



An Amazing Act

By Cailey Leahy



Here is some news that I hope will impress you! In recent years, the fifth grade students have sent cards, care packages, and more to soldiers overseas. This year, it was our turn. We began our letter writing activity with Mrs. Liebenauer, and sent them to Captain Beth McCluskey, who just so happens to be the aunt of Clare Novinc, a current fifth grader. Captain McCluskey is stationed as a nurse in Iraq. She helps to heal soldiers, so they can get back on their feet.



A couple of weeks ago, we sent cards, band-aids, wipes, gum, and so much more for Captain McCluskey and everyone she helps. It is very dusty and hot in Iraq.

About one week after we sent out letters and packages, we received cards along with some pictures. After we read the letters, we became aware that some soldiers who work with her don't usually get mail. She asked if we could send cards and other things to them. They were four men named Cory, Bradley, Nathaniel, and Joseph. We had an awesome time sending another batch of cards!

This time our care package included five handmade works of art in the form of puppets made by fifth grade students and Mrs. Hyland. We also sent Captain McCluskey a handmade cross which Mrs. Liebenauer had shown us how to make in class. Isn't this an amazing act? I think it is great! The fifth grade students will continue to send things to Iraq. This has been an awesome experience, and I know our cards are putting a smile on many people's faces!

Showing Soldiers We Care

By Allison Hallai

The fifth grade is working really hard to support the soldiers in Iraq. They are helping them by sending them letters and supplies that might be needed there. Iraq just recovered from a terrible sand storm. The whole sky was orange and all of their homes got covered with sand. They had to wear special masks so that sand does not get in their eyes. The Novinc's aunt, Captain Beth McCluskey, is a nurse for the all the soldiers fighting in Iraq. We all sent her cards and we sent her some supplies including band-aids, mints, gum, Listerine Strips, and many more helpful items.



We are also planning to send them some flags for the ceremonies they have.

The soldiers in Iraq are working very hard for this country. They are very brave and incredible men and women. All of them deserve the best. We appreciate all of the sacrifices they are making for us.





What Does Lent Mean to SHJA Students?



Ellie Plucinsky: Lent has many different meanings, and everyone looks at it differently. What comes to mind when I think of Lent would be sacrificing something I like a lot for Jesus. Jesus sacrifices his whole life for us; I think we can manage to give up sweets, pop, television, or the computer. Even doing more charity work, or working harder in school is a good thing to do for Lent. We could do all these things, but it could never beat what Jesus did for us.

Alice McGuigan: Lent is a time to love and get together with your family.

Billy McCartney: Lent means a time to worship Jesus. It is also a time to love and praise God.

Gianna La Salvia: To me lent is a time to give something up so you can get closer to God. Lent is a time to go to church every Sunday and continue that.

Tommy Loya: Lent is a time to love one another. Also to pray, fast, and give alms. I gave up my X- box 360. I'm fasting from my 360.

Vincent Ferrante: Lent, to me means more than just jelly beans, magical bunnies and candy. Lent is a time where Christians walk with Christ through his journey through the desert for 40 days and nights and his painful journey to his death. I think everyone should not be able to eat meat on Fridays, not just 14 years and over, if you think about giving up meat for one day is the least you can do to pay back Christ. He gave us his life so we could go to heaven and be with him in paradise.

Eric Kups: Lent means that Christ will rise soon. It also means summer is coming soon. Lent is a time to get closer to God.



Tayler Madan: It is a time to become closer to Jesus. It is also a time to thank Jesus for what he does for us.

Matt Benda: Lent is a time of sacrifice. In Lent we should do almsgiving, fast, and pray. I am doing a rosary every week.

Ryan Walden: To me Lent isn't just a time to give things up; it's a time to think about how Jesus stayed in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. Jesus did it with no food or water. He was tempted and didn't break. If he can do this for 40 days we can give up anything for 40 days. People just have to believe they can do it and they will succeed.

Bryson Simpson: Lent means being full of happiness. I'm happy!

Savannah Butler: To me lent means to give up something from your heart and be nice to people.

Marissa Farinacci: Lent means to give something up for God and to do something to change your life.

Michael Wilk: Lent means to be giving to others.



The Legend of the Dogwood

According to legend of the dogwood, once as mighty as the oak tree, was chosen for the tree from which the Cross was made. The dogwood was stricken with pity and grief as its unwilling share in that greatest of all crimes. The dying Savior forgave the tree and decreed that henceforth it would never grow large enough to be used so shamefully. Henceforth it would be slender. Its blossoms would be cruciform with two long and two short petals. The center of the edge of each petal would bear a nail print, brown with rust and stained blood red. In the center of the flower would be a crown of thorns, so that all who saw it would remember.



What Does **Easter** Mean To SHJA Students?

Steve Matz: Easter means a time to rejoice. We rejoice because Jesus has risen, as he promised. The Easter season is also a time for



waiting. We wait for Jesus to rise. I believe that it is also a time for family, because we stay with our family, and also with our

heavenly family. Easter doesn't stop on the holiday, but it continues on. This means a longer time for peace and prosperity.

