



Around the Parish

FEBRUARY 2019

SHE NEVER SAW THE CAKE

Cindy glanced nervously at the clock on the kitchen wall. Five minutes before midnight. “They should be home any time now,” she thought as she put the finishing touches on the chocolate cake she was frosting. It was the first time in her 12 years she had tried to make a cake from scratch, and to be honest, it wasn’t exactly an aesthetic triumph. The cake was. . . well, lumpy. And the frosting was bitter, as if she had run out of sugar or something. Which, of course, she had.

And then there was the way the kitchen looked. Imagine a huge blender filled with all the ingredients for chocolate cake - including the requisite bowls, pans and utensils. Now imagine that the blender is turned on. High speed. With the lid off. Do you get the idea?

But Cindy wasn’t thinking about the mess. She had created something, a veritable phoenix of flour and sugar rising out of the kitchen clutter. She was anxious for her parents to return home from their date so she could present her anniversary gift to them. She turned off the kitchen lights and waited excitedly in the darkness. When at last she saw the flash of the car headlights, she positioned herself in the kitchen doorway. By the time she heard the key sliding into the front door, she was THIS CLOSE to exploding.

Her parents tried to slip in quietly, but Cindy would have none of that. She flipped on the lights dramatically and trumpeted: “Ta-daaa!” She gestured grandly toward the kitchen table, where a slightly off-balance two-layer chocolate cake awaited their inspection.

But her mother’s eyes never made it all the way to the table.

“just look at this mess!” she moaned. “How many times have I talked to you about cleaning up after yourself?” “But Mom, I was only . . . “I should make you clean this up right now, but I’m too tired to stay up with you to make sure you get it done right,” her mother said. “So you’ll do it first thing in the morning.”

“Honey,” Cindy’s father interjected gently, “take a look at the table.” I know - it’s a mess,” his wife said coldly. “The whole kitchen is a disaster. I can’t stand to look at it.” She stormed up the stairs and into her room, slamming the door shut behind her.

For a few moments Cindy and her father stood silently, neither one knowing what to say. At last she looked up at him, her eyes moist and red. “She never saw the cake,” she said.

Unfortunately, Cindy’s mother isn’t the only parent who suffers from Situational Timberricular Glaucoma - the occasional inability to see the forest for the trees. From time to time we all allow ourselves to be blinded to issues of long-term significance by Stuff That Seems Awfully Important Right Now - but isn’t. Muddy shoes, lost lunch money and messy kitchens are troublesome, and they deserve their place among life’s frustrations. But what’s a little mud - even on a new carpet - compared to a child’s self-esteem? Is a lost dollar more valuable than a youngster’s emerging dignity? And while kitchen sanitation is important, is it worth the sacrifice of tender feelings and relationships?

I’m not saying that our children don’t need to learn responsibility, or to occasionally suffer the painful consequences of bad choices. Those lessons are vital and need to be carefully taught. But as parents we must never forget that we’re not teaching lessons - we’re teaching children. That means there are times when we need to see the mess in the kitchen. And times when we only need to see the cake.

5TH GRADERS AND UP SACRED HEART CHURCH NEEDS YOU!



We are now recruiting new Altar Servers. Students who are in the 5th grade and up and who have received first Holy Communion are eligible. Register to serve at the altar by completing the registration below.

Instructional sessions are (Please Check One):

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| _____ | February 20 th & 21 st | 3 PM to 4:30 PM |
| _____ | March 13 th & March 14 th | 6 PM to 7:30 PM |
| _____ | March 27 th & March 28 th | 3 PM to 4:30 PM |
| _____ | April 10 th & April 11 th | 6 PM to 7:30 PM |

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

The Altar Servers form a very important part of the church and every parish is enriched through their dedication and service. The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest or deacon in the celebration of the liturgies on weekdays, weekends, funerals, and weddings. Your presence assists in and enhances the nobility and beauty of our celebrations. Being an altar server promotes a closer relationship with the ever-present Body of Christ in the lives of those who serve. It is a commitment and an honor. As the parent your signature indicates your agreement to this commitment.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Please return to Sacred Heart School or to the rectory office. Should you have any questions, please contact Father Hutta at (610) 372-4010.

Be a Server at the Altar!

FEBRUARY 2019 ANNUAL FUND NEWS - CELEBRATE A CENTURY! 1919-2019

Sacred Heart School is CELEBRATING A CENTURY this year! We are incredibly appreciative of all the donations we've received so far to our Annual Fund and overwhelmed by the selfless generosity of our parishioners. Our Annual Fund is used for the upkeep of our building, books, art supplies, salaries for our wonderful teachers and many other daily operational needs. Every dollar we receive directly affects every student.

