



# St. Therese Catholic School

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Principal: Donna Illerbrun

## Principal's Message

April 21, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is the holiest of times in the Catholic Church. Today starts the Triduum. Thursday evening is the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Friday is Good Friday, and Saturday is the Easter Vigil. Sunday, of course, is Easter Sunday and the celebration of the resurrection. Take time as a family to make this time meaningful. We have an early dismissal on Thursday to give families time to prepare for the evening's Mass. There will be no school on Friday to allow families time to gather for the Good Friday Mass.

When we return to school on Monday, there will be many activities as we complete the final quarter of the school year. Progress reports went home on Monday. Attached to the progress reports were the results of the ITBS assessments for grades Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade (8<sup>th</sup> grade took theirs in the fall). This assessment compares students nation wide. If your child scored an 87% in an area, that means that nation wide that student scored better than 87% of all the students taking the test. It does not mean they scored 87% of the question correctly.

If you have any questions pertaining to the ITBS test, please schedule an appointment to meet with the classroom teacher. They have additional information that may be helpful. Overall, the students scored 1-2 grade levels higher than their peers *nation wide*. That is amazing! We may not have the most funding and all the "bells and whistles," but we have the fundamentals down that will keep our students competitive in the world market. Our students are learning life long skills that will help them to become successful adults; and they are learning love of God, and compassion for others in the process. Today's investment in education will pay off ten fold in the future!

Easter: Three days after his death on the cross, "Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see" (Luke 24:36b-39a).

The teachers and staff at St. Therese Catholic School wish each and everyone of you a very blessed Easter.

*Heavenly Father,*

*Help us to see your Son in those around us. You created all of us out of your love. You have welcomed each of us into your loving embrace. Kindle in us an undying love for you and for our fellow men. Easter is a time of rebirth, may we all be reborn in your love. We move forward with a renewed heart to love and cherish each day, each moment, and each person that comes into our life. May we love unconditionally as you have loved us. We pray this in your name. Amen.*

Mrs. Donna Illerbrun, Principal

**Current Student FACTS Re-enrollment applications are ready to be signed. Failure to sign paperwork may cause delay in payments. Please see Leah Gonzales in the Business Office.**

**Calling all golfers! St. Therese School's 15th Annual Golf Tournament is May 1, 2011 at 8:00 am. Call 344-4479 for more information.**

### Upcoming Dates:

- 4/21 S.E.D. Day, 1 pm dismissal  
Pizza for sale after school
- 4/22 Good Friday, No School
- 4/25 **School snow make-up day**
- 4/26 **Talent Show, 1:30 pm**
- 4/28 Group Pictures 1-2 pm  
Sports Pictures, 3 pm in the gym
- 4/29 **S.E.D. Day, 12 pm dismissal, Walk-a-thon & Earth Day**
- 4/30 1st Communion, 1:00 pm
- 5/1 First Sunday Mass, 10 am  
Bake sale hosted by Pre-K & Kinder, after all Masses  
**Golf Tournament, 8 am**  
Los Altos Golf Course
- 5/2-5/6 **Book Fair**
- 5/6 Faith Challenge Bowl  
Jean's Day, 8th grade fundraiser  
5th gr. field trip, 9-2:30 pm
- 5/10 4th & 7th gr. field trip,  
Los Golondrinas
- 5/13 S.E.D. Day, 1 pm dismissal  
\$1.00 for slice of Pizza
- 5/20 Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- 5/26 Field Day, S.E.D. Day
- 5/27 Last Day of School

