EDUCATION IN VIRTUE: HONESTY

Sincerity, openness, and truthfulness in one’s words and actions.

Live It: Not covering up mistakes; telling the truth in all situations; and speaking up when someone is be treated wrongly. Be aware that God knows your heart. Don’t hide things from your parents or friends. Seek to live and speak the truth even when it’s hard.

Pray It: Dear Jesus, You said, “I am the Truth” (John 14:6). You have made me for Truth, because You have made me for Yourself! Help me to be honest in all that I say and do, that I might know true happiness in You. Amen.

CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 27-28  SHS/SMHS Parent/Teacher Conferences
Sep 29  No School & Family Fun Night
Oct 10  JPII New Family Forum
Oct 13  No School—Staff Professional Development
Oct 17-18  Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences

NEW FAMILY FORUM

New families to JPII Catholic Schools are invited to an informal discussion that provides an opportunity to meet President Mike Hagstrom, ask questions, and meet other new families . The New Family Forum is Tuesday, October 10, at 6:30pm in the Shanley/Sacred Heart Library, 5600 25th Street South, Fargo. Enter through the Main Door No. 1. Contact Lori Hager, Director of Admissions, at 701-893-3271 with any questions.

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Online @ JPIICatholicSchools.org
or At your School’s Front Desk

Deacons on the Way

“All the way to heaven is heaven, because Jesus said, ‘I am the Way.’”
—St. Catherine of Siena

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family fun night

9th Game 4 PM Varsity Game 7PM

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GO DEACONS!
This article will provide you with the multiple ways you can keep up-to-date on your child’s school, JPII Catholic Schools, Community events, and announcements. NOTE: See the end of this article for parent Outlook email addresses and receipt of emails from our FACTS SIS system.

**SCHOOL & JPII NEWSLETTERS:** The school newsletters contain a rich source of information to keep on top of what is happening in your child’s school. Each school emails a newsletter to parents and staff at the end of the week containing school specific information, and is published to the JPII website. The school newsletters are followed by the JPII Weekly Happenings newsletter emailed and posted online each Monday. This newsletter is geared for upcoming JPII Catholic Schools Community activities and events.

**WEBSITE:** The JPII Catholic Schools website is host to a vast amount of information for students, parents, staff, and stakeholders. Check out the online calendar containing all of the JPII Catholic Schools Community events, announcements, the activities website calendar, links to other JPII affiliated group sites, Two Wings Blog, RaiseRight information, and more.

**PARENTS RESOURCES:** From the Parents’ site, parents can access important information. Located in the upper right corner, the Parents’ resources tab contains multiple source documents, instructions, and protocols to help parents navigate everything.

**STUDENTS RESOURCES:** The Students’ site contains information and resources for students and parents such as the Student/Parent Handbook. Students can also login to their school email from here, which is an important source of information for students.

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Social media sites are another way to stay up to date. Here are a few key sites:

- **JPII Catholic Schools**—Follow JPII Catholic Schools on Facebook—JP2Schools, Twitter @JP2Schools, and Instagram @JP2Schools daily for information about our schools.

- **Schools & Groups**—Individual schools, co-curricular sport activities, clubs, and various groups have accounts to follow and to keep informed about upcoming events or special happenings or opportunities.

- **Shanley Deacon Activities**—To catch the latest Shanley Deacon activities scores and highlights, follow us on Twitter @GoDeacons. The Shanley Activities Club is a hub of importation as well, follow them on Facebook @ShanleyAthleticClub. Both accounts share items from other groups.

- **ShanleyTV**—Can’t make it to a game or want to see a play over again? Tune into ShanleyTV. Watch games live or check out a past game in the archived broadcasts. Follow them on Twitter @ShanleyTV, Facebook—Shanley TV, and Instagram @Shanley TV and never miss a game again.