Jacob Hanicak: To me, Easter means a time when our Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead. I think that it also means that families get together, have fun and eat. I think that Easter is the most important time of the year because we can truly realize that Jesus gave his life up so that we could go to heaven. I think that is the greatest gift that I could ever receive.

Sean Kelley: Easter isn't just about a bunny that breaks into your house and leaves candy. Easter is a time of togetherness and rejoicing. It is a time to be with family and celebrate that everyone now has the chance to get to heaven and be with Jesus. We should use Easter to try to start turning over a new leaf, and to grow stronger in our faith and have a better attitude towards others.

Joey Forniti: What Easter means to me is when family and friends get together and have a good time together and celebrate. Easter you should be very grateful that you could spend time with your family and go out to breakfast. Easter is a very nice time and a special time with your whole family.

Sofi Fehn: Easter means to me the rising of our savior Jesus Christ. It also means spring and new life, though the past years in Cleveland it has been snowed. Our lord passes from life to death on the resurrection, or Easter Day. It also reminds me of the Easter bunny, decorating Easter eggs and of course the famous peeps! The true meaning is that Jesus died and rose for us to save us and give us the opportunity for eternal life with God in heaven.

Chelsea Novario: Easter is the resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ. Jesus walked through the streets of Calvary, to save our lives. He suffered and died just for us! After Jesus died, he rose from the dead and resurrected to heaven to open the gates. Jesus will come and meet us again when it is our time to go up with him.

Avery Miracle: Easter to me is a time to rejoice and sing praises to God. Praying for and being kind to others will help keep their spirits and your spirits up high. You can also pray to God during Lent to achieve closeness to God and yourself. Easter is a holy time of year.

Lianna LoDuca: To me Easter means that it's a time to rejoice that Jesus has risen from the dead. It also means to me that it's a time to go to church and celebrate with my family. Jesus went through so much pain then died on the cross and that's what it means. With little kids it's a time to look for Easter Eggs.



Grace Novinc: Easter means Jesus rising from the dead and saving us. Jesus gave us the opportunity to rise and be with him in Heaven. Through the 15 Stations of the Cross, we learn the suffering that Jesus went through. Jesus was nailed to a heavy cross that he carried himself. If we even try to imagine the pain that he went through to give us the greatest gift of all, we can never compare it to his. He fell three times on his way up to Calvary. He was given a crown of thorns to wear as his own followers, friends and people he saved made fun of him and threw stones at him. He carried the tremendous weight of the cross. He walked bare foot up a long dirt road. He finally was nailed to a cross. Jesus did all of this to give everyone the opportunity to live in Heaven with him and his father. This is what Easter means to me.

Shannon Flynn: Easter is when Jesus rose from the dead. Easter also means a time to be with family. It also means to be respectful and peaceful.

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Japan Earthquake

By Christopher Sonnhalter



On Friday March 10, 2011 a 9.0 magnitude earthquake happened in Japan. It was a devastating earthquake. An Earthquake happens when the earth's plates slide against each other. After the earthquake a tsunami also hit Japan. A tsunami is an unusually large sea wave produced by a seaquake or undersea volcanic eruption. Over 28,000 people are dead or missing. The final number of dead and missing persons will not be known for some time to come.

The Modular Unit

By Sam Casa, Julia Lease and Brianna Kalan

We come to the modular unit to work with Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Riccardi. Mrs. Paulett comes to get us at our room. We work on our reading and math lessons. We have lots of fun playing learning games! We like to work in a small group, and it is an easier way to learn. We earn stickers when we work hard. When we fill up our chart, we get to pick a prize from the prize basket. We always have a snack at the end of class. We love the modular unit!



The Homework Center

By Brianna Kalan and Bailey Kalan

Bailey Kalan (Grade 1) and Brianna Kalan (Grade 3) are sisters and both attend the Homework Center at the Richmond Library regularly. We come to the Homework Center at the Richmond Library to get our homework done. We like getting help from the tutors. One of my favorite tutors is Nicole. She goes to John Carroll University and comes to help us. Lisa is another one of our favorites. She is helpful and fun and really helps me study my math facts and spelling words. She plays games with us; our favorites are Sum Swamp and Memory. All of the tutors are really great to work with. We love the Homework Center!



5th Grade Spring Sports

Victor Ferrante



This year the 5th grade boy's baseball team will be playing with the 4th graders. Also the coach will be Frank Iacobucci the father of Tyler Iacobucci. For track we have some new people running track one of them is Matthew DiNovo. Also for the 5th grade boy's baseball team last year merged with St. Clare but, this year they are going to play with the 4th graders. Last year for track 4 boys won their relay now let's hope that they are good just like last year. Also the track practices start on March 21, 2011.