**Walk-a-thon  
Friday, April 29  
Form Enclosed**

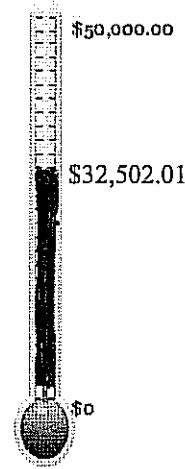


*Our  
beloved  
Saint  
Therese,  
pray for  
us.*

## School News

**Fund raising efforts:**

First Semester	\$14,421.38
Box Tops	\$ 383.00
Candy Grams	\$ 101.00
4th Grade Bake Sale	\$ 808.71
Basketball Tournament	\$ 762.44
Honey Baked Ham	\$ 75.00
Feb. Bake Sale	\$ 734.84
Spirit Wear	\$ 15.00
Silent Auction (A&C Fair)	\$ 42.00
2nd grade bake sale	\$ 766.80
World's Finest Choc.	\$ 7,500.00
1st grade bake sale	\$ 729.31
Live United	\$ 65.00
Spirit Wear	\$ 6.50
Roller Skate City	\$ 79.50
Spirit Wear	\$ 21.50
National Bank	\$ 10.00
Sundae/Pickle sale	\$ 77.00
Alumni Breakfast	\$ 5,903.13



**Annual Fundraising Goal: \$50,000.00**

**Upcoming Fundraising Events:**

Walk-a-thon, Golf Tournament

### Box Tops for Education

Please help the Crusaders by clipping and submitting box tops and Campbell's Labels for Education. Let's keep going, together we can make a difference.

As of this date, the school has earned **24,998** points on Campbell's Labels and received a total of \$383.00 on box tops. **Thank you !**

Olivia Jimenez, Box Top & Campbell's Soup Label chair

### School Mall

Help St. Therese School by shopping through [www.Schoolmall.com](http://www.Schoolmall.com). Click on "Find My School" button. Then go to: Saint Therese Catholic School, Albuquerque, New Mexico. If correct school, then "continue". A new page will open with "Family Book Store." You can shop there—or click on the button above that says "Merchants." There you will have a drop down with hundreds of merchants! Each store will donate back to our school a percentage of sales. Happy shopping.

**Thank you to all of the volunteers who cooked, set up & took down the tables, collected money, entertained, etc. The Palm Sunday breakfast sponsored by the alumni was a great success. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!**

Dear Parents -

First thank you for all your support this year with everything you have done for the school. Each and every parent plays an important role and our little school is all the more special because of parents like you. As you know the end of the year is almost here and yes we are all tired, all ready for the year to be over. GOOD NEWS - we are in the home stretch!!!! Please take a look at the lists below for the walk a thon and golf tournament and if you haven't already done so, please coordinate with the parents in your class. I know it's a lot at the end of the year - it always is - but we are almost done! Before you know it we will be planning the end of the year parties!!!!.

For the walk - a thon - We have some great prizes including Isotopes tickets, Cliffs Tickets, A digital camera, and Hinkle Family Fun Passes! Come out and walk and have a good time with music and food. It is one of those events that is always a lot of fun!!!!

Traditionally the school does not serve lunch on the day of the walk a thon - instead we have fun food booths for the kids to visit! Take a look below. We tried to keep it relatively simple and combine classes where we could.

### Walk – a thon – Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> – Earth Day 8am to 12 pm

#### Food Booths

- Pre-K & Kinder – Nachos
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade – Breakfast burritos
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fruit (apples, bananas, grapes)
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Snacks/donuts
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Hot dogs
- 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade – Pizza
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Drinks (No sodas)

#### GOLF TOURNAMENT

Finally - the golf tournament is rapidly approaching .. we are still in need of teams so if you know anyone please oh please let me know or have them call the school at 344-4479. We are asking one last thing from the classes - baskets for the golf tournament silent auction. Please see the list below...

- o Miniatures basket with shot glasses (Fathers Day Basket) - Prek/Kinder
- o Beer Basket - 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- o Wine Basket - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- o Mothers Day Basket - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- o Garden Basket – 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- o Napa Car Care Basket – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- o Golf and Drink Basket - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- o Happy Hour basket including snacks – 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- o Margarita Basket or Martini Basket– 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Baskets to be turned into the office by Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Again thank you for all you do for the school. A notice will go out in the next two weeks for a Home and School meeting. We would like to get set up for next year and get some fresh ideas!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Blessings to you and HAPPY HAPPY and Blessed Easter!!!!

