

**From the Nest...**

3/2/10

**“God is Here...in Faithfulness”**

**Lent—A Time of Almsgiving**



Please consider helping the Mission Honduras Le Mars trips this year with the following items.  
Nothing old, please.

Soap, shampoo, skin lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, vitamins of all kinds especially children's chewables and prenats, Tylenol (cannot be outdated), flip flops and sandals, shoes and socks, children's clothes especially baby clothes, cloth diapers/rubber pants, baby blankets, other shirts and blouses, underwear, shorts, t-shirts, caps, small toys, bubbles, stickers, gum, hair ties for girls, fingernail polish, soccer balls, twin size bed sheets, and school supplies of all kinds: notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, crayons, coloring books, rulers, glue, Spanish children's' books, and erasers.

Just drop them off at school.

**End of Quarter  
March 15**

**Report Cards will be in  
March 23rd Home Folders**



**Lent—A Time of  
Prayer**

**\* First Friday Adoration**

Fri., March 5  
10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.  
School Chapel

**\* K-12 Liturgy**

Wed., March 3 8:45 St. Joseph's

**\* Musical Stations of the Cross**

Wed., March 10  
8:45—gym

**\* Student Reconciliation Services**

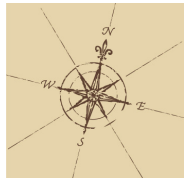
Wed. March 17

***Kids Against Hunger Coin Collection***

We continue to accept coins for the KAH food packing event scheduled for May 7.

Please bring your coins to the table in front of the library on Thursday or Friday, March 11, 12, 25 and 26 between 7:30 and 8:20 a.m.

Help feed the hungry of the world!



God is Here!  
Seek and you shall find!  
Seekers Welcome!

**“If you pray - you will believe, if you believe - you will love, if you love - you will serve.”**

Mother Teresa

**Round-up This Week!**

Please pray for a successful TK/K Round-up!



**We Want YOU to Pay Less in Tuition!**

**Deadline is March 15th!**

**FAIR Applications are due that day.  
Call the office for help.  
(See next page for more information.)**

**GCAA Can Drive**

Please bring your recyclable beverage containers to the elementary door between 8:00- and 10:00 am on Sat., March 6. Funds provide Gehlen tuition scholarships.



**Mark these Dates**

- March 4/5: Kindergarten Round-up Sessions**
- March 4: 5th grade to the Sioux City Art Center**
- March 5: Drawing for Betty Sitzmann Quilt**
- March 15: FAIR Applications due...call Lisa Niebuhr for assistance if needed**
- March 17: T.E.A.M. Green and Jean Day**
- March 21: T.E.A.M. Pizza and Bingo Family Night**



## **Gehlen Catholic Wants YOU to Pay Less in Tuition!**

Few parents pay the full amount of their child's post-secondary education. Thanks to the Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Foundation, now TK-12 families can pay less for their child(ren)'s TK-12<sup>th</sup> grade tuition.

More than \$200,000 in restricted tuition assistance dollars has been donated to help families interested in sending their children to Gehlen Catholic for the 2010-2011 school year. Your family could be one of the lucky recipients if you apply today for Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Foundation!

Eligible families can receive a minimum of \$250 & a maximum of 75% off each child's tuition for the coming year.

At a recent meeting, FAIR responded to the following questions:

1. **Why do we need to have our applications in by March 15th?** It takes 7-20 working days for FAIR (the diocesan third-party vendor). Per diocesan policy, all incomplete applications will be ineligible for local tuition assistance for 2010-2011 school year.
2. **What is the application deadline of April 1st mean?** All incomplete applications at FAIR's office in Eagan, Minnesota, on April 1st will be denied. We recommend you have your application, tax return & supporting documents, fee & questions addressed by March 31st.
3. **How do we know if our application is complete?** Visit [www.fairapp.com](http://www.fairapp.com) <<http://www.fairapp.com>>. Click on the tab entitled "Parent Status." You can monitor your application in real time!
4. **What if we have a child in preschool, where do we indicate those tuition fees?** Please include the amount paid included in your "other expenses" on Part 7. Then, tell FAIR the actual amount in Part 8 - special circumstances.
5. **We have a child in college & are making payments towards tuition & books. Where do we include that information?** Please include the amount in Part 7 under "other expenses" & then explain in Part 8.
6. **I don't think we're eligible. Why should we apply?** A) Income guidelines have not yet been set by the government. Therefore, the numbers we are providing are just estimates. B) FAIR looks at income less expenses. We would hate for you to pass up tuition assistance dollars just because you didn't apply. If your child were going to college, you'd apply for financial aid - right?! Why not do the same today!

Applications went home in Tuesday folders. If you need a second copy, call the school. Otherwise, you can apply online at [www.fairapp.com](http://www.fairapp.com).

For more information, call Mary Klein or Lisa Niebuhr at Gehlen Catholic at 546-4181.

## **WIN A QUILT!!!! A SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED!!!**

Tickets are on sale now through Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, for the Betty Sitzmann Quilt Raffle & Scholarship. The 2010 quilt features the Ohio Stars pattern on a crème background. Small green and blue squares off-set the gold points, which create a brightly colored secondary pattern. Chances are just \$1 each & are available at Gehlen Catholic & American Bank, where Betty worked. In addition, the winner of the Betty Sitzmann Scholarship will be announced next Friday. You do not need to be present to win. Our thanks to Betty's family for their generosity & support!

