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NEWSLETTER



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WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHAT DO YOU RUN TO FOR COMFORT?

For me it is people. If I am sad or scared or worried or discouraged I go to my husband or friends.

But people are not the only source of comfort, right? Some seek comfort in their money, retail therapy, food, work, or sleep. Others try to escape through fiction books or movies. And sadly, some pick really dangerous ways of coping by using drugs and alcohol.

There is nothing wrong with seeking comfort from others. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 tells us that we are to encourage each other. It is also fine to watch a funny movie to make us laugh when we are feeling a bit down. But we can't rely on earthly things to bring real lasting comfort.

Once the friends leave or the movie is over we are right back in the midst of our suffering. **Earthly things can only comfort us in part, but the Psalmist tells us that there is a place we can go to find real lasting comfort.**

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Each eight verse section in Psalm 119 has a theme, and today Psalm 119:49-56 deals with God's word as our comfort. Verse 50, in particular, is a key verse for us:

This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your word has revived me. (JEN)

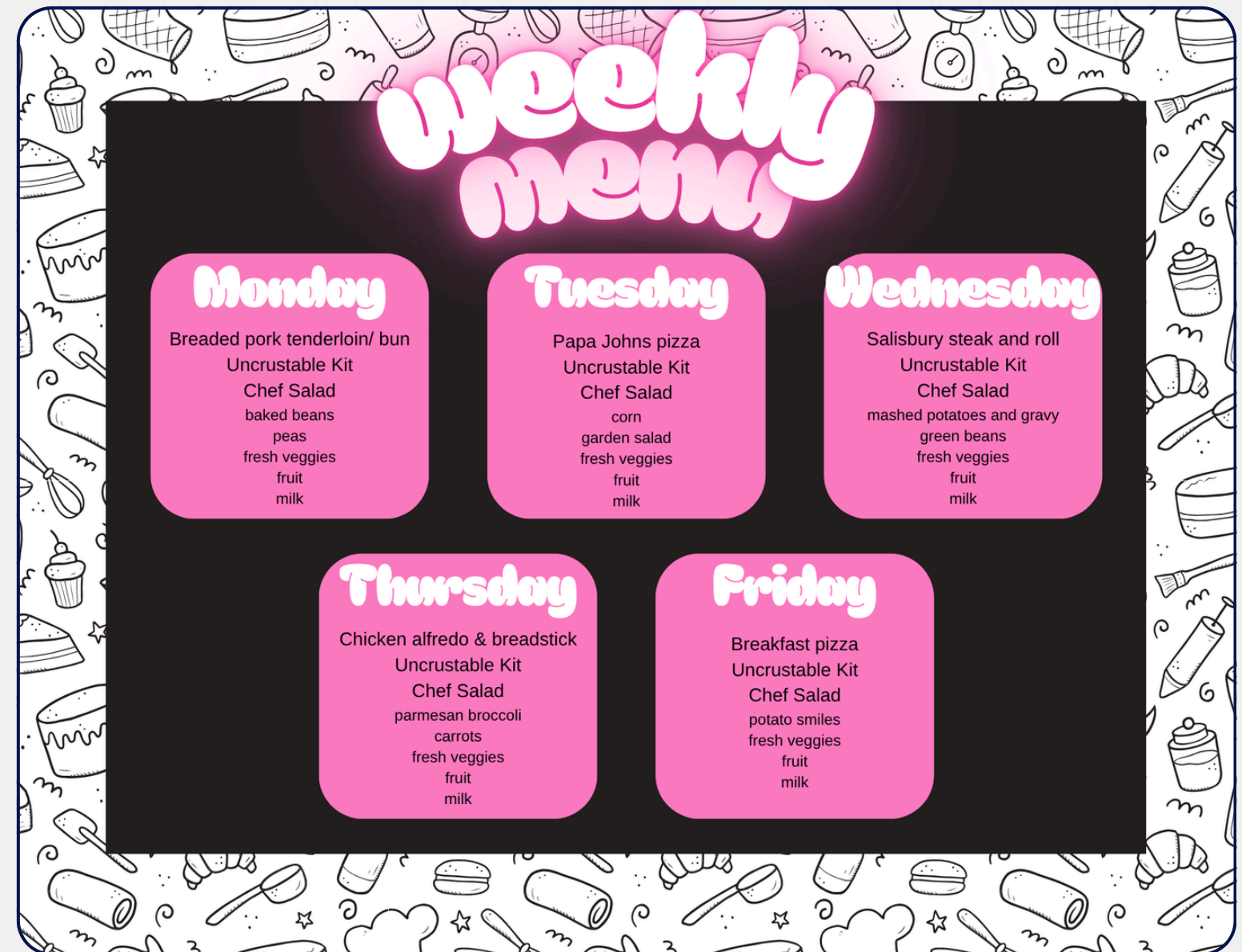
If we accept them by faith then these words become personal. These words are not from some God, but from our God. They are words to us from our Father and from our Redeemer. We belong to him, and he cares for us.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction ~ 2 Cor. 1:3-4

