



# St. Angela Merici Parish School

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*The Feast of Saint Conrad of Piacenza*

Dear St. Angela Families:

Our “Reaching Out to Others” Lenten journey next week will focus on the Catholic Social Justice Teaching of Option for the Poor and the country Lesthos. Also, we will have a special visitor to our school on Monday, Mother Superior Sr. Anne Christine from our partner orphanage school in Uganda, who will visit the students in class on Monday. The students have been busy writing friendly letters to our brothers and sisters who attend the orphanage school. These letters will travel to Uganda via Sr. Christine.

Other items of interest include:

- **Jump Rope for Heart** will be held next Tuesday at 1 pm for students in grades 3 and 4. This event promotes heart healthy physical activity of jump roping in addition to raising money for the American Heart Association. Volunteers are still needed to help out with this event (i.e. turning jump ropes for double-dutch) – if you are interested in volunteering, contact Mrs. Strippoli at [mrsstrippoli@samparish.org](mailto:mrsstrippoli@samparish.org).
- **Congratulations to . . .** St. Angela’s 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys A basketball team won St. Christopher’s Annual Basketball Tournament this week by defeating St. Christopher by a score of 51-34! The team’s roster includes the following players: Luke Borsody, John Fayen, Joe Isabella, Timmy Jonas, Kevin Joyce, Anthony Trujillo, Jack Wilkins, and Bobby Zavagno. The team is coached by Rob Russ (Head Coach) and Pat Olson (Assistant Coach).
- **ITBS Testing** begins the week of March 1<sup>st</sup>. For the week of March 1<sup>st</sup>, all students in K – 8 will be testing from 8:30 am to 10:15 am daily. Please avoid scheduling out-of-school appointments that week during testing time.

In Christ,

*Mrs. Urban*

Mrs. Denise Modic Urban, M.A.Ed.

Principal

## Operation Rice Bowl Weekly Focus

### **Catholic Social Justice Teaching: Option for the Poor**

As a community of faith, we have the obligation to reach out to those most in need. The Gospel specifically calls us to reach out to the most vulnerable members of society.

### **Country: Lesthos**

Lesotho, a country slightly smaller than the state of Maryland, is completely surrounded by South Africa. Most of the country's population—86 percent—engage in subsistence agriculture. Droughts and food shortages exacerbated by the world food crisis have left this population particularly vulnerable to hunger. At the same time, HIV and AIDS have taken an even worse toll. In Lesotho, 23 percent of adults are living with HIV (UNAIDS 2008).



### **Weekly Prayer Focus:**

In our prayers this week, we ask God to help us to put the needs of others before our own wants.

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*Our mission is to promote a safe environment where students achieve the highest standards of academic excellence and to live our Roman Catholic faith in service to others.*

**This Week's Family Mail: (Deadline for Family Mail submissions is Monday at Noon.)**

- *Nsumba Home Information*
- *March Cafeteria Menu and Order Form*
- *February Physical Activity Calendar*
- *Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast Order Form*
- *Fun Run Volunteers*

**Upcoming school events for this week include:**

**Lent Weekly Focus**  
**Catholic Social Justice Teaching: *Option for the Poor***  
***Country: Lesotho***

- Sunday  
*February 21st*
- **Mass of Blessing**
    - 9 am – Mrs. Horner's class
    - 11 am – Mrs. Corrigan's class

- Monday  
*February 22nd*
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Sessions** (Room 306: 2:35 – 3:00pm)
  - **Class Mass** (Grades 6 - 8: 8:30am)
  - **Mother Superior Sr. Anne Christine** from our partner orphanage school in Uganda will visit the students in class today.
  - **Power of the Pen – Regional Practice** (ER & WR: 6:30-8:10pm)

- Tuesday  
*February 23rd*
- **Jump Rope for Heart, Grades 3 and 4** (RC: 1:00 – 2:00pm)
  - **Faculty Meeting**

- Wednesday  
*February 24th*
- **Credit Union** (Room 202: 7:30 – 7:45 am)
  - **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Sessions** (Room 306: 2:35 – 3:00 pm)
  - **Art Club** (Art Room: 2:40 – 4:00pm)
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Famous American Dress Rehearsal** (SH: 8:00am – Noon)
  - **Living Stations Practice** (CH: 2:45 – 4:00pm)

- Thursday  
*February 25th*
- **Dress Down Day**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Famous American Presentations** (Social Hall)
    - 8:30 am – Mrs. Horner's class
    - 10:30 am - Mrs. Corrigan's class
  - **Children's Choir** (Choir Loft: 2:35 - 3:15pm)
  - **School Newspaper Meeting** (Tech Lab: 2:35 – 3:00pm)
  - **Ski Club** (2:30 – 8:00pm)
  - **Yearbook Meeting** (Tech Lab: 2:45)
  - **Market Day** (SH: 5:00 – 6:00pm)

- Friday  
*February 26th*
- **Reconciliation** (Grades 4 & 5: 12:30pm)

**GIFT: Spiritual Olympics**

*Learn how to go for the gold and cross the finish line, even as the world competes for our time and attention.*

**Sunday, February 28 — 12:15 to 2:30 pm**

*or*

**Monday, March 1 — 6:00 to 8:15 pm**

To register by Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, go to

<http://www.samparish.org/assets/pdf/GIFT/GIFTRegistrationForm2-10.pdf>