



St. Therese Catholic School

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Principal: Donna Illerbrun

Principal's Message

March 4, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are now in our third week of Lent. How are we preparing for Easter? Have we gone to Reconciliation? Have we given up on bad habits, and made promises to become better? Are we actively trying to become disciples of Christ? Lent is so much more than giving up chocolate or soda. It is about examining our life and finding ways to make it better. It is a time to ask, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." It is a time to ask ourselves, "Am I the person that God wants me to be? If not, how can I become that person? What changes can I make that will make Him proud, and that will make a difference in His kingdom on Earth?"

Next week our students grades 3-8 will be going to Reconciliation. The students will have a chance to cleanse themselves of past sins and to go forward with a clean slate. We are so blessed to have this Sacrament. We can feel God's blessing as the priest says, "Through the power of the Holy spirit I absolve you of your sins. Go forth and sin no more." It is like a giant weight being lifted from our shoulders. Each and everyone of us is a gift from God. We each have talents and gifts that He has given us. My prayer is that we can find these gifts and share them with each other. Our students have many gifts that they bring to our school. Our teachers share their many gifts on a daily basis with our students. We are a small school and the benefits are immense. We are a family. Let us pray together, as a family, that our school will continue to grow and to be that beacon of light that we all so desperately need.

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, which means it is a School Mass. The sixth grade class will be sponsoring the Mass. It is also our first Bake Sale. The fourth and sixth grade class will be working together to make this a successful event. I know that some feel they are being "nickel and dimed" to death. That is not the intention. We try to have as few as possible fund raisers. However, the families did not participate in the Koru fundraiser earlier this year as well as we had hoped. Each year we complete a budget for the following year. Fund raising is a means to keep the cost of tuition as low as possible. We have one of the lowest tuition costs in town. In order to do this we need to make up the difference through fund raising. I also write grants and send out letters of appeal to local business and churches. This year our budget has a fund raising amount of \$50,000.00. We currently have raised about \$14, 000.00 and have \$36, 000.00 more to meet our budget. The Bake Sales will help if we all work together. The **Golf Tournament** is our largest event. This is scheduled for May 2, 2010. We still need your support. If you have or know of a business that would like to sponsor a hole, please let me know. We also are putting together teams of 4 for the tournament. Please see the attachment for more details. Your help and cooperation in all of our events truly are greatly appreciated!

Heavenly Father,

Open our hearts that we may reveal your love for all people. Cleanse us from our wrong doings, and make us a model for those around us. Help us to be leaders of what we know to be right, and to dissuade those that choose to do wrong. Let us fast from hurtful actions and feast on showing your love and grace to those we encounter. May your love come upon us and strengthen us to do your will.

We ask this in your name. Amen

Mrs. Donna Illerbrun, Principal

Friends & Family—\$300.00 Incentive

Invite a new family to enroll at St. Therese School. When they enroll you receive a \$300.00 family discount as well as the new family.

Stations of the Cross led by the students every Friday during Lent, 2:15 pm in the church, except 3/12 & 3/26, S.E.D. Days (at 12:15 pm).

Upcoming Dates:

- 3/5 Starbase Field Trip, 6th gr. 8:30—2 pm
- Math-a-thon Ends**
- Stations of Cross 2:15 pm
- 3/7 1st Sunday Mass
- 4th & 6th Bake Sale
- 3/9 Reconciliation Service, 9 am
- 3rd—8th grades
- 3/10 End of 3rd Quarter
- Home & School Meeting
- 5:30 pm in the Library
- 3/11 Begin 4th Quarter
- 3/12 S.E.D. Day, 1 pm dismissal
- 3/14 3rd grade Bake Sale
- 3/15-3/19 **Spring Break, No School**
- 3/18 Regional Science Fair
- 3/21 8th grade Bake Sale
- 3/22 Sports Committee Mtg.
- 5:30 pm in the gym
- (re: Sports Banquet)
- 3/23 7th & 8th grade Starbase
- Field Trip, 8:30—2 pm
- 3/24 9—11 St. Vincent de Paul
- Report Cards go home
- SAC Meeting 5:30 pm
- 3/25 S.E.D. Day, 1 pm dismissal
- Parent/Teacher Conferences

There is an unclaimed crock pot in the teachers' lounge. It's been there a couple of months.



Our beloved Saint Therese, pray for us.