God's word can give us peace while we are in the midst of a wild storm. It can bring comfort while we are afraid, tired, and worn out. We can have hope that he will see us through to the other side.

Romans 15 tells us that "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and **comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**"

- Jen Thorn



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Report and Inform Policy



LETTER FROM SISTER CATHERINE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Over the weekend, I engaged in some professional readings and videos about screen time. The most recent research highlights just how damaging excessive screen use can be for our children.

With that in mind, I am challenging you to take part in a simple but meaningful change: give up all digital devices for **one hour before bedtime** and **the first hour after waking up each day** (yes, parents – that means you, too!)

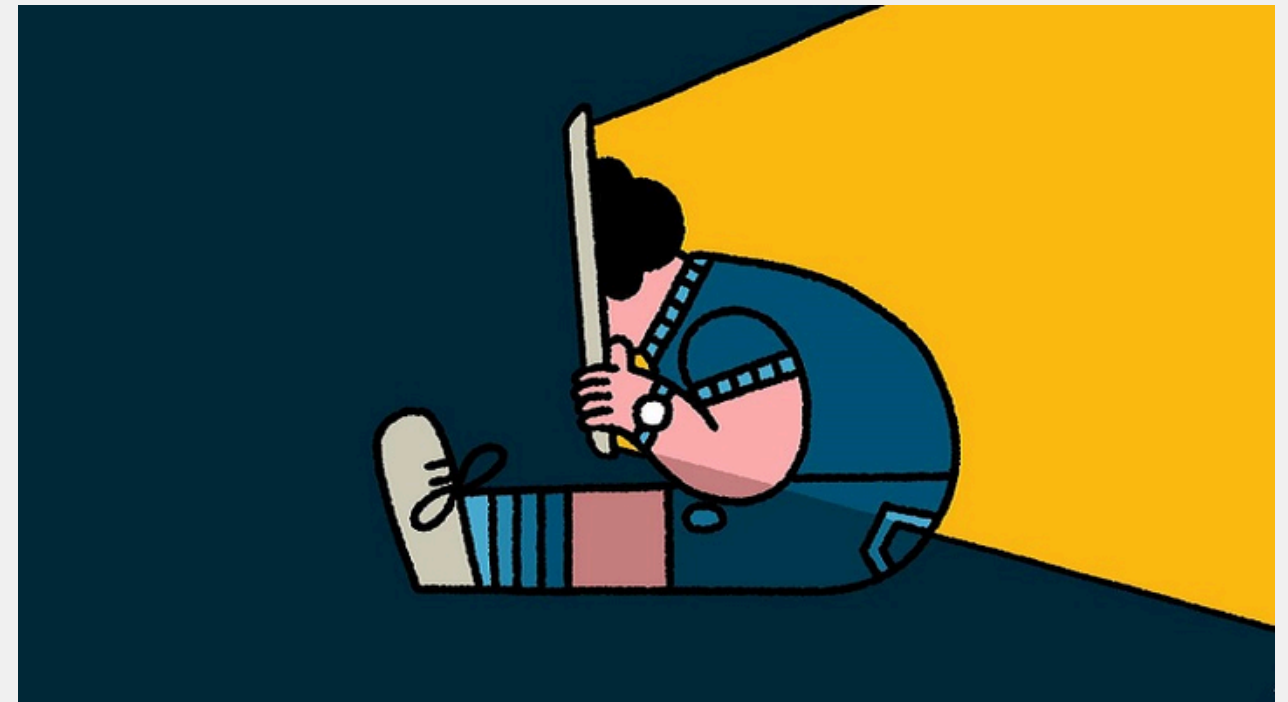
Remember, it helps to replace that time with something positive – perhaps a board game, reading together, or simply talking as a family.

