

# NEWSLETTER

IRISH TIMES

## The Irish Times

Welcome to the Irish Times, the monthly Falls City Sacred Heart Catholic School Newsletter for students, parents, alumni, benefactors and community. We welcome your feedback and ideas for articles and updates! For more information, contact us at [fcsacredheart@cdolinc.net](mailto:fcsacredheart@cdolinc.net).

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### From the desk of Fr. Lee Jirovsky

Dear Friends and Family of Falls City Sacred Heart,

**“Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God is Lord alone...” – *the Shema Prayer - Deuteronomy 6:4-9***

All of our Catholic school teachers from across Southern Nebraska gathered at the annual Diocesan Teacher’s Institute on Columbus Day. Dr. Vern Steiner, the keynote speaker, inspired us with a beautiful reflection on this central prayer of the Jewish faith that would have been on the lips of Jesus every day. As he went on verse by verse, he tied it into our roles as parents, teachers, and educators:



**“... And you shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall speak of them at home or abroad, whether you are busy, or at rest,”**

When are you ever not “at home or abroad”? not “busy or at rest”? – Never! That’s the Jewish way of telling you: Always and in all ways! It was a good reminder to put the Lord at heart of all that we do, and that everything good must be through Him, and with Him, and in Him.

Fr. Oldham continued the conversation at our In-Service last Friday. He explored the aspect of “Educating” in our Mission Statement and gave the teachers more food for thought about how we can make our faith an integral aspect of how we teach. This in turn shows our students that **holiness is practical and possible**, and how we are all called to be saints.

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, Pope Francis canonized John Henry Newman a saint of the Church. An Anglican from Oxford whose conversion to Catholicism rocked the

intellectual community of England in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, his teaching and work has been a light to many college and university students for whom “Newman Centers” have been a safe haven on campus. A prayer he penned has been an inspiration to me, and is just as fitting for now as it was when he wrote it more than a century ago. I shared it with our Seniors, and Fr. Oldham shared it with our teachers. I hope you find some insight and consolation in your discernment of God’s plan for you, and remain always confident in His Love.

### **The Mission of My Life**

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.

*- John Henry Cardinal Newman*

***Feel free to share this email, or cut and paste and send to someone you know that needs to hear this prayer today.***

Fr. Lee Jirovsky  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Falls City Sacred Heart Catholic School

### **New Concepts in Fifth Grade**

The fifth graders are introduced to all kinds of new concepts in Reading, Math and Language Arts as the year goes on. Hopefully, they are also learning many life lessons as they make their way through the year. One of the life lessons that we practice often is helping others.

The fifth grade are special helpers for the preschool. They go over to the preschool room each morning and take the lunch count to the lunch room and pick up the days milk and snacks. At lunch time, the fifth grade serves the preschool students their lunch, helps open milk and serves condiments.

On Friday afternoons the fifth grade uses the iPads to practice math skills on Math IXL. When they finish with their practice, they log off, log on a first grader and take the iPad to their partner in first grade. Then, they help the first grader find the math skill they are working on and give them encouragement and help. They have taught the first graders how to log off the iPads and where to return the iPad cart.

Helping others, giving our time to make things better for someone else, this is a lesson we hope that the fifth graders are modeling and one that the first graders hope to be able to demonstrate as they grow and become some of the “older” kids at school!



## Poverty Simulation

The seniors from Falls City High School and Falls City Sacred Heart participated in CAPS Program (Community Action Poverty Simulation) as conducted by SENCA (Southeast Community Action Agency) and volunteers from the Falls City area.

The CAPS program is a tool that is used to teach financial literacy skills to high school students about the day-to-day realities of life with a shortage of financial resources and an abundance of stress. After the simulation is conducted, Richardson County Outreach Director, Melissa Hardenberger teaches students the skills of budgeting, the value of education to financial success, as well as credit, and how to save and invest to build wealth.

With support from Wells Fargo Banks, the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, local businesses and community volunteers this program has been presented to the senior students in Government and Civics. THE CAPS program assists in the teaching of economics standards and curriculum to students at both Falls City High School and Sacred Heart School.

## Right to Life Chain

Sacred Heart students stood up for the Right to Life in Falls City on Sunday, October 6 along with Fr. David Oldham. Participants met at the First Methodist Church for instruction and prayer prior to the hour long silent observance.





## Pep Club Raised \$1040.00 for Richardson County Cancer Fund



- Shout out to the volleyball parents who contributed items for the raffle.
- Thanks to Pep Club for organizing the event and working the raffle.
- Thanks to all fans for purchasing chances for the raffle. Johnson Brock and HTRS fans were also very generous.
- Thank you to all students and parents who contributed money to wear jeans to school.
- Thank you to Merz Farm Equipment for donating \$5 for every pink shirt purchased! Their total donation was \$305!

