

Mount Carmel Academy CUBS IN TOUCH

APRIL 2011



From Sister Camille Anne

We have journeyed through a part of Lent that calls to us to repent and believe the Good News. It is time to show that we have made some changes, that we do believe, and to express those changes in our behavior with those whom we love and to express our faith in giving time to God personally, in Church, with the Way of the Cross, and in quiet prayer and reflection. We began Lent with the readings about the Temptations of Jesus against everything God sent Him to us to become. He was not to be a worldly powerful king with great power and wealth, but a humble servant with the power of love. How have we fared with the temptations against who we are to become? It is a good time to check it out.

The wonderful story of the Samaritan Woman at the Well poses the challenge to us: "If you but knew the gift of God." We are not on the outside as the Samaritan woman was. We are those who know and love Jesus,

who belong because of the gift of faith from our parents and our Church and the sacrament of Baptism. Do we know the gift of God in Jesus? Have we really grasped the power in that gift for us to live a meaningful life? Have we given love as Jesus has taught us to give love? This is a good time to ask ourselves if we know the gift of God with that loving knowledge which prompts us to act.

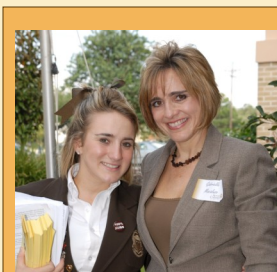
The week after next is Holy week. That is just a name, but it gives us the invitation to have a truly holy week and to become holy through the celebrations in our Church. Let us ponder on Ash Wednesday the betrayal of Judas and do all that we can not to betray Jesus through our betrayal of others in whom Jesus lives. The Agony in the Garden on Holy Eucharist invites us to join our small sufferings to the great suffering of Jesus. The Institution of the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Jesus at the Last Supper, gives us food

for the journey, but we must receive and know the power of that love.

The Passion of the Christ brought home so vividly to each of us the extent of Jesus' love for us as we could view from a truly human perspective of Jesus' suffering and death. This is our chance to thank Jesus, to join our small sufferings which seem so large in our lives to Jesus' suffering, and give them great meaning and purpose. Finally, the great triumph, one of my favorite symbols of the Resurrection: the Empty Tomb. That is the final glory, that is the promise we have to be in the communion of saints now and for all eternity. Lent is a time to confirm our desires, change our ways, enter into that dance of love with the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Have a blessed Holy week, happy Easter and a joyful spring. God bless you.

Love, Sister Camille Anne



Mount Carmel Academy mothers and daughters are invited to attend a **Mother/Daughter Mass** on **April 13 at 7 p.m.** in the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Dinner and door prizes will follow the event. Visit the Web site for more information.



Mount Carmel Academy was filled with young girls on March 19 at the annual Exploration MCA. The students learned new leadership skills from Ambassadors and Student Council members; tried new dance moves taught by the Carmelettes; practiced cheers with the Game Squad cheerleaders; and created artwork with Mount Carmel students. The girls also enjoyed pizza and a visit from the Mount Carmel Cub mascots!



Accolades

Congratulations to...

... to **Chorale** for receiving Superior ratings from every judge, earning them a Sweepstakes trophy at the LMEA District Large Ensemble Festival. This is the fifth consecutive year Chorale has earned this honor under the direction of Ms. Tara Hinds. Chorale will advance to the State Large Ensemble Festival in Lake Charles in May.

... to the following

Academic Games Senior Division players: Shelby Gallup, Rachel Christoph, Courtney Dorazio, Anais Lowe, Leslie Lacoste and Kaitlin Chauvin. Their teams tied for second place in the City's Equations Tournament.

... to the **Echoes** staff who participated in the 35th Annual Tom Bell Silver Scribe Journalism Competition at Loyola University. They placed in the following events:

Editorial Writing: Sami Preston honorable mention; **Sports Writing:** Jennifer Landry, 1st place; **Newspaper Critiques:** Echoes of Carmel, 2nd place overall.

