



Did You Know?

Congratulations to Mrs. Levet and her family on the birth of their first grandchild Heidi Elizabeth Levet. Heidi is the daughter of Mrs. Levet's son Daniel and his wife Janell. Congratulations!

October is Respect Life Month and Visitation is celebrating this important event in many ways. The 5th – 8th grade students took part in a Respect Life Holy Card contest. The winning design was drawn by 7th grader Jenna Melerine and the winning prayer was written by 6th grader Chloe Jordan. Congratulations to these two students for a job well done. The middle school students are taking part in a 40 Day Prayer Campaign for Respecting Life by saying prayers from September 24th through November 1st. All students will be able to take part in the Baby Bottle Campaign by bringing in donations that will go to the Woman's New Life Center. Thirty-five HALO club members will represent Visitation at the Archdiocese's Respect Life Mass on October 6th at St. Dominic's Church. A big "thank you" goes to Mrs. Anna Jouandot for paying for the school bus that will transport the students to and from the Mass.

Are you as connected as your child? The Archdiocese Office of Communications and the Safe Environment Coordinator are hosting meetings where parents can join other parents and learn to better help your child practice "safe computing". Upcoming meeting dates: October 7th – Mary, Queen of Peace, Mandeville and October 28th – St. Mathew the Apostle Parish, River Ridge.

The Parenting Center at Children's Hospital in New Orleans is offering two worthwhile programs. *Growing Up for Boys* is a two hour program for boys ages 10 – 13 and their fathers on Tuesday, November 10th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Metairie Parenting Center. The cost is \$20 per boy. *Growing Up for Girls* is a two hour program for girls ages 9 – 12 and their mothers on Tuesday, Oct. 20th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Metairie Parenting Center. The cost is \$20 per girl. Both programs require pre-registration. Call 504- 896-9591.

Community Fundraisers continue to provide Visitation with extra funds. With the help of Visitation families and friends the school received the following donations: Target's Take Charge of Education program gave Visitation a check for \$163.73. Office Depot's 5% Back to Schools Program gave Visitation a merchandise card in the amount of \$70.60. Thank you to these organizations and our families and friends who support these programs on our behalf. Please visit our school website at www.vol.org for ways you can support VOL through purchases. Click on *Ways to Support VOL* and then click *Community Fundraisers*. You will find a list of local and online businesses where proceeds from your purchases benefit VOL

Visitation of Our Lady Co-Op is once again selling tickets for "The Golden Apple". The Golden Apple is a \$10,000 raffle that is going on now. As of September 28th eighty-five tickets have been sold. Have you purchased yours yet?

Joseph Casso and Emily Oncale, both 7th graders at Visitation, are aspiring, young musicians. Both of these very talented students play the organ for our Tuesday mornings school Mass. Joseph also plays the organ for Saint Anthony Parish in Lafitte for the Sunday 8 a.m. Mass. A "thank you" to these two students for sharing their God given talent with us.

Danny O'Flaherty, an Celtic singer who has performed for our 2nd graders, will be in concert in New Orleans on Saturday, October 3rd at Our Lady of Holy Cross College from 2 to 4 p.m. We are very proud that following members of the Visitation's Children Choir will be performing with Mr. O'Flaherty during this concert: Huey Campbell, Holly Casso, Allie Lamy, Alexis Musacchia, Jenna Melerine, Dylan Mitchell, Emily Oncale, Bailey Termine, Leah Williamson, and Madison Wilson. Congratulations!