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Dawn Robbins

## School News

### 8th Grade Students

ASF is sponsoring a Catholic Schools 8th grade dance at St. Pius X High School on May 14. Watch for further news.

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### School Clinic

Letters were sent home to all parents of 6th graders who will need the T-dap immunization (**tetanus containing vaccine if it has been at least 5 years since the last vaccination**) before starting 7th grade. This is a state law. If your child has already received the T-dap, please bring the document to the school so a copy can be made and the date recorded on the health record.

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### Sports

Parents, please check the web page daily for any updates.

The Coaches

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Archdiocese of Santa Fe—2010 Abuse Awareness Training for Adults: Creating a Safe Environment for our Children. Requirement for all volunteers who work with our students.

Saturday, May 14, 2011	9—12pm	Catholic Center
Saturday, June 18, 2011	9—12pm	Catholic Center
Thursday, July 14, 2011	6—9pm	Catholic Center

Call Annette @ 831-8144 to pre-register. No Children allowed in workshops.

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### Music

#### Reminder

Students in grades 3-8 have each been given an individual assignment which they will present to the class. Please see the website "<http://emhmusicplus.com>" if you would like more information. The information for each student (each number) is posted on the website <http://emhmusicplus.com>. If you have any questions, please consult the website, or call or text me at 280-8094.

Sincerely, Ms. Elisa Morelli-Hobbs, Music Teacher

**Talent Show, Tuesday, April 26, 1:30 pm in the gym.**

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### Library

4th & 5th grade families—Please return the permission slips for the library project to Mrs. Evans or the classroom teacher.

Volunteers needed:

Friday, April 29, 8:00—10:00 am, Book Fair Set up

Wednesday, May 4th, 2 people to run a game during the evening Book Fair

Monday, May 9, 8:00—10:00 am, Book Fair Take-down.

# 15TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

## Schedule

8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start 4 Player

Scramble

Lunch, awards and drawing of prizes

immediately following.

*Don't forget to stop by the*

*Clubhouse and check out the*

*silent auction!*

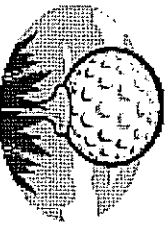
Join us for golf, food, and fun.

Thank you for

supporting the

St. Therese Catholic School

Scholarship Fund.



St. Therese Catholic School

## Mission Statement

St. Therese School is a pre-kindergarten through 8th grade Catholic Elementary and Middle School in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. The curriculum stresses academic achievement within a Christian community where the child feels that he/she is loved and respected by his/her peers and teachers. Vatican II texts are used so that our theology is in compliance with the bishops of the world. United with each other in meaningful liturgy and prayer, the students can further come to an understanding of the Christian life. At St. Therese, we are attempting to "teach as Jesus did."

The Archdiocesan curriculum guidelines, consistent with the State of New Mexico standards, are followed for the teaching of all secular subject areas. The curriculum is marked by current content and fresh approaches to methodology. We strive to offer a program which makes use of many sources of reading material, a wide variety of audiovisual and technology tools and a multi-text approach to the content areas.

*Mission of St. Therese School Community:  
To provide all students with Catholic academic, moral, and spiritual learning experiences within a safe, nurturing environment that will empower them to reach their maximum potential.*

## ST. THERESE

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## St. Therese Catholic School

A faith filled future.

