

# WHAT'S HAPPENING at ST. RITA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## January 15, 2010

*St. Rita Catholic School is committed to teaching authentic Catholic Christian doctrine, nurturing each child in a holy and safe environment by promoting the highest standards in education and self-discipline.*

### LOOKING AHEAD:

- Jan. 15- Family Movie Night
- Jan. 16- K of C Free Throw Contest
- Jan. 18-No School-MLK Jr. Day
- Jan. 19- Grades 4-8 Geography Bee
- Jan. 20- Report Cards
- Jan. 28- Grade 5 & 6 Explorer Expo
- Jan. 30- Blizzard Blast Dance
- Jan. 31-Feb. 5- Catholic Schools Week
- Feb. 4- Science Fair
- Feb. 5- Gold Star Gallery Gala
- Feb. 13- Reverse Raffle

## St. Rita Movie Night

Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm in Cafeteria

Featuring: Jonah  
A Veggie Tales Movie



Get ready as Bob the Tomato, Larry the Cucumber, and the rest of the Veggie gang set sail on a whale of an adventure in Jonah. Filled with music, laughs, and some of the silliest adventures ever to be swallowed whole, this is the story of Jonah and the whale as you've never seen before. The film is rated *G*, suitable for entire family. Popcorn and drinks provided. Bring family and friends! This event is free!

### Reverse Raffle Mardi Gras 2010



Tickets for the St. Rita Reverse Raffle are available in the school office. The event will be held Saturday, February 13, 2010. The Cascia Center will be transformed into a Mardi Gras celebration with delicious food, drinks, music, silent auctions, and the company of your fellow parishioners, neighbors and friends. \$60 will admit you and a guest (all attendees must be over 21 years old) into the party and gives you a chance to win one of the three prizes of \$5000, \$1000 and \$500. In addition, door prizes will be awarded throughout the night, with every third or fourth ticket typically winning a prize. All we need for a successful party is you. Come and join in the excitement and fun of Mardi Gras.

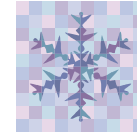
**DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS!** If you are interested in providing a door prize, please contact Diana Genovesi at 836-3000 or bring your door prize donation to the parish offices during business hours. We are also in need of medium and large baskets for making prizes. Mardi Gras!

### Afterschool Computer Lab



Computer Lab is now open **AFTER SCHOOL** from 2:50 -3:30 for students in grades 3 through grade 8. Only 12 reservations are available each Monday, beginning January 25<sup>th</sup>. See Mrs. Hartnagel for **Computer Lab sign-up forms** which must have an authorized signature and be returned 2 - 3 days prior to reservation.

### Blizzard Blast January 30, 2010 7pm-10pm



Don't miss St. Rita School's annual Blizzard Blast, our traditional

father/daughter, mother/son dance for students in grades 7 and 8.

The junior high students at St. Rita soon will be taking dance lessons in their P.E. classes. Our annual Blizzard Blast gives them a chance to dress up and spend a memorable evening with you. Share in the excitement as students demonstrate some of the great "dance moves" they will learn in class!

You can expect an evening of fun, festivities, and delicious refreshments.

Mark your calendars and make plans now to escort your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade son or daughter on January 30, 2009 to this very special occasion.

Permission slips came home with your student this week. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Begley at [rbegley@stritadayton.org](mailto:rbegley@stritadayton.org).



**Sister Dorothy Stang - 5<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of her Martyrdom  
"Her Dream, Our Hands"**

On Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010, our Pastoral Region of Precious Blood, St. Paul's, and St. Rita's Parishes will mark the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the martyrdom of Sister Dorothy Stang, "Angel of the Amazon". Sister "Dot", as her friends called her, was a home grown hero. She grew up on Markey Road and attended Mass and elementary school here at St. Rita's. In fact, we still have her school attendance and grade record for all 8 years that she attended St. Rita School. Sister Dot was a good student!

There are several special events that will take place this year here in our Pastoral Region that are meant to commemorate the life and mission of Sister Dot. These events are held in conjunction with those of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in Cincinnati. The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur have designated the theme of this year as "*Her Dream, Our Hands*". This theme illustrates the desire to further and nurture the work of Sister Dot, the defense of the poor and oppressed and the protection of God's Creation.

The first event of our Pastoral Region celebration will be the showing of "*They Killed Sister Dorothy*", a documentary narrated by Martin Sheen, which shows the heroic courage of Sister Dot in her work with the poor of the Amazon region and the heroic death of this woman of the Gospel Beatitudes. This showing will take place on **Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. at St. Paul's Rosary Hall**. A prayer service will precede the showing and there will be a discussion afterward. Refreshments will be served.

A Memorial Mass will be held later on **Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. here at St. Rita's Church**. This Mass will be held in conjunction with our annual St. Rita's Feast Day Celebration and Potluck Supper. More details to follow soon.

# Gold Star Gallery Gala



**St Rita Student  
Showcase Night 2010  
February 5<sup>th</sup>- 6-8pm**

The gala will be held in St. Rita's Cascia Center to celebrate the accomplishments of the second quarter at St. Rita School. On this night the gym will be transformed into a spectacular gallery to allow all students to dress up and showcase their best academic, artistic and musical work, as well as family group projects.

Complimentary hearty hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and drinks will be served to students and their families throughout the evening. Plan now to attend with your entire family.

Have you returned the yellow form that was sent home last week? This form indicates what food items your family will be bringing as well as the number planning to attend. If you have not turned it in, please complete and return ASAP.

## Report Cards



Report Cards will be sent home on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> with students whose fees are current (i.e. tuition, special afternoons, cafeteria, library) If your student owes money please pay now. If you have questions, please contact the office.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARION COUNCIL #3754 FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2010 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. There is no cost to participate.

**The local competition will be held  
Saturday, January 16, 2010  
9:00AM - 12:30PM  
St. Rita Catholic School Gym**

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions.

All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 223,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,200 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

**For entry forms or additional  
information contact  
Chris Brodnick - 626-1415.**

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with nearly 1.7 million members in over 13,000 local councils. Last year Knights donated 68 million volunteer hours and \$144 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, families and youth.