

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL THURSDAY BULLETIN

January 13, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you to everyone who attended the Internet/Social Media Safety presentation on Tuesday evening! We are grateful to Steve Schreiner from ESD 101 for sharing his expertise with us and helping to keep our children safe! Remember to log your volunteer hours in Sycamore for attending. Another big thank you to everyone who joined us for Skate Night and Mod Pizza on Wednesday. Michelle Binion has done a fabulous job of finding safe and fun ways for our community to get together and socialize!



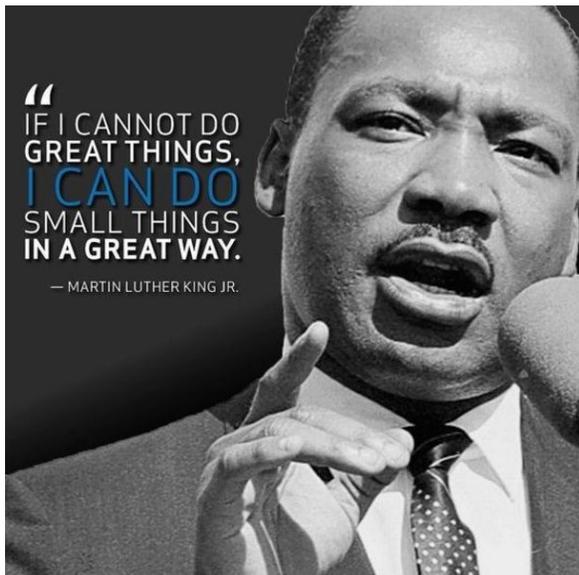
Please remember that there is no school tomorrow, January 14th, for a teacher inservice. Educare is open, with pre-registration required. The faculty has been working on our Accreditation Self-Study for over a year. The visiting team comes in March to affirm our work, recognize the many great things occurring at Trinity, and to help us set goals for further growth in the future. Additional volunteer opportunities related to our accreditation visit include providing snacks or meals for the visitors or serving on an interview panel. Please let the office know if you are interested. Both school and Educare will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

As we begin this new calendar year, a few important things are on the horizon. Registration for the 2022-23 school year will be held in February and March. As you plan for your family's budget, please allow for at least a 5% tuition increase. As you know, the minimum wage went up 5.8% this year, and teacher salaries will increase proportionately. We are working to maximize each school fundraiser in an effort to keep costs low. Parents and guardians are encouraged to find ways to increase fundraising efforts throughout the year to assist with our Fair Share tuition program.

Our next fundraiser is the Annual Campaign for Excellence. Letters went out in December asking donors for continued financial support of Trinity's mission. The family portion of this event will occur during Catholic Schools' Week on February 1-2. This will be an online giving campaign, with parents asked to donate, and also to share the donation link with friends and family via email and social media inviting others to donate as well. We will provide all of the necessary information, you simply need to send it out to as many folks as possible! Let's work together to maximize this low-maintenance fundraiser and support our community!

Finally, we ask that you continue to be diligent in your efforts to minimize the spread of COVID-19 by keeping children home and testing when they display symptoms. It is also extremely important that you share details of exposure with us so we can help navigate the quarantine requirements. We will make every effort to keep students in school, but ultimately safety has to be our first priority.

Blessings,
Stacie Holcomb



TEACHER INSERVICE DAY

There is no school tomorrow, **January 14**, for a Teacher Inservice Day. Educare is open and preregistration required.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

Both the school and Educare will be closed on Monday, **January 17**, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.

LOGGING IN VOLUNTEER HOURS

Have you logged in your Volunteer hours on Sycamore? We have had several opportunities for hours to date:

- Entering your car or providing candy for Trunk or Treat.
- Helping with the Auction
- Attending Mass
- Attending the Internet Safety Presentation

Please remember that per your tuition contract, each family, along with the tuition commitment, must perform 20 hours of volunteer service (\$10 will be charged for each uncompleted hour) and must participate in the four main school community events by:

1. Donating four items for the Trinity School Auction or paying \$200.
2. Participating in the Campaign for Excellence Annual Appeal.
3. Raising \$100 per student for Day in Motion.
4. Selling the required number of Cow Plop tickets.

I will be sending out the number of hours you have volunteered to date at the end of 2nd quarter (February 4).