... to **Science Olympiad** who placed 3rd out of 17 teams at the regional tournament at Nicholls State University: Kaylyn Pecquet and Abbey Kerner, 3rd in Anatomy and Physiology; Victoria Bourgeois and Anna Malachias, 3rd place in Chemistry Lab; Ashleigh Ledet and Sophie Vitter, 3rd place in Ecology; Olivia Pierce and Abbey Kerner, 1st place in Forensics; Kathleen Eubanks and Megan Glahn, 2nd place in Optics; Kaylyn Pecquet and Victoria Bourgeois, 1st place in Write It/Do It; Abbey Kerner and Peyton Ginzl, 1st place in Mousetrap Car.

Students Sweep District Rally

On March 19, Mount Carmel Academy participated in District Literary Rally at the University of New Orleans. **The following 34 Mount Carmel Academy students placed in the top five in Division I and qualified for the State Rally:** Amy Guillot, Advanced Math-Pre-Calculus, 2nd place; Kaitlin Chauvin, Advanced Math-Functions and Statistics, 3rd place; Julia "Lise" Vitter, Algebra I, 5th place; Courtney Dorazio, Biology II, 3rd place; Taylor Millar, Chemistry, 3rd place; Jessica McCarthy, Civics, 3rd place; Malayne Mascaro, Environmental Applications, 1st place overall; Kaitlyn Schloz, English I, 3rd place; Danielle Maurer, English II, 3rd place; Colleen Cecola, English III, 1st place; Calah Caballero, English IV, 3rd place; Hannah Lafrance, Family and Consumer Science, 1st overall; Margot Albares, Free Enterprise, 1st place; Callie Frey, French I, 2nd place; Lauren Saunee, French II, 3rd place; Caroline Wiewiorowski, French III, 4th place; Caroline Gaspard, French IV, 2nd place; Kelly Couget, Geometry, 2nd place; Kaylynn Genemares, Health, 1st overall; Danielle Sketchler, Introduction to Computer Applications, 4th place; Jennifer Landry, Journalism, 1st overall; Melinda Davis, Latin I, 1st place; Colleen Slade, Latin II, 3rd place; Katherine Casadaban, Nutrition and Food, 1st overall; Lillian Hourgettes, Parenthood Education, 1st place; Mary Margaret Monistere, Physical Science, 4th place; Rachel Helm, Physics, 4th place; Rebecca Lambert, Psychology, 3rd place; Rachel Anderson, Sociology, 1st overall; Natalie Failla, Spanish I, 2nd place; Emily Ragland, Spanish II, 1st place; Alexis Tamberella, Spanish III, 4th place; Zoe Perret, Spanish IV, 4th place; Leslie Lacoste, U.S. History, 1st place overall.

These 27 students also placed in the top five in Division I: Anne-Marie Murat, Advanced Math-Functions and Statistics, 4th place; Christina Allende, Biology, 5th place; Sophie Vitter, Biology II, 5th place; Jennifer Housey, Calculus, 5th place; Rachel Christoph, Civics, 4th place; Juliana Lacoste, Environmental Applications, 2nd place; Ashley Freese, English I, 4th place; Sydney Sudderth, English II, 5th place; Constance Stokes, English III, 3rd place; Dominique Becnel, English IV, 4th place; Kelly Forschler, Family and Consumer Science, 2nd place; Susan Knecht, Free Enterprise, 5th place; Katherine Blackburn, French I, 3rd place; Kirsten Sahuque, French III, 5th place; Sophia Blum, French IV, 5th place; Victoria Boraski, Health, 2nd place; Marion Borerros, Journalism, 2nd place; Bonnie Gibbons, Latin I, 2nd place; Madeline Brewton, Nutrition and Food, 2nd place; Alyssa Kelly, Parenthood Education, 2nd place; Jill Toepfer, Psychology, 5th place; Hannah Iannazzo, Sociology, 3rd place; Grace Quave, Spanish I, 5th place; Olivia Napolitano, Spanish II, 5th place; Rebecca Pazmino-Calligan, Spanish III, 5th place; Abigayle Rhode-Pausina, Spanish IV, 5th place; Madeline Engler, U.S. History, 2nd place.

