



# St. Joseph School

## 2008-2009

### A Fantastic Year in Review

## Traditions That Empower the Child.

### Child of Faith...

- Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion celebrated by second grade students
- Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by eighth grade students
- Living Stations of the Cross enacted by 1<sup>st</sup> grade students
- May Procession included third graders as living rosary and procession of second graders
- Children's and Youth Choirs sang for Bicentennial Mass and liturgies throughout the school year.
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in weekly Mass as Altar Servers
- Monthly Liturgies led by students with parent/grandparent luncheon for all grades
- Feast Days celebrated with Mass for all students
- Students study Liturgical music as part of music curriculum
- Daily prayer, religion classes, spiritual elements incorporated into all classroom studies

### Child of Service...

- Students collected over \$7,000.00 in coins during the annual Pennies from Heaven project to support our sister parish in Haiti
- Stewardship Days collected donations for a girls school in Tanzania, Project Hope, Relay for Life, March of Dimes, American Cancer Society and other worthy causes
- Students collected hundreds of cans of food for St. Vincent DePaul as Lenten project
- Students celebrated Earth Day all week with poster contests, computer recycling....
- Ongoing recycling projects included cans, ink cartridges and bottles
- Middle school students worked with each other to perform community service and participate in school and parish activities through the new House System
- Classroom community service projects include collection of toys, sending cards to soldiers, visits to nursing homes
- Scout troops collected toys, beautified the school grounds, collected supplies for the Humane Society

## Child of Knowledge...

- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Academic Team won Regional Cup in the Governor's Cup competition
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Academic Team ended in the top "Elite 8" in the State Quick Recall Competition
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Academic Team won Reserve Champion at the Kentucky Colonel's Sixth Grade Showcase and earned the Katherine Hume Sportsmanship Award- 2008
- Two 8<sup>th</sup> graders took first place in the 2008 Engineering Division in the Louisville Region Science Fair-2008
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Future Problem Solvers team won first place in district and regional Governor's cup competition
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Academic Team Students placed first place in the District in Future Problem Solvers, and second place for Quick Recall
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade students scored better than 89% of students who took the GRADE reading test nationally
- Terra Nova Scores above National Average in all areas
- Arts and Humanities Day schedule enables students to enjoy weekly art, media center, music, P.E., Spanish and Technology classes.
- Five 8<sup>th</sup> grade students received \$500.00 scholarships to Bethlehem High School
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade student received a \$1,000.00 scholarship from the K.T. Family Foundation
- Middle school student won Regional Spelling Bee
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade student was a County winner for Young Authors

## Child of Tradition...

- Celebration of 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bardstown as Diocese
- Students celebrated Red Ribbon Week by collecting canned food, dressing up and pledging to be "drug free"
- Annual Christmas program, "The Perfect Gift" was performed by 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders and enjoyed by all
- Annual events included Fall Festival, Book Fair, Pancake Breakfast, Lunch with Santa, Fish Fry Fridays
- Catholic Schools Week celebrations included student-lead prayers, spirit day, roller skating, a visit to Bethlehem High School and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade VS faculty volleyball game.
- Middle School dances enjoyed by 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders, the last dance including 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Eighth grade students work craft fair bread and pork booths to raise thousands of dollars to pay for annual trip to Washington D.C.

## Child of Discovery...

- Boys 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team undefeated, won state championship
- Girls volleyball team won second place in NIT championship
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball team won championship
- Grades 4-8 enjoyed intramural bowling
- 91 % of all students are involved in a sport and/or extracurricular activity
- 92% of middle school students are involved in a sport and/or extracurricular activity
- Students enjoyed class field trips to Kentucky Down Under, Louisville Zoo, Churchill Downs, Slow Poke Farm
- All faculty, staff and students gathered in the gym to witness the inauguration of President Obama and Vice President Biden
- Eighth grade students create cover letters, resumes and perform mock interviews in preparation for applying for future employment
- Missy Jenkins, school shooting victim, spoke to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students about the importance of kindness and acceptance
- 4-H Ham Club winners won first, second and third place ribbons in the State Fair for their hams. 4-H members performed in a Variety Show,
- Two students won Fit-Kids gymnastics competition
- Four middle school students received scholarships to Stephen Foster Music Camp
- Students participated in the performing arts including vocal performances, violin performances and
- 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the annual St. Joseph School Science Fair
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students graduated from DARE program

## School Successes...

- St. Joseph Parish "Time to Build" campaign successfully raised over 3.5 million dollars to finance school renovation and addition, as well as a new Parish Fellowship Hall
- A new addition added two preschool classrooms, a second kindergarten classroom, art room, media center, music room, science lab, technology center, classrooms for tutors and office space. A secure entrance and elevator insure security and accessibility for students, staff and visitors.
- Renovation of the existing building included new lighting, electrical and HVAC systems for all areas.
- The gymnasium has new floor, retractable bleachers, locker rooms, and basketball hoops.
- Preschool program added 3 year old class. Preschool programs now include 3 and 4 year old students for half and full day programs.
- February Open House attracted a record number of visitors and applicants to St. Joseph School.
- St. Joseph School welcomed 80 new students this year.