Our "Walk for Annual Fund" campaign kickoff is fast approaching. SHS Walk for Annual Fund is a fun way for our students to help raise money for their school. The campaign begins on March 4th and our walk will take place on May 3rd, 2019. (rain date May 10, 2019) Pledge now and pay over time - all pledged donations have until June 30th to be paid in full. Prayerfully consider a donation to our Annual Fund to continue Sacred Heart's legacy for another 100 years!

You can also support our school by purchasing gift cards through our SHOPS/scrip program. SHS purchases gift cards at a discount and sells them at face value. We carry many of the local grocery stores & restaurants and can order from over 700 retailers. You can order or purchase your SHOPS cards after the 5:30pm, 9:30am, & 11:00 am masses on most weekends and in the IHM room on Mondays & Fridays from 8-9:45am. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Questions? Please contact Beth Gasperack at (610) 685-2347 or bgasperack@sacredheartreading.org.



Yes I would like to help Sacred Heart School with a gift to the SHS Annual Fund !

- I wish to pledge \$_____.** (NOTE: pledges must be fulfilled by June 30th)
- Please invoice me monthly payments of \$_____ from now until June 2015
- Please charge my credit card for a monthly payment of \$_____ for _____ months
- Enclosed is my gift of \$_____.**
- Please charge my credit card for my \$_____ gift.** (enter credit card info below)

SHS student to receive fundraising credit: _____

Name/Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check all that apply:

- Current Parent Former Parent Grandparent of current SHS student Parishioner Corporate Sponsor Foundation Faculty/Staff Alumnus - Class of _____ Other _____
- I wish to remain anonymous

Matching Gifts:

- A matching gift will come from my employer.
- A matching gift form is enclosed or will come from my employer.

Planned Giving:

- I would like information on planned giving.

For Credit Card Payment:

- VISA Mastercard American Express

Name as it appears on card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

Validation Code: _____ (on back of card for VISA/MC; on front of card for AMEX)

Signature: _____

Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart School !

Gifts to Sacred Heart School are tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by law.

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SENIORS NEWS

Come and join the fun on Monday, February 4th because we are celebrating Valentine's Day! The festivities will begin at 1 PM in the Wachter Room. Join us for drinks and refreshments! Don't miss out on all the fun! Come and bring along a friend!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mason Joseph Chervanick
Nora Joy Chervanick
Tessa Grace Chervanick
Children of Michael & Terri Chervanick
Mason was born on 6-12-2015
Nora and Tessa were born on 7-5-18

A VALENTINE REMEMBRANCE

The Sacred Heart St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting items for their Valentine's Day Baskets for Shut-Ins Project. Needed are small baskets in which to put the gift items in as well as: flavored/decaffeinated tea, light jam, Dove or Ivory soap, deodorant, gentle body wash, body lotion, shampoo, conditioner, sugar-free candy, note paper and stamps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, small packages of tissues, or anything else you think they would enjoy or need. You may place your items in the basket located in the vestibule in front of the windows next to the fundraising table or drop them off at the rectory. You are also invited to join in packing the baskets on Monday, February 11th at 7 PM in the Wachter Room. We are also in need of volunteers to deliver the baskets. If you have any questions, contact Ann Sutherland at asuther237@gmail.com. As always, SVDP appreciates your continued support of their projects.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Students, faculty, staff and parents of Sacred Heart School send a big THANK YOU to the John R. Post Family Charitable donation for the very generous grant of \$20,000 to purchase our new security system. The Foundation has been instrumental over the years in helping SHS stay current in technology, establish a PreKindergarten program, and meet our financial obligations in many ways. We are delighted to honor John R. and Maryanne Post at our "Celebrate a Century" gala on June 1st. We hope you will consider joining us for this event as we celebrate the past and look forward to the next century for Sacred Heart School.

We continue to prepare for our Middle States visit March 26th-29th. Our school will be working on goals involving writing, STEM, and sustainability. Our self-study has involved many stakeholders and has provided us the opportunity to take a critical look at all facets of a Sacred Heart education. Please keep us in your prayers as we show off our school to the visiting team.
Submitted by: Kathy Napolitano, Principal

GREETERS AND USHERS NEEDED!

Any men *or* women interested in volunteering to be greeters and/or ushers at Sunday Mass please call or email Bob Duchynski at (610) 775-7597 or rduchynski@comcast.net. No previous experience required - just a smile 😊
We are especially in need of greeters for the 9:30 and 11 AM Masses.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO

The Kaufman Family on the death of,
Sue Ellen Kaufman
12-17-2018

The Seghetti Family on the death of,
Nancey L. Seghetti
12-19-18

The Albert Family on the death of,
Anthony Albert
12-21-18

The Ricci Family on the death of,
Francis R. Ricci
12-22-2018

The Yu Family on the death of,
Crispina Yu
12-24-2018

The Aikman Family on the death of,
James H. Aikman
1-1-2019



The Bornemann Knights are now online! That's right, stay up-to-date with our parish activities calendar, activity photos, and Catholic Resources page with links for Catholic life! Check out our new website www.bornknights.org and life us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bornknight.org.