In addition, I'm inviting families to take part in a monthly "digital break." One Sunday each month, put away all devices for the afternoon from **1:00 to 5:00 p.m.** To support this effort, I'll be hosting "**WCS Family Fun**" from **2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** in the **St. Agnes Gym**. Come enjoy basketball, volleyball, board games, or just hang out and chat.



Our first WCS Family Fun afternoon will be **Sunday, November 2**. I look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings,
Sister Catherine



The student's favorite visitor, Willie, is officially a **Certified Therapy Dog!**
Congrats to Willie and Mr. Ricketts!

CONGRATS WILLIE

Willie will begin spending every Tuesday and Thursday at the campuses with the students.



A BIG THANK YOU!!

The Fall Festival's success was made possible by the incredible dedication and teamwork of so many! From those who spent hours preparing ahead of time, to everyone who worked a shift, and those who supported us by purchasing treats or items—thank you. Your time, effort, and enthusiasm truly made this event special!

AND GOOD JOB!

Our Saint Boniface students received so many “Good job!” shoutouts and kind words from Festival visitors on Thursday! We’re so proud of our older Bobcats for the way they carried themselves and represented our school with such pride and kindness.

TRANSITIONS

Life transitions are never easy. One of the challenges of being one school with two campuses is helping the fourth graders adjust to a new building, new teachers, new expectations and changing classes. This year, we are experimenting with a new plan to try to ease our fourth graders into St. Boniface. Beginning in October, the fourth graders will spend a half day each month (except for Dec. and May) at St. Boniface. They will attend Mass with that student body, use Mr. Rickets classroom as their homeroom, and get used to using lockers. Mrs. Areny, Mrs. Nunning and Mr. Pate will engage them in academic activities. The fourth graders will have their first experience of this on October 28. Mrs. Nunning will send specific instructions to fourth grade parents as to how this will be accomplished. We hope this helps the fourth graders as they continue to grow and mature.

**SAMMIE VAUGHN****SECOND GRADE**

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Vaughn is in her 6th year of teaching. She enjoys spoiling her 9 month old nephew. She likes to be outside or do various craft projects. She enjoys reaching reading and religion to the second graders. She loves teaching religion because she gets to help her students develop a close relationship with God and answer some of lifes biggest questions!

Most of the fliers are “clickable” and will direct you to a larger image of the flier, the associated website, or the forms that are needed.

MADE

A Vocations Encounter
November 8th

Keynote Witnesses:

BROTHER
Fr. Simon Herrmann OSB

MARRIAGE
Joe Paul & Ellen Hayden

SISTER
Nashville Dominicans

PRIEST
Fr. Clint Johnson

8 NOVEMBER 2025
9 AM - 5 PM
8-12TH GRADE STUDENTS
REITZ MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL
1500 LINCOLN AVE, EVANSVILLE

REGISTER NOW

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Headstart the Spirit to Search

CHECK OUT THE OPPURTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER AT WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Saint Agnes

1. Library organization
2. Librarian
3. Tutors
4. Adult mystery readers in the class
5. Cleaner
6. Reading to classrooms
7. Help to copy, laminate, and cut out materials
8. Put up bulletin boards
9. Small group or one on one adult to read with student(s)
10. Small group or one on one to help with educational needs
11. Help with classroom projects
12. Speaking to classrooms about your career

Saint Boniface

1. Tutoring
2. Guest speaker for career or special skills
3. Recess monitor/ play with kids
4. Bulletin board decorator
5. Outdoor beautification
6. Cleaner (bathrooms, dust, sweep stairs/floors, etc)

If you are interested in helping out in any of these positions, please call the office

Come join us!

