



La Belle Dame

The Newsletter of Our Lady of La Salette Parish

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Merry Christmas!

Christmas Tree Sale

Our Lady of La Salette Boosters have their beautiful Christmas trees, wreaths, and garlands for sale. Please visit them and thank you for supporting our sports programs! GO BRONCOS!



Christmas Cookie Walk

Join the fun Saturday, December 10, 2011 in the Father Landry Center for our Cookie Walk. This will be a fun(d)raiser so that we can help pay for needed boiler repairs.

What is a Cookie Walk?

Dozens of homemade Christmas cookies and candies are set out on tables and customers take a box, walk along the tables and pick the cookies they would like. The box is weighed and you pay by the pound. This is a perfect opportunity to have a variety of cookies for the holidays. We will open at 9:00 a.m. and will close when the cookies are gone. (Or 2:00 p.m. whichever comes first.)

If you are willing to bake cookies/candies or help out with this event, please contact Debbie Fritsch at 248-543-2357 or debfritsch@sbcglobal.net.

The Madison Chorale Holiday Concert

Maureen Kennedy, Director
Joseph Daniel, Accompanist

December 5, 2010 at 3:00 PM
Our Lady of La Salette Church

PRESALE Ticket Donations: \$12.00, \$10.00 for students 18 and under and those 65 and older

***** ALL TICKETS AT DOOR: \$15.00 *****
Doors open ½ hour before concert

For further ticket info, contact Linda at 248-808-6238
Visit our Website at: www.madisonchorale.org

Breakfast with Santa

Santa will visit La Salette on
December 10 from 9:00-12:30

Bring your wish list and enjoy a delicious hot breakfast as you wait to discuss this year's behavior.

\$12.00 per family.



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Christmas and New Year Liturgies

- **Sunday, December 18, 2011**
4th Sunday of Advent
Masses at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 am.
- **Monday, December 19, 2011**
Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m.
- **Tuesday, December 20, 2011**
Mass at 8:45 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 21, 2011**
Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 22, 2011**
Mass at 8:45 a.m.
- **Friday, December 23, 2011**
Mass at 8:45 a.m.
- **Saturday, December 24, 2011**
Christmas Eve – The Vigil of Christmas
5:00 p.m. Mass
11:30 p.m. Prelude of Sacred Choral Music
- **Sunday, December 25, 2011**
CHRISTMAS – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Solemn Mass of Christmas at Midnight
10:30 a.m. on Christmas Day
- **Monday, December 26, 2011**
St. Stephen
Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at 8:45 a.m.
- **Tuesday, December 27, 2011**
St. John the Apostle
Mass at 8:45 a.m.
- **Wednesday, December 28, 2011**
The Holy Innocents
Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 29, 2011**
Mass at 8:45 a.m.
- **Friday, December 30, 2011**
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Mass at 8:45 a.m.
- **Saturday, December 31, 2011**
Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
5:00 p.m. Mass
- **Sunday, January 1, 2012**
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses

2012 Sacrament Schedules

First Reconciliation

The First Reconciliation Retreat is Saturday, January 21 from 9:00-10:00. The Sacrament will be January 28, from 9:00-10:00.

Confirmation

Confirmation Retreat is Saturday, February 4 through Sunday, February 5. Rehearsal is Feb 18 at 9:00 am and Confirmation Liturgy will take place that evening at 5:00 Mass.

First Communion

The First Communion Retreat is Sunday, April 15 at 10:30 (following Mass). Rehearsal is May 5 at 9:00 am, and the First Communion Liturgy is May 6 at the 9:30 Mass.

Box Top Labels for Education

Box Tops and Labels for Education Programs are wonderful opportunities for schools to earn cash and merchandise at no additional cost. Schools receive 10 cents for each box top submitted and points are awarded for labels that can be exchanged for academic supplies. Both programs have teamed up with a number of companies to increase chances for bonus coupons, points and giveaways and to date over 500 million dollars have been allocated to schools. At La Salette, we have earned an average of about \$400 per year in cash from Box Tops and the teachers have purchased calculators, cd players, and other school supplies from Campbell's.