DATE: March 1, 2010

TO: All St. Therese Families

FROM: Anna Apodaca
Home & School President

RE: BAKE SALES

Information has been sent out to all families regarding the upcoming **St. Therese Fundraising Bake Sales**. I want to clear up a few questions that have come up.

- 1) We are having these bake sales for St. Therese School. All monies raised from this fundraiser goes directly into the school's general operating account.
- 2) These bake sales are mandatory. We must have 100% participation from all families in order for this fundraiser to be a success. Even if you have fulfilled your 20 hours of work service hours, you need to participate in this fundraiser.

In order to keep tuition rates down (St. Therese School has one of the lowest tuition rates in the city), we have to fundraise. It's as simple as that. Home & School works on ways to fundraise for our school and works with room parents on classroom parties, etc. The idea of the bake sales was brought up and approved at a Home & School meeting. Meeting dates and times are listed in the school newsletter and also emailed out. If you want to be involved in future fundraising ideas, please come to the Home & School meetings. We would love your input and ideas.

Room parents work very hard to keep communication flowing to all the families in your child's classroom. They are keeping you informed on what is going on at our school. Please take a moment sometime to thank your Room Parent for the hard work they put into your child's classroom. They are sending out or have already sent out information regarding your classroom's bake sale. Please sign up for a baked item and volunteer some time for your bake sale. Remember....we do all this hard work for our children and their future!

As you know, St. Therese School is a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow in a safe environment. We are very fortunate to have devoted teachers and small classroom sizes. We have to all help out in these fundraising events so that St. Therese School can continue to grow.

Please see the next page for a list of the Bake Sale Dates. Mark your calendars and plan on participating!

Thank you to all St. Therese Families and all the wonderful things you do for St. Therese School -may God Bless you, your families, and the teachers & staff of our beloved St. Therese School.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 897-9084 or mamadaca@hotmail.com.

SPRING CLEAN GARAGE SALE

All proceeds benefit St. Therese Catholic School



It's Spring Cleaning time!

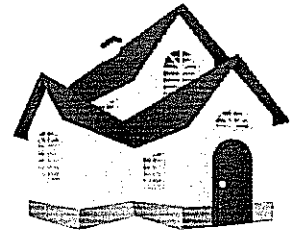


What are you to do with all those wonderful items you don't need?

Donate them for the St. Therese School "Spring Clean" Sale!

When: Saturday, April 17th – St. Therese Gym

Time: 7:30 am to 1:00 pm



Items we are looking for: (Gently used please)

Baby Items

Furniture

Clothes (Mens, Women's, Children)

Kitchen Items

**St. Therese School Uniforms –

we will have a section devoted to St. Therese Uniforms

If you have items you would like to donate or you would like to help (Service HOURS) – contact Dawn Robbins 238-6926

Note this will be one of your last opportunities to get your service hours in!



Golf Tournament

14th Annual St. Therese Catholic School Golf Tournament

Date: Sunday, May 2, 2010

Place: Los Altos Golf Course

Time: 8:00 am Shot Gun Start

Cost: \$100.00 per person
\$400.00 per team

Includes: Greens Fees, Golf Cart,
Luncheon and Goodie bag, plus many
opportunities to win prizes!

Make checks payable to:

St. Therese School

Mail to: St. Therese School

311 Shropshire Place NW

Albuquerque, NM 87107

Contact Donna Herbrun at 344-4479

Joe Rocca @ 328-4479 or

Jason Martinez @ 975-6331

School News

MATH-A-THON NEWS

Due to the tardy arrival of the Math-A-Thon Pledge Forms, I have decided to change the due date for returning them, to Friday, March the 5th. Please ask your child for the form if they haven't already given it to you, and consider your donation. Your student can tell you about the short DVD they saw explaining Math-A-Thon. Thanks for your participation, Mrs. Owen

Home & School Meeting

The next Home & School Meeting is **Wednesday, March 10th at 5:30** in the library (NOT March 1st). Please mark your calendars. We will be getting an update from 4th & 6th grades regarding their bake sale. Hopefully they can give the rest of the classrooms ideas on what to do and not do.

4th & 6th grade families should have already been contacted to sign up for their bake sale on Sunday, March 7th.

3rd Grade families....reminder that your bake sale is Sunday, March 14th. Information has gone out.

8th Grade Families....you may want to start getting a head start on your bake sale on Sunday, March 21st

2nd & Pre-K Families...your bake sale is Sunday, March 28th

5th & 1st Grade Families...your bake sale is Sunday, April 11th

7th Grade & Kinder Families...your bake sale is Sunday, April 18th.