What Everyone is Thinking, Part III: Attack of the Thoughts

By Aaron Davis

Somebody once told me that life is like a box of chocolates. Apparently they heard it from somebody else who heard it from the movie *Forrest Gump*. Back in the 90's, when the Backstreet Boys and the Spice Girls ruled the Earth it was a simpler time (a time when *Forrest Gump* came out and people went bananas). It seems like we, as Americans, can get excited over the simplest of things (like a dude with a "golden voice"). Maybe that's a good thing or we just have small attention spans (Duran Duran). I mean, if people get really excited over a boy scout and an old man flying to a mythical island on a balloon house then people should love me when I walk across the room. I could make a movie about a cucumber that just wants to be a pickle and people would praise me for my depth and the way people of all ages could relate to it (*I, Cucumber*' out summer 2012).

Looking Ahead

By Courtney Hall

We're all going to go one way or another. The summer is upon us. The eighth graders are going off to high school and everyone has to plan for the summer. The summer is an amazing time to make goals, hang out and just have fun. The summer is a time to fulfill your warm weather dreams. You can travel, go to camp, go camping, or dance when it is rainy.

We'll all see each other again, whether it is at the festival, or visiting during days off in high school. No matter where we are, we're always going to be Sacred Heart Jaguars at heart.



Waiting for Spring

By Jenna Ambrose

Now that all the excitement of Christmas and New Years has passed, we have spring to look forward to! The snow has melted and it is getting warmer outside. Spring is one of the busiest seasons for our school, especially for the junior high. We have had Catholic Schools Week and the talent show already. We look forward to Stations of the Cross during lent and May crowning. The junior high also has the play, High School Musical, this spring. Of course, we look forward to having spring break too! I think this is going to be a great spring for Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy.



Picture taken by exit of SHJ driveway in February, 2011



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What Does **Easter** Mean To SHJA Students?

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Bayleigh Stovall: To me, Easter means new life. Easter is when Jesus suffers and dies for us to bring us new life. Easter is my favorite holiday and it's not about getting candy it's about what Jesus did for us.

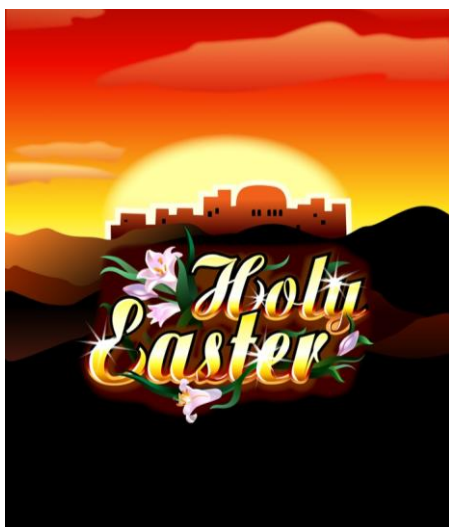
Jacob Liptow:

Easter is always fun for the whole family. The Easter Bunny comes and you get all sorts of gifts and presents. Gifts and candy aren't everything



though. Easter is when Jesus rises from the dead. Easter to me is a time for joy, love, and celebration. It is a time for prayer and worship to God. But Easter would never be the same without Easter eggs, candy and gift baskets!!

Abby Kowalczyk: Easter is a time to worship Jesus and what he did for us. It is a time of sorrow and forgiveness. Jesus died on the cross for us so that we could all live an eternal life in heaven. Life is a beautiful gift we should all reflect on the beauty of it. Easter is also a time to fast.



Joey Berlin:

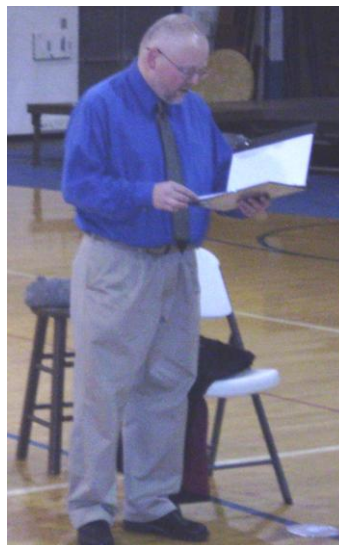
Easter means to me that Jesus has risen from the dead. Easter is a day where Jesus saved us and gave us new life. Easter gives us a great

time to spend time with family get candy and gifts. That's what Easter means to me Jesus, family and gifts.

Billy Brinkman: Easter really means the rising of Jesus Christ. Most kids just like Easter for the candy and gifts. To me Easter means a time of joy and love and candy (of course). It is the most important holiday of the Christian Church.

Caitlin Ewing: Easter means that Jesus will rise. It means the Easter Bunny will come and bring me candy to enjoy and eat! Easter you get to visit will your family. You get to give candy to your family and have a wonderful time with your whole family!

Will Levand: What Easter means to me? It means that Jesus will be rising from the dead. Also all the pain Jesus went through for us. It was so much pain, what we do for Jesus is not even a fraction of that pain. It is a shame how people are treating these holidays. They make Christmas all about presents and at Easter everyone forgets the real meaning. We should not need another reminder of what Jesus went through.



Right to Read Week

Right to Read Week (March 29 - April 1, 2011) was highlighted by Mr. Seddon, a published Author, visiting SHJA students. He read a special story he wrote especially for SHJA students.

Mr. Seddon is Owen, Gwyneth and Kenneth Seddon's father.