HOW TO LOG IN YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

1. Log into your Sycamore account
2. Go to the MY SCHOOL TAB
3. CLICK ON SERVICE LOGS
4. IN TOP RIGHT CORNER CLICK NEW LOG
5. ENTER INFORMATION
6. Select Opportunity From Drop Down Menu.
7. Pick Opportunity
8. Submit

WHOLEHEARTED WOMEN'S GATHERING CONFERENCE 2022

Join other women from around the Spokane Diocese and the Inland Northwest **January 29th**, for a day of inspiration, faith, fellowship, and fun.

The doors at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Otis Orchards will open at 8:30 a.m. allowing time for registration, shopping, and continental breakfast.

The conference will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. Keynote speaker Heather Khym and inspiring music will enliven our spirits and refresh our outlook with a renewed understanding of how we are each called in these times to something new and fresh. The day will be filled with inspirational talks, motivational entertainment, informative workshops, shopping, personal time to

pray, Confession, Adoration, tons of laughter, a fabulous lunch, door prizes, and a fun raffle! We will conclude at 4:30 p.m. with an optional community celebration of the vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Heather Khym has been serving in ministry for over 20 years and passionately shares the Gospel through speaking and leading worship. She has ministered to a variety of audiences throughout North America and has a passion for evangelization, discipleship, and creating an environment for people to have a personal encounter with God. In 2005, Heather and her husband, Jake, founded Life Restoration, a ministry which seeks to help people become fully alive and experience freedom and restoration in Jesus. Currently, Heather lives in Abbotsford, British Columbia with her husband Jake and their 3 children Maria, Judah, and Evangeli.

LIMITED tickets. Registration is available on the Spokane Diocesan website, dioceseofspokane.org

MEN'S HEARTS ON FIRE CONFERENCE

The Annual Men's "Heart on Fire" Conference will be **March 19**, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Parish. Hearts on Fire gathers men to invite them to be Christ's disciples, enkindle in their hearts the flame of the Holy Spirit, and send them out as witnesses of the Father's love.

MISSION STATEMENT

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VISION STATEMENT

Who we serve and what we do. We serve men of all ages, backgrounds, and places in their journey of faith, gathering them together to hear the word and receive the sacraments.

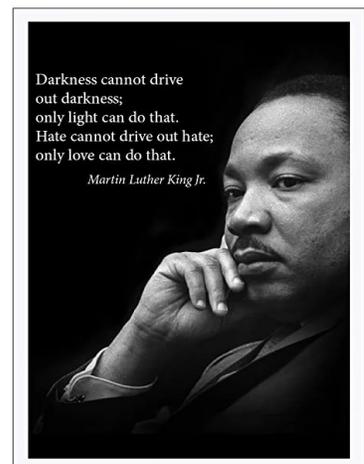
Why we meet. We pray that men leave the conference with "their hearts burning within them," empowered by the Holy Spirit to take the next step in their discipleship to Christ. To grow in knowledge of their faith. To progress in the life of prayer and the sacraments. To break free from a vice or strengthen a virtue. To better love and serve.

How men can take the next step. We connect men with other men who can help them in their journey of faith, and we challenge them to ask often for the help of our Blessed Mother Mary and all the angels and saints.

To register or for more information visit dioceseofspokane.org/mens-conference-2022 or call 509-358-7320. Registration opens January 1 at 8:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, **May 15**, 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church as the date for Confirmation and First Communion.



“I Have a Dream”
Speech by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.
at the “March on Washington,”

I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

Five score years ago a great American in whose symbolic shadow we stand today signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree is a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity. But 100 years later the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later the life of the Negro is still badly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself in exile in his own land. So we've come here today to dramatize a shameful condition.

In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our Republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men—yes, black men as well as white men—would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. . . .

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protests to degenerate into physical violence. . . . The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny.

. . . We cannot walk alone. And as we walk we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, “When will you be satisfied?” We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality.

We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities.

We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their adulthood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating “For Whites Only.”

We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and the Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote.

No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream. . . .

I say to you today, my friends, though, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream . . . I have a dream that one day in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today . . .

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning. "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountain side, let freedom ring." And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California.

But not only that. Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi, from every mountain side. Let freedom ring . . .

When we allow freedom to ring—when we let it ring from every city and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last, Free at last, Great God a-mighty, We are free at last."