In the Speech and Drama events three students were rated Superior in Interpretive Reading: Julie Montalbano, Abigayle Rhode-Pausina, and Ashley Ory; in Impromptu Speaking Carli Collis was rated Excellent; in Radio Speaking Ashley Bergeron was rated Excellent. **Mount Carmel Academy won the Sweepstakes Award for overall points in Division I.**

Mount Carmel Academy presents *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, April 14-17.

All productions are at 7 p.m. with the exception of April 17, which has shows at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Fitzmorris Performing Arts Center

\$15/adult; \$10/student.



Faculty Focus

Mr. Jerry Nugent, Sr. reflects on his 26 years as a member of the Mount Carmel Academy family.



1. Why did you first come to MCA?

I arrived at Mount Carmel Academy in 1985. Because of increasing enrollment, Sister Camille Anne wanted to centralize the admissions process. She decided to hire a Director of Admissions. I was recommended to Sister and after a three hour interview, I felt this would be a great challenge. Thank God that Sister Camille Anne felt the same way. Twenty-six years later, I am still here.

2. What positions have you held since you began here?

I have held numerous positions while at Mount Carmel Academy. I was Director of Admissions for 23 years. I have served on the Principal's Advisory Council and have been an assistant administrator. Other responsibilities have included Substitution Coordinator and Director of Community Relations. I have also been fortunate enough to teach at least once class each year.

3. What has been your proudest moment as a faculty member or administrator at MCA?

Of course, I am very proud to have had the opportunity to work with such a caring and loving faculty and such wonderful young ladies.

This may seem strange, but one of my proudest moments is when I received a letter from a senior just before graduation. Part of the letter spoke about the fact that she did not have a father and that she had always considered me as her dad during her years at Mount Carmel. She said she would always remem-

ber me for my care, concern and compassion. We never know how we impact that students we come into contact with. Students may not remember our names or what we taught, but they will always remember how we make them feel. This beautiful letter was lost in Katrina. I am also proud to have had the opportunity to work with my son, Jerry, and his wife, Alesandra.

4. What has kept you here all of these years?

I have remained at Mount Carmel for 26 years because we truly care about each and every student entrusted to our care. The girls are number one at Mount Carmel Academy. The Mount Carmel family is ever searching for newer and better ways to educate our young ladies. Sister Camille Anne challenges us each and every day to be the best educators and to lead a life that is God-centered.

Dance Teams Earn Top Honors

Carmelettes

The Carmelettes were named High School National Champions in Orlando, Fla! They captured the following awards: 1st place in officer's category, including Captains Michele McCloskey, and Co-Captains Co Co Bartlett, Amanda Fertitta, Katie Green, Alyssa Kelly and Madison Rau; 1st place in duets: Katherine Guillot and Lindsay Messina; 3rd place in solos: Michele McCloskey; 1st, 2nd, 3rd places in Ensembles for small group dances; 1st place in Division II for Jazz Routine; 2nd place overall for Jazz routine; 1st place in Division II for Pom routine; 1st place overall for Pom routine; 1st place in Division II for Novelty routine; 1st place overall for Novelty routine. Mrs. Gloria Doran has been the moderator for 35 years.



Cubettes

The eighth grade dancers participated in the Marching Auxiliary Competition on March 12, where they won: 1st place Solo, Catherine Johnson; 3rd place Kick in Ensembles; 2nd place Pom; 1st place Lyrical; Officers: Superior, choreography award; Duets: Leah Perez/Laine Fogarty, 2nd; Cody Guillot/Catherine Loehr, 1st; Team Dances: Sweepstakes, High Point in Novelty.



