peter did. Who are the people who have a positive influence on your life? In what ways can you be a positive influence on others?

## ***Gospel February 17, 2013***

Luke 4:1-13 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and their glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.'" Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and: 'With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, 'You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.'" When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

### **Questions for Adults:**

Can you think of a turning point in your life that may have created doubts and insecurities? Can you think of any current challenges that are causing you turmoil? How does Jesus' response to the temptations of the devil offer an example for responding in faith?

### **Questions for Children:**

Think about your needs and wants. What is the difference between them? What were the three things that the devil tempted Jesus to do? What did the devil say that Jesus would show or receive if he gave in to each temptation? Did Jesus need to show or receive any of the things the devil proposed?

## ***Gospel February 24, 2013***

Luke 9:28-36 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

About eight days after he said this, he took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

### **Questions for Adults:**

What does the word "transfiguration" mean to you? Does scripture have the power to transform you? How? Are there grace filled moments in everyday life? Are you aware of these moments, or are you missing them because you are "asleep"?

### **Questions for Children:**

What did the apostles see and hear when they looked at Jesus on the mountaintop? How did they react to what they had witnessed? Where do you find Jesus in your day-to-day life?

## **Pope Benedict's Intentions for January 2013:**

**General:** That during this "Year of Faith" Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and joyfully bear witness to the gift of faith in Him.

**Missionary:** That the Christian communities of the Middle East, which frequently suffer discrimination, may receive the strength of fidelity and perseverance of the Holy Spirit.

