

## **Bede Buzz**

### **4/13/16**

#### **Sacramental Spotlight: First Holy Communion**

On Sunday, April 10th at the 2:00 p.m. Mass, 41 students from St. Bede School and CCD received Jesus for the first time! It was a glorious occasion for not only the families, relatives and friends of the First Communion class but for the parishioners and guests of St. Bede Parish as well. Fr. Bryce, assisted by Deacon Rick, and two visiting priests, who have relatives in the class, distributed the Holy Eucharist to the children. The moment was captured in a photograph of each child taken by photographer, Kandy Newell. Truly a treasured gift remembrance from the parish!

SPECIAL THANKS TO MRS. MARIE JO MARKS, SISTER MARY ELIZABETH, MRS. MELISSA VIATOR and their aides, Kaethe McGonigle and Luisa Watkins, who prepared the First Communicants for this spiritual milestone in their lives. Along with the parents of the students, they are to also be congratulated for their expertise in the faith development of yet another group of students!

#### **Social Studies Spotlight: Grade 4**

During the month of March, two students from Duquesne University taught grade 4 students a Junior Achievement course. During these 5 sessions, the students learned a great deal about how businesses work. They learned about supply and demand, natural resources, and the many, many things that entrepreneurs need to keep in mind as they form and build their businesses. The game the students played during the final lesson was especially fun, and finding all of the needed materials and services to make their final product was really challenging!

#### **Social Studies Spotlight: Grade 6**

Combining their knowledge of ancient Egypt and their art skills, students created a clay cartouche of their names written in hieroglyphics. When the name of a pharaoh or a queen appears in hieroglyphics, it is enclosed in an oval frame known as a cartouche, perhaps symbolizing the fact that the pharaoh was the ruler of everything the sun went round.

#### **Social Studies Spotlight: Grade 8**

"Looking to the future while keeping an eye on the present and recognizing the importance of the past" was the theme of the Junior Achievement classes taught by two education majors to the eighth grade during their Tuesday social studies class. Branding, or creating an image for oneself, possible career paths, the requirements and the outlook for careers in certain fields, past and current classes and skills that will be valuable to students in the future, how to conduct job searches, and how to compete in the job market by writing a memorable resume and interviewing successfully were some of the topics covered in the JA course. In a few short weeks, a lot of valuable information was shared with our students.

#### **Service Spotlight**

During Lent, students in Grades PK through 8 collected 506 pounds of groceries to donate to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. During Holy Week, the student council and fifth graders gathered, sorted and boxed all of the donations. The fifth grade students loaded cars with all 506 pounds of donations and delivered them to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. While at the Food Bank, the students toured the enormous facility and saw the dry storage warehouse, refrigeration warehouse, drop-off/pick up, loading docks, repack and distribution areas, conference rooms and so much more. Before departing, the students unpacked the cars and delivered every item to the repack area of the warehouse.

While there, they learned about the important work that the food bank does and the many

ways they can support their efforts. In 2015, the Food Bank distributed over 24 million pounds of food to members of our community. During Lent, and every day since their visit, they are remembering in their prayers all of those who work, volunteer and are clients of the Food Bank. St. Bede School received a wonderful thank you note from the President & CEO that stated, "Your involvement is helping to meet a critical need in our community. Please know that you are making a difference in the lives of your neighbors-thank you!"

**Art Spotlight: Grade 1 Clay Pinch Pots**

See attached.

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