And, if you are ever interested in joining our fine group of Catholic men, just Contact Us and we will be happy to give you any details of what we do.

February Events:

21st Rosary, General Meeting & Fellowship- 6:45 PM - IHM Room

Mark your calendar: Spaghetti Dinner at Victor Emmanuel II, Wednesday, May 1st, 4:30 to 7 PM.

The Knights of Columbus Monsignor Bornemann Council membership is open to all practicing Catholic male adults, aged 18 and over, who wish to serve their parish and community. Meetings are the third Thursday of the month. To join, contact our Membership Committee Chair Charlie Polinko at (610) 301-5592.

SACRED HEART HYMNALS

Have you taken a good look at the hymnals in the pews lately? They are truly in a sad state of disrepair. The hymnals were purchased in 2004 and the usual lifetime for hymnals is 10 years. Our hymnals owe us nothing! However, to replace them is quite costly! What to do? I'm sure everyone is aware or has been involved in a challenge to raise funds where a patron puts up an amount of money with the idea of matching funds from other donors. Well that is what we plan to do for Sacred Heart Parish.

A donor will match up to \$6,000 in funds collected which would allow us to purchase hymnals for the pews, the choir, music for the organ, guitar and other instruments.

Now it is your turn to match those funds! You can do that either by calling/sending Kate Banta your donation at the Rectory (610) 372-4010 or Sacred Heart Church, P.O. Box 6217, Reading, PA 19610. Or you can put it in the Sunday collection basket in an envelope clearly marked-HYMNAL FUND. Let's get this project on its way! Hymnals will be able to be memorialized.



IT'S TIME TO PARTY!!!

Come and join us for an **ADULT ONLY** Mardi Gras Celebration on Saturday, March 2nd from 6 to 8 PM in the School Gym! This is a FREE event! There will be wine, cheese, beer and snacks. BEADS for All! Wear a mask and be entered in a prize drawing. Come in from the cold and party hearty before Ash Wednesday!

SHS ENROLLMENT NEWS

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is underway! Since 1919 Sacred Heart School has provided generations of Berks County families an excellent faith-based education that has produced many of our community's leaders and most influential citizens. Our students have achieved much success this year in academics, extracurricular activities, and in serving our community.

- Our Mathletes placed 2nd in a county wide competition with one of our students receiving a perfect score.
- Our 2018 7th Grade class placed in the top 5 schools in the Diocese on their IOWA tests.
- Our 1st & 2nd graders collected and donated over 300 pairs of

gloves, hats & scarves to The Children's Home of Reading as their service project.

These are only a few examples of the exemplary results of a Sacred Heart education.

At Sacred Heart School we nurture the minds, bodies, and souls of every student. To Explore the Difference for your child - visit our school website www.sacredheartreading.com - new students tab - or call the school office at 610-373-3316 to schedule a tour. Transfer Grants are available for those students transferring from a public school and many forms of financial aid are available to qualifying families. Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms are filling up! Register today to save your child's spot.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

FEBRUARY

20th & 21st Altar Server Training

MARCH

2nd MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION
6th ASH WEDNESDAY

13th & 14th Altar Server Training
19th St. Joseph Day Covered Dish Social

25th - 29th Middle States at School
27th & 28th Altar Server Training

APRIL

10th & 11th Altar Server Training
21st EASTER
Easter Egg Hunt!

MAY

1st K of C Spaghetti Dinner
3rd Walk for Annual Fund
4th First Communion

JUNE

1st Sacred Heart School Gala
9th 12th Annual Parish Picnic

FEBRUARY 2019 EVENTS

- 3 Coffee & Donuts – 10 AM – Wachter
- 4 Seniors Meeting – 1 PM – Wachter
Parish Council – 7 PM - Wachter
- 6 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
- 7 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
- 11 SVDP – 7 PM – Wachter
- 13 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
Baptism Class – 7 PM – Wachter
- 14 **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**
Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
- 17 Coffee & Donuts – 10 AM – Wachter
Third Order Carmelites – 1 PM – Chapel & Wachter
- 20 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
RCIA – 7 PM - Bornemann
Liturgy Committee – 7 PM – Wachter
- 21 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann
Knights of Columbus – 7 PM – IHM Room
- 25 Newsletter Mailing – 8:30 AM – Wachter
- 27 Bible Sharing – 9:30 AM – Bornemann
RCIA – 7 PM – Bornemann
- 28 Knitters & Crocheters – 1 PM – Bornemann