We invite all families to come to the next Home & School meeting to help plan your classroom's bake sales. Please look for information from your room parents. All families must participate.

If you have any questions, please contact me at mamadaca@hotmail.com or 897-9084.

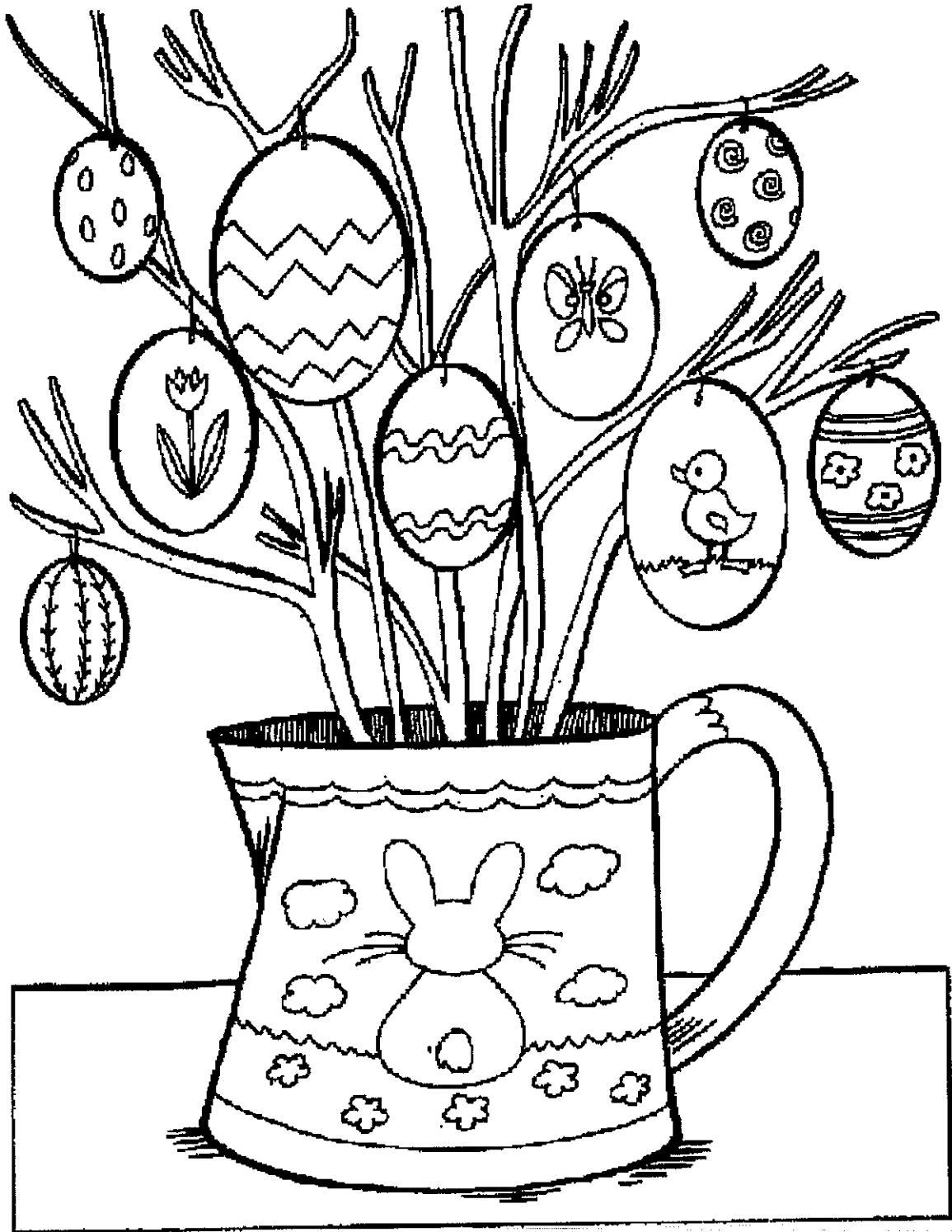
Thank you for all your support of the school!
Anna Apodaca
Home & School

Pre-Kinder Donations

Thank you so much for your donations to the Pre-K class. We will be able to use everything. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Diana Montoya & Mrs. Valerie Oliver

*Box Tops for Education
Coloring Contest*



Color the picture & return it with at least 5 boxtops. Contest ends Friday, March 26.

Name: _____

Grade: _____