It's easy to do and allows the entire community to participate. With help from students, parishioners, family and friends, Our Lady of La Salette has enjoyed the wonderful benefits provided by each program. Thank you for clipping and please continue to send those labels and box tops in for OLLS.

Please see links below for additional information:
www.labelsforeducation.com
www.boxtops4education.com

- Sonya Hopson, Box Tops and Labels for Education



La Salette Wins CYO Cross Country Championship

Congratulations to our La Salette Cross Country team, who won their division and the CYO Championship race. This team worked very well together, they ran hard in all sorts of conditions - cold, mud, rain, sun - and they truly deserve our congratulations. So on behalf of all the La Salette community - Congratulations to the team and to Coach Jim Bowker for another wonderful season.



La Salette Volleyball Teams Place in Division Competitions

La Salette's JV Volleyball (Coach Teri Meyers) team won their division for the second year in a row, and Varsity Volleyball (Coach Chris Beaudoin) finished second in their division-congratulations to both.

Ladies Guild News

We have been busy! Before our first Guild meeting on September 14, 2011, many of us celebrated the 7:00 pm Mass, which was offered for the intentions of the Living Members of the Ladies Guild. We felt this was an excellent way to start our new calendar year. The Ann Lash Annual Birthday Bag collection took place in mid-October. Our dear friend, Ann Lash, was the chair-woman for several decades and the collection is dedicated to her memory. Thanks to Clara Sawyer & Cindy Jaeger for guiding us this year. Thanks to you, our parishioners, for continuing to make sure those little bags were filled with monetary donations and love. It all adds up to benefit our Parish. On the first Saturday in November the 5:00 pm Mass is offered for the deceased members of the Guild and another tradition follows with a Dutch Treat Dinner at the Country Oven in Berkley. Then, at our November 9, 2011 meeting, we will enjoy our Harvest Pot Luck dinner before Mass. After Mass we will have our meeting and we will be investing new members with a short ceremony at which they receive a silver La Salette Crucifix.

At our December 14th meeting, we have decided to collect items to help the Operation Layette program at Shrine of the Little Flower Parish. They provide infant clothing, diapers, formula, bottles, etc. for new moms and babies in need. If anyone would also like to bring some items for St. Vincent De Paul's Pantry, we will happily gather those, also.

If you missed the November investiture and are interested in becoming a member of the Guild, it is not too late. We would be happy to have another ceremony later in the year. Think about it.....wouldn't you like to be part of some of these traditions?

- *Pat Omans*



Blood Drive Success

Our Blood Drive this past Nov 4 was a success. We collected 30 pints of blood through the efforts of many, including:

- Regular donors, who consider this kind of thing “old hat” and who set a great example for the rest of us.
- Those donors who arrived for their appointment time, then were turned away for different reasons - either a cold, low iron, or a packed schedule. Thank you so much for trying.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Fiorina, who won our Day Spa Gift Certificate. The next drive will be in April, more information to follow.

Youth Participation Masses

The third Sunday of every month is Our Lady of La Salette’s Youth Participation Mass (9:30), where we invite our Parish Youth to become more involved in the Mass celebration through participation in special ministries, including lectoring, ushering, greeting, and offertory.

We invite all families to come to these special Mass celebrations wearing La Salette blue/plaid or Bronco blue, to show our appreciation for all that our Parish does for our youth, and the wonderful contribution our youth makes to our Parish.

For future months, if your child is interested in being a lector (5th grade and higher) please contact Gail Waldrup, Chair of Education Commission (248-506-2295) or Peggy Squires (248-376-5361). They can provide you with more information about practice sessions.

Trunk or Treat

This year’s trunk or treat was one of the largest. This annual tradition sees ghosts and goblins haunting the cars in our parking lot. You’d better be prepared to provide a treat or risk being tricked. Thanks to Rachel Spiewak and her team of helpers for organizing and executing another stellar year.

