

# The Immaculate News

The Stations of the Cross, or Way of the Cross, (in Latin, Via Crucis) is a form of devotion commemorating the Passion and death of Christ, consisting of a series of 14 meditations, or stations.

The tradition as chapel devotion began with St. Francis of Assisi and extended throughout the Roman Catholic Church in the medieval period. It may be done at any time, but is most commonly done during the Season of Lent, especially on Good Friday and on Fridays during Lent.

**This school year, students in grades 3-8 will participate in each Friday session at 2pm. Parents & family members are welcome to attend.**

Congratulations to **Sr. Nancy's 3rd grade class**. They earned 165 "beads" during our box top collection contest. That's 1650 box tops collected! Each 3rd grade received 10 extra Mardi Gras tickets for their hard work.



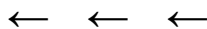
Home and School would like to thank EVERYONE who contributed to the Box Top Contest. It was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without your help. Stay tuned to the next newsletter for the final count of the Box Tops that were sent in.

The 8th grade class and their parents would like to thank all whom made their bake sale a huge success! All profits will be used for their graduation field trip.

*Thank You!*



(Pssst, does Mrs. Karney need another skiing lesson?)



The middle school went on a ski trip the 23rd of February to **Afton Alps** in Hastings MN. The weather was spectacular, and a good time was had by all.



## Middle School Valentines Dance By Chase Ward

Thursday, February 12th was ICS's middle school dance. It was a semi formal dance which meant no jeans! At first, not many kids were dancing but the parents supplied chips, pop and other refreshments so we talked to our friends and had snacks. Then Ms. Moore's brother, our DJ for the night started playing a good mix of slow songs and fast songs. The cafeteria was decorated with twinkle lights, balloons and red and white streamers. My favorite songs that he played were mainly slow songs and "Thriller." Overall, the dance was exciting and fun!

**2nd Annual Free Cathedral Family Day**  
**Sunday, March 8th, 1:30-4:30 p.m.**  
**Cathedral of Saint Paul,**  
**239 Selby Avenue, Saint Paul**

Costumed tour guides bring to life historical characters who played a role in building the Cathedral a century ago.

Visitors can climb three flights of stairs into the gallery to watch a resident musician demonstrate the workings of the massive Skinner Pipe Organ (elevator also available).

**Other activities include:**

Sculpting in clay with Minnesota Children's Museum staff

Souvenir photographs

Visit with a LEGO Ambassador building likenesses of the Cathedral & State Capitol.

Author Dia Boyle signing copies of *Stone & Glass*.

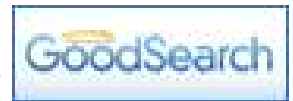
Cathedral Gift Store & Museum open

Free parking available.

For more information: 651-228-1766

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ICS Girls Basketball teams were very busy this past weekend. A-squad won their playoff game against St. Joseph's on Thursday night and advanced to play on Tuesday, Feb 24, against Transfiguration at Holy Spirit in St. Paul. The B squad team won their playoff game against St. Rose and advanced to play on Tuesday, Feb 24, against Faithful Shepherd at St. John Evangelical at 8pm. C squad won their playoff game on Friday evening against St Jude and advanced to play against St Rose.

The ICS Instructional League Girls Tournament Results are as follows. ICS Blue (4th & 5th graders) won two games and lost two games. ICS White (6th graders) won one game and lost two. This tournament marks the end of the 2008-2009 season for these teams.

*"The 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Team has been working on becoming better defensive players. I have seen a dramatic improvement from the beginning of the year to now. They played mainly 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams and held their own against teams of similar size." -Coach Barrett*



**Candy Sale**  
**Coming Soon**

Immaculate Conception's Home & School Association will once again be sponsoring their annual candy sale. We will be selling **World's Finest Chocolate** Candy Bars and Chocolate Bunnies.

Chocolate bunny orders will be collected through March 10th. They sell for \$5 each and payment is due with your order.

The bars are a variety of almond, crisp, caramel, dark and milk chocolate and sell for \$1 each. On **Friday, March 6th**, the youngest child in each family will bring home one case of candy bars. We encourage each family to sell their one case (50 bars). When the original case is sold and paid for, you may request additional cases. Additional information, including details on some **fun prizes** will be coming home soon!



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