

## SA Alumni Bowling Night Jan. 9

Strike up some fun at the 9th Annual Saint Albert Alumni and Friends Bowling Night on Saturday, Jan. 9. The event will be held at 7 p.m. at Regal Lanes (15 State Street in Council Bluffs). The cost is \$15 per bowler which includes 3 games, shoes and dinner. You don't have to be a Saint Albert alum to participate! For more information, contact Amy Rallis at [karallis@cox.net](mailto:karallis@cox.net)

## SA Ambassadors Meeting on Jan. 11

The SA Ambassadors will meet on Monday, Jan. 11, at 1 p.m. in the Elementary Art Room. The guest speaker will be Donella Pauli, the Jr/Sr High School Librarian. Start your New Year off right by enjoying fun and fellowship with the SA Ambassadors.

## World Mission Spaghetti Dinner.

Help support the World Mission students and get a good meal too at the World Mission Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 16. The dinner will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3-12 and children under age 3 are FREE. Or, we have special family pricing . . . \$20 for the whole family! After the dinner, head down to the gym to watch your Falcons take on Harlan in basketball.

**Happy Scrip Year!** Make lowering your tuition payments your 2010 New Year's Resolution by joining the Scrip program. With our online ordering/payment system and new merchants participating in the program every day, now is the perfect time to join! Since the program started at Saint Albert, the school has earned about \$400,000! Join the nearly 300 families at Saint Albert who save money on their tuition by using Scrip. Call Natalie at 329-9000 to sign up . . . And start saving!

## Saint Albert's Large Raffle "Goes Green"

Saint Albert is once again sponsoring a large raffle, but this time we're GOING GREEN – with the top prize being \$25,000 in cash!

If that's not enough, we will offer a \$5,000 second prize and 3rd-5th place prizes of \$1,000 each. According to President Jim Rouse, the ticket price is \$50 each or 3 for \$100, but with the new prize structure, buyers have a greater chance of winning.

Rouse added that this "Go Green" raffle is the school's 9th major raffle, all of which have provided revenue that have been necessary components in the school's operating budget. "The revenue from the raffle will be critical to improving the educational programs we offer to the 800 students we serve," he said.

The cash will be given away at the school's Benefit Auction on Saturday, April 24 (see article on page 4). Ticket chair couples for the raffle are Jim and Lori Matthai and Paul and Libby Cerny. The goal is to sell 3,000 tickets.

**Special thanks to our raffle sponsors:** Peg Arnold; EPCO Ltd, Inc.; Holiday Van and Storage; Kelly's Carpet-Co. Bluffs; Struyk Turf Ltd; and the Saint Albert Educational Foundation.

Tickets can be purchased at the Saint Albert Business Office by calling (712) 329-9000, or by downloading an order form off the school's website ([www.saintalbertschools.org](http://www.saintalbertschools.org)). Area businesses also will be selling tickets.

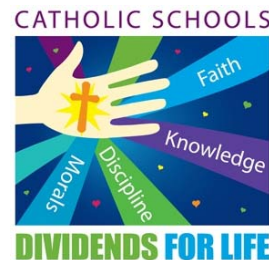
"We understand that many of the blessings at Saint Albert come from our extended family," Rouse said. "We're confident our community will support this endeavor."

## Catholic Schools Week Jan. 31-February 6

"Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life" is the theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week celebration. Following is a list of some of the events scheduled at Saint Albert:

- Jan. 31-Feb. 1: Saint Albert students/alumni participate in the Masses at area parishes
- Jan. 31: **Community Open House from 1-3 p.m.**
- Feb. 1: Parent/Grandparent lunch for K-3rd grades (11 a.m.-1 p.m.); Mitten Day for Kindergarten
- Feb. 2: Parent/Grandparent lunch for 4-6th grades (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.); Quiz Bowl for Jr/Sr High
- Feb. 3: Parent/Grandparent lunch for Jr/Sr High (11:19 a.m.-12:35 p.m.)
- Feb. 4: **All-school Mass with Bishop Pates** at 10 a.m.; Seniors go to Elementary to assist in classrooms
- Feb. 5: Spirit Day; Invention Convention; Dodge Ball for Jr/Sr High; Ice Cream Social.

In addition to these events students will participate in service projects to assist the less fortunate in our community. Please join us for any of our Catholic Schools Week events!



## Ensuring a Legacy of Catholic Education

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## 300 Club — There's Still Time to Join!

January 2010

Help Saint Albert complete its fund-raising for the new elementary school by joining the **300 Club**!

The Club is a group of Saint Albert supporters who are committed to continuing the tradition of academic excellence at the school. It's called the **300 Club** because that's the number of members we need to help us meet our fund-raising goal.

Here's how it works: **if 300 families pledge \$100 per month for three years, we will raise \$1,080,000!** One-time donations of \$3,600 also will be accepted for membership. (Of course, larger pledges/donations will always be accepted, if your budget allows!)

In exchange for your pledge/donation, your name will be added to the club membership wall in the new building. You also will receive a gold medallion and membership certificate. **Are you one of the 300 families we need to help us meet our goal?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, I would like to be a member of the 300 Club.**

I would like to pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month for three years for a total pledge of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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## Auction News



Saint Albert will host its 29th Annual Benefit Auction on Saturday, April 24, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Mid-America Center.

Mary Clouse and Lesa Socha will chair the event this year, with support from hundreds of volunteers.

The theme of this year's event is "A Knight for the Kids" and will once again include drinks and hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent, super silent and oral auctions, and the drawing for our cash prizes (see cover story for more information on our large cash raffle).

The Auction/Raffle are the largest annual fund-raising events at Saint Albert. Proceeds from the events are used for the school's general operating budget, which allows Saint Albert to offer high quality programs for our students. The auction also helps the school system keep tuition affordable for families throughout southwest Iowa.

**If you would like to donate an item to the Auction**, please bring the item to the Saint Albert Elementary Office or Business Office. With three separate auctions (silent, super silent and oral), items of all sizes and dollar values are needed.

Also, **if you would like to volunteer on an auction committee**, please contact Mary Clouse at [clousem@saintalbertschools.org](mailto:clousem@saintalbertschools.org) or (712) 323-3703.

*(Editor's Note: Tickets for the Auction will go on sale in early April. The cost will be \$50 per person. Watch future issues of Newswire or [www.saintalbertschools.org](http://www.saintalbertschools.org) for information on how to get yours.)*

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