812-423-9115
Saint Agnes

812-422-1014
Saint Boniface

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Trunk or Treat

OCT 19

1-2 PM
AT MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL

COSTUME CONTEST AT 1:45PM

Becoming One CHRIST

Encounter HOPE

A Jubilee Year Event
Building Christ-Centered Families

Saturday, December 6th | 8 am - 4 pm (CST)
Opening Mass with Bishop Siegel | St. Benedict Cathedral
Adult Conference Following Mass | Reitz Memorial HS Auditorium

Featured Speakers

Bobby & Jackie Angel

Mark Hart

Fr. Alex Zenthoefer

Ticket \$50
Limited Seating available.
Scan for more information.
Or visit evdio.org/encounter

Diocese of Evansville
Celebrating the Jubilee Year

Friday Night Bilingual HOLY HOUR | Featuring **Tony Melendez**
December 5th | 6-7 pm (CST)
St. Benedict Cathedral. No Ticket Required.

WHEN YOU CAN RETURN TO AND BE AT SCHOOL

Fever free for 24 hours
without the use of medication

No vomiting for 24 hours
without the use of medication

No diarrhea for 24 hours
without the use of medication

If you are sent home from school with a fever, you can not return the next day to allow for 24 hours to pass.

When all these are applicable to your student, we would be happy to have them back at school!

Please join us for Resurrection's 7th and 8th grade dance

Friday, October 24th, from 7-9 pm

\$5 Admission Fee

Valid Student ID required for entry

No Costumes

THE SAINT BONIFACE CAMPUS NEEDS FEMALE UNIFORM PANTS

Sizes: girls 14 and 16; women's 8, 10, 12, 14, 16

If you have any available that you could donate, we would greatly appreciate it!



**SAINT AGNES
CHURCH**

THURSDAY - 8:00 AM
SATURDAY - 4:30 PM

SCHOOL MASSES



**SAINT BONIFACE
CHURCH**

TUESDAY - 8:00 AM
WEDNESDAY - 5:30 PM
SUNDAY - 10:00 AM

GROTTO

SATURDAY - 8:00 AM



**SACRED HEART
CHURCH**

MONDAY - 7:30 PM
FRIDAY - 7:30 AM
SUNDAY - 7:30 AM

LATIN MASS

SUNDAY - 12:00 PM

ADORATION TIMES

MONDAY - 6:30 PM SACRED HEART
FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH - 8:00
AM - 5:00 PM - SACRED HEART

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UPCOMING DATES:

- PSAT for 8th graders - October 20
- Hearing and Vision Screening -October 22
- Red Ribbon Week - October 27-31
- 8th grade to JobSpark - October 28
- PTO Meeting - October 28
- 8th grade to Toyota - October 29
- Kickball Tournament at Saint Boniface - October 31
- Halloween parties at Saint Agnes - October 31
- First Family Fun Event at Saint Agnes - November 2
- Grandparents Day at Saint Boniface - November 4
- Picture Retakes - November 7
- Popcorn day - November 7
- All School Mass - November 11



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Sister Catherine - 1
- Mrs. Wilson - 1
- Sawyer Broyles - 3
- Mrs. Cutrell - 4
- Mrs. Harper - 5
- Molly Helfrich - 10
- Finnegan Wilson - 11
- Darwin VanMeter - 11
- Ms. Chaffin - 15
- Mrs. Townsend - 19
- Elliott Blankenberger - 19
- Ms. Baugh - 20
- Quinn Kuban - 21
- Ms. Mabrey - 25
- Patrick Zenthoefer - 31



ONE FAITH. ONE FAMILY. ONE FUTURE.