

# St. Francis Xavier School News



## Peek at the Week February 1 - 5

### Mon., Feb. 1—Fri. Feb. 5

Catholic Schools Week Special Dress & Events happening daily. Please see schedule that was sent home last week for details.

### Wednesday, February 3

All School Liturgy  
9:00am Trinity Hall  
Please join us!

B.E.S.T. Club 3:15pm—5pm

### Friday, February 5

Family Fun Night  
5:30pm—8:00pm  
St. Francis Xavier School  
Food, fun and fellowship  
Join us as we wrap up our week—long celebration of Catholic Schools Week 2010

## Growing Our Seeds Of Faith



My first memory of Catholic education happened not in a school, but in my home. I cannot pinpoint the exact moment in time, but rather, it is a collage of memorable and enduring experiences rooted in the faith practice of a family that believed in God; believed in Jesus Christ as our Savior.

My parents brought to life, at the earliest moments of a child's life, a living legacy of faith, hope and charity. Even though my dad was Lutheran, they raised us kids in the Catholic faith, tradition and practice. I can still recall vividly the Sunday evening recitation of the Rosary in our humble, yet spiritually rich home.

As we grew, my parents introduced us to our Church. I recall my first days at St. Timothy in Maple Lake. I remember with fondness the Benedictine Sisters who taught there and the priest, whose daily strolls through St. Timothy School brought smiles to the faces of my classmates and me. There was a unity of spirit, of caring, of affection and an enduring sense of trust in those clergy and religious who lived their faith and shared their faith and friendship.

My parents believed in Catholic education, not as a matter of convenience, but rather as a matter of conviction. They so believed in Catholic education that there was no hardship too strenuous to prevent them from ensuring that our education would be first and foremost a Catholic education...one that considered the beauty of the human spirit, the mysteries of life and the ultimate faith in the life of Jesus Christ. My parents understood the trinity of home, school and parish in an authentic fashion.

The many gifts of Catholic education live on in my every day life. One such enduring

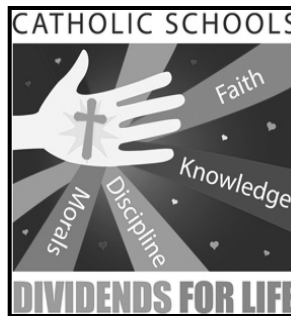
gift, for me, has been the almost continuous connecting and reconnecting with people I have met over the many years in Catholic education — fellow students, teachers, parents, colleagues, parishioners, religious and priests — all of whom provide this sense of interdependence and support within and beyond the Catholic community.

Some may think that an assessment of Catholic education should be based on the degree to which our students excel academically, athletically and/or artistically. To be sure, these measures are important. But to me the real strength of Catholic education has been, and will continue to be, the fact that Catholic schools go far beyond test scores and report cards. Children who attend Catholic Schools receive an education much greater. They are provided an education that celebrates the uniqueness of each individual by educating the whole child...spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically.

Perhaps the greatest tribute to Catholic education is that it is an extension of the home. Catholic school teachers form partnerships with parents to provide an academically rigorous education in a Christ-centered environment. That is the environment that my parents chose for me as I headed off to school in 1974. It is the same environment that Jim and I choose for our children and I am very happy that you have chosen it for yours! I am sure one day they will thank you as well. The investment you make today is definitely a dividend—the payoff will include a lifetime of rewards.

Sincerely In Christ,

*Kim*



**Be it known to all who enter that Christ is the reason for this school.  
He is the unseen but ever present teacher in its classrooms.  
He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.**

**St. Francis Xavier School**

**Mission Statement**

*As a Christ-centered faith community, we foster spiritual growth, academic excellence and a commitment to justice in the name of Jesus as we educate our students.*

**Upcoming Virtus Session**

If you are interested in volunteering with children in our school, you must go through an Archdiocesan sponsored 3-hour Virtus Training Session called Protecting God's Children for Adults. **There will be a training session here at the Education Center on Sunday, February 21st from 6:30pm—9:30pm.** If you are unable to attend this session, there are some in and around our area as listed below:

**February 16th:** Holy Name, Wayzata beginning at 6:30pm.

**February 25th:** St. Michael, St. Michael beginning at 7:00pm

**March 11th:** St. Bartholomew, Wayzata beginning at 6:00pm.

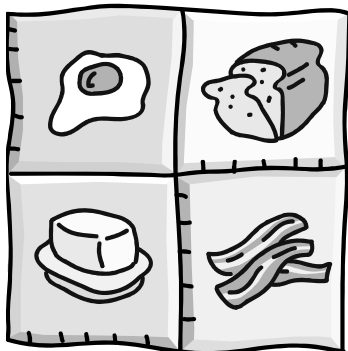
Registration must be done online on the Virtus website at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)

**Please Join Us!**

Catholic Schools Week 2010:  
Dividends for Life

Kicks off at the  
9:00am Mass  
this Sunday, January 31st at  
St. Francis Xavier Church

Breakfast and Open House to follow at  
St. Francis Xavier School



Congratulations on your  
first grandchild,  
Mrs. Fiedler.  
You will be a  
SUPER GRANDMA!

*Dear Lord,*

*You are the greatest of all teachers.  
During this week, we give thanks for the wonderful  
teaching and learning that takes place each day in  
Catholic Schools.*

*We thank you for...*

*...the wisdom and understanding of teachers  
...the enthusiasm and energy of students  
...the leadership of Pastors, Principals and Adminis-  
trative staff  
...the partnership of parents and support from the  
parish and community*

*We pray that our learning journey be inspired by a  
search for your wisdom and truth.*

*We pray that we never take for granted the learning  
opportunities that have been given, and that we use  
the gifts of learning wisely and responsibly.*

*We ask that we use what we have learned to create a  
better world for all people, particularly the most vul-  
nerable and disadvantaged.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and ever.*

*Amen*