## National Honor Society Officers

Jake Hoy, President  
 Jarrot Simon, Student Council Rep  
 Jamie Stice, Secretary  
 Claire Niemeyer, Treasurer  
 Maddie Littrel, Vice-President



## St. Mary's Arago/Sacred Heart School Comedy Night!

Come to Prichard Auditorium on Friday, November 22 for Comedy Night featuring comedian, Dusty Slay! Doors open at 6:00pm. Tickets are available online by clicking the following link: [Comedy Tickets](#)

St. Mary's Arago Parish & Sacred Heart School  
presents

# COMEDY NIGHT

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# DUSTY SLAY

as seen on NBC'S "THE TONIGHT SHOW w/Jimmy Fallon"

PRICHARD AUDITORIUM FALLS CITY, NE | PG-13 COMEDY

**DOORS OPEN: 6 PM & SHOW STARTS 8 PM**

Tickets at the door, at select Falls City retailers, or contact  
Marcella Bauman 402-245-4663

Questions: Contact Jackie Knobbe [jmillerknobbe@gmail.com](mailto:jmillerknobbe@gmail.com)

## Junior High Manufacturing Day

National Manufacturing Day was a great success in Falls City!

\*There are CURRENTLY 30 employment opportunities available. All industries are hiring!

\*150 middle school students from Sacred Heart and Falls City participated in the tours.

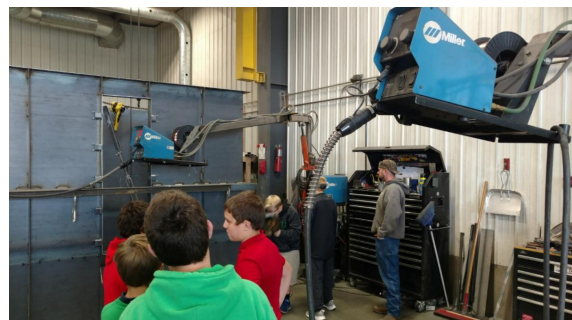
\*15 tours were conducted thanks to 5 companies: Merz Farm Equipment, FAST Global Solutions,



Vantec, CGB and Kearney Welding.

\*There are jobs that require 2 year and 4 year degrees but there are opportunities for On the Job Training too.

Alum, Jeremy Kearney ('05), owner and operator of [Kearney Welding, LLC](#), is a great example of homegrown entrepreneurship. He invested in this community by building his industrial business and creating manufacturing jobs right here in Falls City, NE. He subcontracts and supplies manufactured parts throughout the region.







## Alumni Holds Homecoming Tailgate

Sacred Heart Alumni Association held a tailgate party for Homecoming on Friday night, October 11 in Tiehen Gym. Hot dogs, chips and drinks were served to students, parents, grandparents, friends and alumni. Mini footballs donated by FAST Global and pompoms were given away. Third grade cheerleaders were on hand to lead us in some cheers and Paige Stamper painted little Irish faces. Thank you to Darren and Kim Schawang for the use of the grill.





### Husker/Irish Fundraiser Ongoing

Under the direction of Tony Ahern and Scott Magdanz, Sacred Heart volunteers will be traveling to Nebraska home games to help sell stadium seats. For each home Husker football game, the Irish volunteers will sell seats in the North Stadium. We will have 5 sections to service with each volunteer earning \$55.00 for the day with the check being sent to school. Bus will leave school in time so that we can be at stadium 2.5 hours before game starts. The volunteers sell seats, then are able to watch game from any available seat and return to pick up seats and deliver back to stadium storage when game is over. We encourage you to ask your friends and neighbors to join us and this is an excellent opportunity for Lincoln or Omaha alumni to help out! Photo ID is required for each volunteer. Volunteers must be 6th grade or older. If you would like more information, please contact Tony Ahern at (402.245.7883) or Scott Magdanz at (402.245.7823).

If you would like to volunteer, please use the following link to sign up:

[Husker/Irish Fundraiser](#)

**Funds to date from this fundraiser total \$13,400.00 and will be used to remodel elementary bathrooms next summer.**

### Class of 1979 Hold Reunion Over Homecoming

The Class of 1979 held an impromptu reunion during homecoming weekend. Some members attended the alumni tailgate and then met others at the homecoming game which Sacred Heart won by a score of 67-8 against the Diller Odell Tigers.





Friday night after the football game, the class gathered at the Den: Randy Schawang, Lisa Knobbe Pokorny, Laura Prosser, Laurie Coupe Scribner, Michelle Kreifels, Jeff Goltz.



The 1979 class gathered to watch the Nebraska game on Saturday to continue to catch up and visit. From L to R: Randy Schawang, Lisa Knobbe Pokorny, Michelle Kreifels Nussbaum, Laura Prosser, Patty Goltz Weaver, Jeff Goltz, Brad Oliver and Laurie Coupe Scribner.

### Lourdes Triangular - Great Finish!

Sacred Heart joined Lourdes Central Catholic volleyball players in prayer after triangular in Nebraska



## Arctic Adventure Book Fair Proceeds

Sacred Heart's fall "Arctic Adventure" Book Fair was held on September 23-27. Another amazing fair, in one short week, we brought in \$3,407.33. Scholastic offers a certain percentage in cash, Scholastic dollars, and All For Books donations! Thankful to everyone who supported the fair and the generosity they show towards Sacred Heart! - Angela Simon, Librarian



## #BETHECHANGE

Student Council had a successful "Soap"tember drive for our local pantry thanks to the generosity of students and staff. Students were asked to bring soap products to school and boy did they come through! Eight boxes of much needed supplies were delivered. Pictured are Mackensie Nelson and Emily Wertenberger, Student Council; Elle Froeschl, Project Chair; Kyle Bauman and Derrick Schawang, Student Council; and Evi Schock, Project Chair.



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