Rhythm

On March 12, Rhythm earned a Superior Sweepstakes trophy at the MA Gulf Coast Regional Competition at Grace King High School for earning a superior rating on all three of their team routines. The team won the choreography award and the high point award for Kick, Pom and Novelty. They also received the Technique Award and Best in Class large team awards. They earned the following Ensemble awards: Pom, 2nd runner up; Jazz, 1st runner up; Contemporary, champions. For duets, Kelly Quern and Taylor Trosclair tied for second runner up with Paige Moore and Kayla Gomez. In the solo category, Paige Moore was the 4th runner up and Morgan Wilson was the 1st runner up for grades 9-10. For grades 11-12, Katie Bianchini was the 2nd runner up and Taylor Trosclair was the 1st runner up.



Athletics

April Schedule:

- 4: Tennis, Country Day @ UNO
- 5: SB, AOL @ JPRD
- 6: Tennis, DHS @ UNO
- 7: Carmelettes Tryouts
- 9: Carmelettes Tryouts
- 11: Tennis, Chapelle @ UNO
- 11-12: Cheerleader Tryouts
- 13: Tennis vs. Sacred Heart
- 14: Rhythm Tryouts
- 16: Rhythm tryouts
- 18: Tennis, Assumption @ UNO
- 19: SB, Bi-district
- 23: SB Regional playoffs
- 25-29: Tennis, Regional playoffs
- 29-30: SB State playoffs



The tennis team has been winning matches across the State.

Accolades:

Congratulations...

... to the 8th grade and JV track teams that competed at the St. Thomas Aquinas Track Classic in March. The JV team finished 5th in the overall standings. Caroline Baer won the triple jump.

... to Lindsay Green, who was named to the *Clarion Herald's* All-Elite basketball team!

... to Collette Cobb, Kristen Delaune, Clare Levy, Abby Massengale, and Zoe Perret for making the All-District soccer team. Zoe Perret was also named the Defensive MVP and Head Coach Pavlos Petrou was named the Coach of the Year!

... to the competition cheerleaders who placed first in the Level 4 Girls Division at the WSA Cheerleading Nationals competition on March 13.

... to the varsity track team who opened their outdoor season with a third place finish at the Mandeville Skipper Relays. Sarah Bond won the 1600m event and Lauren Torsch set a new junior varsity school record in pole vault.

... to the varsity track team who finished 2nd at the Episcopal 4-way. Event winners included: Andi Aguilar, Melany Eicke, Lauren Torsch, Sarah Jeffries, Harley Augustine, Hailey Deichmann and Colleen Cecola. The eighth grade runners also finished 6th at the Trafton Eagle Invitational. Ashley Freese set a new school record in the 3200M run.

... to the varsity track team for finishing 11th at the All-State Sugar Bowl. Harley Augustine finished 3rd in the shot put. Andi Aguilar finished 2nd in the 800m, and Melany Eicke, Lauren Torsch, Sarah Jeffries and Andi Aguilar finished 3rd in the 4X400m.

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The mission of Mount Carmel Academy is to provide young women the opportunity to develop their God-given talents through academic excellence and co-curricular programs as well as to empower them to develop the zeal for their faith with a commitment to prayer and service.



On March 22, Mount Carmel students volunteered at St. Michael Special School's Chef's Charity at Hilton Riverside.

April Calendar

- 1: Talent Show
- 2: Orientation mtg. for new students, 9-11 a.m.; Slam N Jam
- 3: Alumnae Easter Egg Hunt
- 4: Faculty Retreat; holiday for students
- 6: Student Council election mtg. 3:15
- 9: Habitat for Humanity
- 11-15: Student Council Week
- 12: Faculty mtg; classes begin at 9:05 a.m.
- 13: Mother/Daughter Mass, 7 p.m., Chapel
- 14: St. Michael's Easter Egg Hunt @ MCA
- 15: Alumnae Homecoming Mass and Reception
- 14-17: STK's *Thoroughly Modern Millie*
- 16: State Rally; State Vocal Rally; Alumnae Luncheon
- 17: Senior Jazz Brunch
- 18: Student Council Executive election
- 19: Progress Report Conferences, 5:30-7
- 20: Holy Week prayer service
- 21-22: Easter Holidays
- 26: Candlelight Rosary, 5:30 p.m.
- 27-28: School closed for NCEA Convention