# 15th Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday  
May 1, 2011

Los Altos Golf Course

*Providing hope  
for our children's  
future.*

All proceeds benefit the St.  
Therese Catholic School  
Scholarship Fund

## Sponsorship Opportunities

**YES! I want to be apart of the 15th Annual St. Therese Golf Tournament**  
**Sunday, May 1st.**  
 (Please check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Gold Sponsor - \$1500.00**  
 (includes team of 4)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Silver Sponsor—\$1000.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hole Sponsor—\$250.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Family Golf Sponsor—100.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Monetary Donation— \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Any amount welcome)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your support. Someone will contact you regarding your sponsorship.**

**Gold Sponsor—\$1500**  
*Signage at registration table  
 1 team of 4 Golfers*

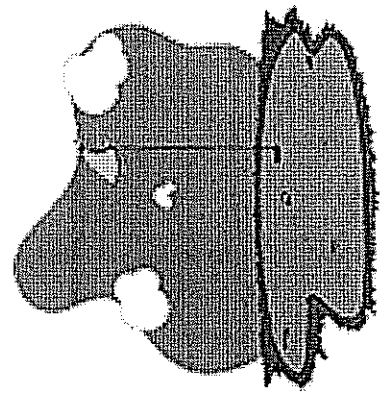
**Silver Sponsor—\$1000**  
*Signage*

**Hole Sponsor—\$250**  
 Signage at hole

**Family Golf Sponsor—\$100**  
 Sponsor a golfer

## Monetary or Prize donation

All sponsor opportunities include recognition in tournament program as well as the St. Therese Newsletter and St. Therese School website.



## Player Registration

Cost per player is \$100

Please register your team below. If you do not have a complete team (4 people), fill out the number of golfers you have and you will be paired up accordingly.

# of Players \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please print clearly)

**Player 1**  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handicap or Average: \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 2**  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handicap or Average: \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 3**  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handicap or Average: \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 4**  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Handicap or Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment:

Check

I will deliver it to the school in person

Credit Card

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mid-School Year Wrap-Up

Sixth grade is finishing up The Secret Garden with a life-size character analysis that pulls in the literary elements we have studied this year, including setting, symbolism, character, conflict and theme. The class will then start Greek mythology, which will be an introductory unit to be built upon in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. This final unit of the year will include a PowerPoint presentation and Greek god research project. The students just completed some wonderful board games related to earthquakes, volcanoes and other Life Science topics relevant to their 6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. In a few weeks' time, they will be building and erupting volcanoes.

Seventh grade is beginning their last novel of the year, Forge. The book, based on true events during the American Revolution, will serve as excellent preparation when they take American History next year. Prior to reading the novel, the students completed various activities designed to build prior knowledge, such as PowerPoint presentations and creating three-dimensional models of battlefields and Valley Forge, around which the events of the book center. As a tie-in with 4<sup>th</sup> grade's New Mexico history, 7<sup>th</sup> grade presented a series of plays based on a chapter in their New Mexico history textbook, and both classes will be visiting Las Golondrinas on May 10<sup>th</sup>. In science, 7<sup>th</sup> grade will soon start creating three-dimensional representations of the body's systems.

Eighth grade has just finished a fantastic series of presentations on the Civil War. They used PowerPoint and a variety of 3-D depictions to present critical battles (and their leaders) on both the Confederate and Union sides. They will be visiting the Holocaust Museum downtown on Wednesday this week, to wrap up their literary unit on Anne Frank and Night. As their last literary unit of the year, the class has condensed 3 Greek plays into one. They've written the scripts, created the soundtrack, scenery and props, and are now rehearsing for their presentation of the play in about a week's time. On Tuesday, Deacon Wesley took the class to Santa Fe to visit the Cathedral Basilica and the Loretto Chapel as part of our religious curriculum.

All three classes have taken turns throughout the year going to Starbase and applying what they are learning in science and math in an exciting, hands-on fashion. They did a great job presenting the Stations of The Cross during Lent, and raised a total of \$93 in their Language Arts class rice bowl to help feed the hungry. Each week that a class met their personal goal for Lenten money collection (\$1 per student for each week of Lent), they got to try a simple recipe from one of the poor countries that their money will now go to help.

It's been a busy, exciting year and there's a lot more to come. Please feel free to visit the middle school and see the wonderful projects our students are busily working on. We're very proud of all their hard work and effort and know they are well-prepared to move onto the next grade.

