

St. Didacus Parish School Newsletter



March 23, 2010

Parent Newsletter

The Fruit of the Spirit is LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GRATITUDE, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS and SELF-CONTROL. Galatians 5:22

Principal's Remarks

We are in the midst of our WASC visit! My thanks to the WASC team members who are giving so generously of their time to our school, and to all here at the school who helped prepare for this event!

We are proud of our school!

Be sure to greet our guests when you see them around campus. They would love to talk to you!

As we get ready to enter Holy Week, we encourage you to participate as fully as possible with your children in the most beautiful liturgies of the Church year. Starting on Palm Sunday with the reading of the Passion, and culminating in the three day Easter Triduum services which begin on Holy Thursday evening. See our school calendar for a schedule of liturgies in English and Spanish.

Mrs. La Costa

Important Dates:

- * Tomorrow-
Minimum
Day of
School
- * Friday, **NO
SCHOOL**
- * Sunday, Palm
Sunday
- * Tuesday,
March 30
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ing at 6:30

IMPORTANT!!

Need service hours? We need people to bring folding chairs from the school (under the stage) to the parish hall at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31st!! Thanks to anyone who can help out with this project.

Service Opportunity at the Parish: if you need some parish service hours, they need help getting the church ready for Easter. Just show up at church on Saturday, March 27th at 9 am!!



Special thanks to...



- * **Father Mike for all his homilies that he directs to the St. Didacus students. We are listening!**
- * **Our PTG who is coordinating WASC hospitality this week, with parent support!**
- * **Our parish for their support of the Opportunity Raffle part of our Auction.**
- * **Our daycare staff: Miss Lorraine, Miss Iwona, Miss Allie and Miss Angela, who work with our children each day after school.**
- * **Mr. Elicone who donated a new printer to the school.**

Please keep in your prayers...



- * All who are ill in our school and parish community.
- * Our alumni and parish youth who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- * All who are preparing to be received into the church at the Easter Vigil Mass.
- * Rosa Orcino, great-grandmother of the Orcino family, who suffered a heart attack.

Teacher Job Fair for the Diocese of San Diego is Saturday, March 27 at Cathedral from 9-12 if you know anyone interested in teaching in our Catholic Schools!

Our school is a community of service to others. We listen to Jesus' call to help people in need. This week, we:

- * Collected over 300 items for parish Easter Baskets and money for Easter Dinners!!
- * Added money to our Haiti collection!
- * Prayed for the intentions of the school community.

Please note:

Tomorrow is a minimum day of school and Friday, March 26th is a school holiday.
 There will be daycare until 6 on Wednesday, March 24th, but no hot lunch.

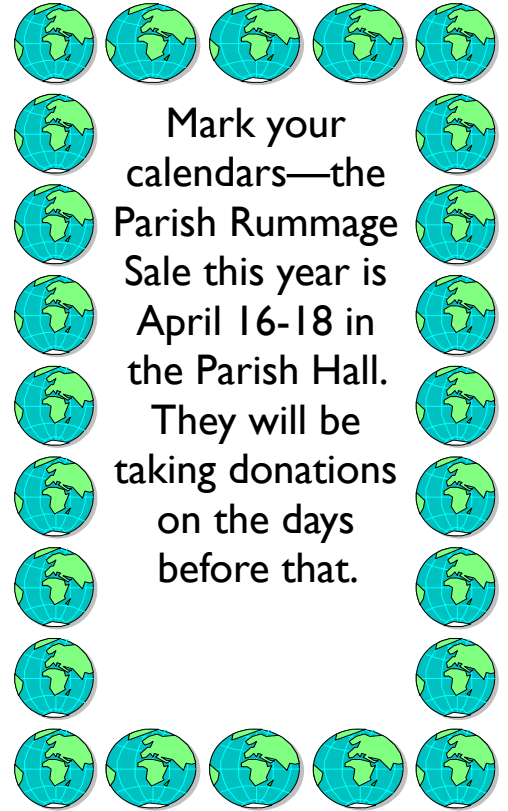
Mission Statement:

St. Didacus Parish School is a Catholic elementary school that engages with parents, community, and child in the ongoing educational development of the student. We empower the student to be spiritually, academically, and socially prepared to live today and tomorrow both morally and effectively.

Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLEs)

A St. Didacus graduate will be:

- 1) *A Christ-centered person who:*
 - a. knows, respects, and values Catholic beliefs
 - b. respects and appreciates God's gifts
 - c. understands that moral choices have consequences
 - d. answers the Gospel's call to serve others
- 2) *A life-long learner who:*
 - a. uses information, technology, and media responsibly
 - b. learns independently and cooperatively
 - c. practices critical thinking, problem-solving, and computational skills
 - d. Applies organizational skills to achieve short and long term goals
 - e. knows the importance of physical well-being
- 3) *An effective communicator who:*
 - a. reads for understanding
 - b. writes and articulates ideas correctly
 - c. actively listens
 - d. has experienced a wide range of activities in the fine arts
- 4) *A responsible citizen who:*
 - a. is reliable, trustworthy, and courteous
 - b. demonstrates an awareness of cultural diversity
 - c. learns and practices civic responsibility, both locally and globally.



Mark your calendars—the Parish Rummage Sale this year is April 16-18 in the Parish Hall. They will be taking donations on the days before that.

Use Goodsearch.com instead of Google or Yahoo when you search the Internet to help the school!!

Our website is:
stdidacusparishschool.org

Soup and Stations/Lenten Prayer

Join us at the Parish for Soup and Prayer this Friday starting at 6:00. Soup will be served first, followed by Sr. Carlotta's talk on Lectio Divina prayer at 7:00 pm in the Hall. Stations will be said in Spanish at the church at 7:00 pm, led by the choir.