



# Irish Times



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## Welcome Irish Times

Welcome to the Irish Times, the electronic newspaper of St. Joseph Catholic school. The Irish times shows the activities that take place throughout the year. From sports to achievements, The Irish Times has it all.

### The Twelve Days of Christmas

The popular Christmas song was one way to pass on Catholic beliefs during the persecution of Catholics during the 16th and 17th Centuries. "The Partridge in a Pear Tree," refers to Christ symbolically presented as a mother partridge showing compassion for the persecution of His people. "Two Turtle Doves" refer to the Old and New Testaments. "Three French Hens" are three

### Teachers

So tell me about St. Joe." That was the first question that I asked Mr.



"Kettle" Johnson, the newest addition to the St. Joseph Catholic High School faculty. "I enjoy it here, it is a great place to teach." When asked how he enjoys coaching the boys soccer team he remarked how it has been really fun, and that he is looking forward to the season to come. "Any closing remarks to say to the folks?" Mr. Kettle replied, "St. Joe is a great place, and it has lived

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## Homecoming Queen 2013-2014

Three beautiful young ladies were selected by their peers to represent the student body on the homecoming court. They were Jade Mixon, Maya Maddox, and Drewonna Goldsmith. The night of homecoming only one of them was crowned queen. The queen was Maya Maddox a current senior and daughter of Vivian and Leslie Maddox. BP



## Angel Tree



The tradition of the angel tree is very special to some. Many schools and organizations participate in this. St. Joseph is one of many. We receive a little angel with the name and age of a little boy and girl and the religion classes the particular child is assigned

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## Canned Food Drive

Around holiday time many schools around the world host what we call a 'Canned Food Drive.' The importance of this drive is to help the hungry and the 'needy' people so they won't go without a meal on holidays like thanksgiving and Christmas. Giving should be celebrated, yet charity projects can produce a damaging, unintended



consequence: They can reinforce or exacerbate stereotypes students often hold about people living in poverty. While holiday food drives are well intentioned

## Ask Shirley

Dear Shirley: I want to play football to impress the ladies but i am afraid because of the risk of injury.



Dear Steve, Playing football is about more than getting attention from females. It helps with your health, helps you build relationships with your classmates, and helps with

## Irish Sports Soccer

So far the Irish girls are 2-0 and the boys are 1-1. The girls beat Cleveland High School 5-0 and 6-0 against Greenville High School. The boys loss to Cleveland High School 2-1 and beat Greenville High School 2-1. Their next game is at Home against Tupelo Christian.

## Cross-Country

The cross-country team did a wonderful job this year. The Irish had success in many meets especially at state, finishing in the top 15 with big performances from Allison Wise, Olivia Deangelo, and Anthony Dibiase. The Irish had many newcomers who learned and improved quickly. They will make a big impact in years to come.

## Basketball

Slow start for the Lady Irish this season but they still have big hopes under their new head coach Sara Hester. The Lady Irish are 0-5 right now for the start of the new season but they believe things are going to get better. Ms. Hester's coaching debut was spoiled by the Lady Riverside Bulldogs. Ms. Hester is still trying to find the right combination to play in the game and the girls are still learning the

your self-confidence. Injuries are common in football but the you lesser the risk of injury when you workout with the team and when you aren't

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and usually meet a community need, they also can be problematic. Too often, holiday drives include little education about the root causes of poverty and almost no interaction between students and the community their donations are intended to help. This can be detrimental for students in two ways. First, students miss out on a chance to learn about the social and economic structures under which everyone lives — rich, poor and in between. Second, this approach can reinforce negative stereotypes about poverty. AB

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up to its outstanding reputation, and I am just glad that my first year is going so well." PA

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new system. She feels that the girls still have to develop some more chemistry and she also has a young team with only three seniors on the team. She hopes and feels by the time district play starts after Christmas break that they will be ready. The Irish boys are off to a rocky start this season at 1-4. After winning their first game against the Riverside Bulldogs, they dropped 4 straight. It's a new team this year for the boys, losing some key seniors and their leading scorer.

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to gets together and buys the child something special. Not only is the gift we sent to the child a token of our gratitude for being able to help someone, it also pulls our class together as a whole and reminds us of our blessing of being able to attend such a loving, warm and nurturing environment we call St. Joseph. It gives us the ability to learn the true meaning of the season year after year and that is giving the gift of caring. No child should be deprived of a very special Christmas simply because of financial difficulties. This is the kind of opportunity we have here, to help another without a selfish benefit but just the warm feeling of satisfaction of putting a smile on a stranger's face. RW

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thinking about being injured.

Dear Shirley:

I don't know if I believe in God anymore. Sometimes I just don't think he can exist.

Everyone has gone or will go through a period of questioning. It can even make your faith stronger. It can help to learn the history of your religion and other religions and study religious texts. But as far as believing goes, the key word is belief. At a certain point, it is necessary to take a leap of faith. No one can make you believe, it is your choice. Before you decide, it may be worth reading St. Augustine's proofs of God's existence, and trying to find God's presence and strength both in beauty and difficult situations.

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great virtues, faith, hope, charity. "Four Calling Birds" show that there are four Gospels, inspired by God.

"Five Golden Rings" signifies the Pentateuch. "Six Geese A-Laying" signifies the six days of creation. "Seven Swans A-Swimming" represents the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, and also the seven sacraments! "Eight Maids A-Milking" are the eight beatitudes which serve as the rules of life for those who journey toward the Kingdom. "Nine Ladies Dancing" refers to the fruits of the Holy Spirit in a person's life. "Ten Lords A-Leaping" represents the Ten Commandments given to Moses on Mount Sinai. "Eleven Pipers Piping" symbolize the eleven faithful apostles. "Twelve Drummers Drumming" refers to the 12 points of doctrine in the Creed.

As we sing these words, we might remember the historical context in which it was developed, along with some of the hidden meaning. May everyone experience the peace, joy and hope of the Christmas season.