**SHANLEY ALUMNI:** Besides being a current parent, if have come through the hall of our schools as well, then you must visit our Alumni site. Keep informed about your classmates, the many alumni events, or reminisce with all of the great pictures on Facebook. Follow them @ShanleyAlumni.

**NOTE:** Recently, we’ve received some inquiries from parents that they have not been receiving announcements, emails, or newsletters from JPII and its schools. The issue seems to center around parents with Outlook email addresses. All school—and system-wide information—is sent through our RenWeb FACTS SIS system. Per support at RenWeb, try this solution to this issue: 1) Click the gear icon in Outlook and select "View all Outlook settings"; 2) select "Mail" from the settings menu; 3) choose "Junk email" from the submenu; 4) click "Add" under "Safe senders and domains"; 5) enter the email addresses you want listed as a safe sender (...@jp2schools.org); and 6) choose "Save." It is suggested that all parents log into their account on the FACTS Family Portal and check that their email address/es, as well as all contact information, is up-to-date in the system.
40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

**PRAYER & FASTING:** Christ told us some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. The two go hand in hand. Prayer keeps us rooted in the fact that it is our desire to carry out God's will. Fasting is a sacrifice that helps us reach beyond our own limitations with God's help. Each day during 40 Days for Life, individuals, churches, families, and groups will be asked to join together in prayer for a specific request so the entire Body of Christ can unite around a common focus. People of faith are also invited to fast throughout 40 Days for Life. We believe that when God's people fast with a broken, repentant, and contrite spirit, our heavenly Father will hear from heaven and heal our lives, our churches, our communities, our nation, and our world.

**CONSTANT VIGIL:** The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a single Planned Parenthood center or other abortion facility in your community. It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during this 24-hour-a-day presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. It also serves as a call to repentance for those who work at the abortion center and those who patronize the facility.

**FOR YOUR FAMILY’S DIGITAL WELL-BEING**

**TIP:** Establish sacred spaces in your home where devices are not allowed, even while alone. When you spend time with friends and family, ask everyone to leave their phones in a different room.

"Since electronics can be a potential distraction...consider keeping family mealtimes and in-person gatherings device-free to build social bonds and engage in a two-way conversation. Help your child develop social skills and nurture his or her in-person relationships by encouraging unstructured and offline connections with others and making unplugged interactions a daily priority."

~The U.S. Surgeon General Advisory—Social Media and Youth Mental Health
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT JPII
THANK YOU to all who participated at the Orv Kelly Shanley Scramble
Sept. 18th | Maple River Golf Club

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
1420 7th Street N

Fall Festival
Sunday, October 8
10am - 1:30pm
Fun for the whole family!!

Raffle...
Grand Prize
$1000!!

Pork Dinner
with all the trimmings Serving
10 am to 1:30pm
(or unitl gone!)
Free-will Offering

Beer Garden
Friday Evening
October 6 6-8pm
Family Friendly!!
Root 'Beer' available to those under 21
(or those who just like it!)

Holy Cross Catholic Church
2711 7th St E, West Fargo
Every weekend before & after all Masses:
Chance Baskets, Silent Auction Bidding, Raffle Tickets, 50/50
Raffle Tickets

PLUS

SEPT 30
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Catholic Daughters Cupcakes
Cork Pull

OCT 1
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Catholic Daughters Cupcakes
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

OCT 7
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Baked & Canned Goods Sale

OCT 8
7:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Baked & Canned Goods Sale
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Catholic Daughters Rosary Coast to Coast

OCT 14
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Cork Pull

OCT 15
7:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Cork Pull
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
KOF Caramel Rolls After Masses

OCT 21
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Puzzle & Book Sale

OCT 22
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Puzzle & Book Sale /Family Photos
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Kids Activities
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Delicious Meatball Dinner
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
KOF C Bingo

Menu: Homemade meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw/kids - mac & cheese, corn, homemade bun & dessert.
Adults $12.00 | Children 10 & under $6.00
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