

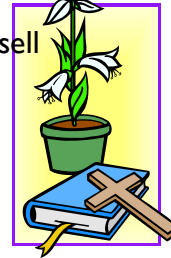


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You received a packet with a letter and bundle of sales slips for our **Easter flower sale**. Each school family was asked to sell 10 flowers or more and return the orders to the school office by Friday, February 26. As you are selling, remind people that the flowers must be picked up the weekend of March 27th & 28th after Mass. All Sales are to be paid for upon ordering. Thank you! Good Luck!



Spiritual Opportunities

- Wed. Mar. 3-11:15 am Stations of the Cross
- Fri. Mar. 5th-11 am Liturgy w/ Bishop Hoepfner & St. Mary's Mission School
- Fri. Mar. 5th-7:00 pm Personal Stations of the Cross/Holy Hour
- Wed. Mar. 10th-11:15 am Stations of the Cross
- Fri. Mar. 12-8:30 am Liturgy
- Fri. Mar. 12- 7:00 pm Personal Stations of the Cross/Holy Hour
- Wed. Mar. 17-11:15 am Stations of the Cross
- Fri. Mar. 19-8:30 am Liturgy
- Fri. Mar. 19-7:00 pm Personal Stations of the Cross/Holy Hour
- Wed. Mar. 24-11:15 am Stations of the Cross
- Fri. Mar. 26-8:30 am Liturgy
- Fri. Mar. 26-7:00 pm Personal Stations of the Cross/Holy Hour
- Wed. Mar. 31-11:15 am Stations of the Cross

March Greetings,

It is hard to believe we have less than 3 months until the school year is over. The good news is that means that there are only a couple of fundraisers left. We need to rally around the pizza sales and the Sunday breakfasts. Then we will be able to say we are completed for this year and relax before the next round begins. Participation by all families makes it easy on everyone.

It is a broken record but statistics and test results show that children in families that stress reading and spend time reading daily do better in school and better in life. It is important to read every day. My parents had us, as kids, read the newspaper every day. I still love to read a paper, and I learn something new every day. Start a subscription to a daily newspaper. Open the world to your children.

Speaking of children, are you aware you are a parent for life? The kids look up to you and will imitate your actions. If I want to see Valerie all I have to do is watch Melissa walk. If I want to witness Valerie's passion for travel, I just have to try and keep up with Nick. If I want to see myself I just need to observe Luke. How does it work in your family? Have you told your kids they remind you of yourself or your spouse?

Blessings, Fr. Chuck

Schedule of Upcoming Events

- ◆ Mon. Mar. 8-Start of Pizza Corner fundraiser
- ◆ Thurs. Mar. 11-Please wear your St. Joseph School Apple T-Shirt
- ◆ Sun. Mar. 14-St. Joseph School Breakfast Gr. 4, 5 & 6
- ◆ Wed. Mar. 17-1st Drawing for Pizza Corner Fundraiser
- ◆ Fri. Mar. 19-1/2 day of School/Staff Development
- ◆ Tues. Mar. 23-7:00 pm School Council Mtg
- ◆ Tues. Mar. 23-2nd drawing for Pizza Corner fundraiser
- ◆ Thurs. Mar. 25-Please wear your St. Joseph School Apple T-shirt
- ◆ Fri. Mar. 26th-End of 3rd quarter
- ◆ Sat. & Sun. Mar. 27 & 28-Easter Flower pick up
- ◆ Sun. Mar. 28-Palm Sunday Breakfast
- ◆ April 1-Sedar Meal

Stations of the Cross

During the Lenten season the parishioners are invited to pray with St. Joseph School at Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 11:15 am. Personal Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour are on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. in the church. This Lenten devotion helps us remember Jesus' suffering as he carried the cross through the streets of Jerusalem on the way to his death.

Apple T-Shirt Days

Thursday, March 11

Thursday, March 25



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thank you parents for attending parent teacher conferences on Tuesday, February 9. We had 100% attendance. You may contact your child's teacher anytime by calling the school.

The Pizza Corner fundraiser will be starting March 8 and run through March 25. Our goal is to sell 1,379 pizzas. If we reach this goal, the school will have a pizza party in April.



In honor of St. Patrick's day we are going to have 2 early bird drawings, (1) \$20 drawing and (1) \$10 drawing March 17, second drawing will be on March 23. For the first drawing on March 17, you will get one chance for every 20 pizzas you sell and turn the order & money in. Sell 40 pizzas you are in 2 times. The second drawing on March 23 is for the orders and money turned in that you sell during March 18-23; you will get one chance for every 20 pizzas you sell and turn the money in. Any class that has 100% participation will receive ice cream at the pizza party in April. The order forms will be out next week. **All** families are asked to participate.

The next St. Joseph School Breakfast is March 14 and Grades 4,5, and 6th graders will be hosting this breakfast. There will be a Palm Sunday breakfast and bake sale on Sunday, March 28 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Grades Pre-K, K, 1 and 3 will be hosting this final Sunday Breakfast for this school year.

Please continue to save Campbell product labels, General Mills "Box Tops for Education", Brent's Receipts, Our Family and Favorite UPC's, Computer Printer Cartridges, Tyson Products and aluminum cans will all credit our school with bonus products or cash to help Saint Joseph School

AROUND THE WORLD WITH ACCELERATED READING

Keep your child reading and bringing in the monthly calendar. Remember for all students who make it around the world there will be a special party in May. Congratulations to those students who have traveled around the world already. Special recognition will be given to those students who do more than make it around the world.

The Preschool, Kindergarteners and 1st graders celebrated the 100th day of school on Tuesday, February 15. Some of the activities that they did was to count items to 100 and count backward from 100. Do a 100 day poem and put puzzles together that equaled 100 pieces. The students started the day off by singing their 100 days of school song to the whole school!

LENT

The 1st grade students in Mrs. Douville's class are celebrating Lent by participating in Operation Rice Bowl. Each student is asked to bring coins weekly into their class to help support this program. The rice bowl is going to be on their prayer center throughout the Lenten season. The students are very excited to help those who are in need.

The 3rd and 4th grade class has been very busy bees this month. We have been learning how to use Microsoft Publisher and created advertisements for St. Joseph's School. Wow! The students had a lot of creative slogans and sentences for advertising the school. We also have been learning how to use Microsoft Power Point, and they even put together a slide show on simple machines. These students are becoming quite computer savvy! We are now writing letters to our seminarian, Adam Hamness, and hope to hear from him soon! Please continue to pray for him and all seminarians.

Spring School Pictures – In the past, only a few families have been purchased spring school pictures. The photographer will not be coming to St. Joseph this spring but if you would like your child's photo taken we will make arrangements on March 19 to have them taken while the photographer is in town. Please contact the school office at 253.2188 is you have any questions.

March 5 – St. Mary's Mission school will spend the day with us. Bishop Hoepfner will lead us in the liturgy. Please come and join us. We will have activities and lunch together, please call the office by Thursday, March 4 if you will be joining us for lunch. Students will dress in their favorite sport's team clothing. Look for pictures and reports in next month's newsletter.



100 steps with Christ on the 100th day of school



St. Joseph School students honored their parents on Tuesday, February 23 by making them breakfast. All students helped in preparing and making muffins, juice, and coffee for each of their parents. To close the students, parents and staff all prayed together. It was a special way for the students to say "Thank You" to their moms and dads for all they do.



5th & 6th Grade Happenings

The fifth and sixth graders have been working diligently on school work. Their minds are being filled with useful knowledge that will help them in the years to come. The sixth graders just finished writing an essay on their "Patriotic Role" for the American Legion and will be sending it in at the beginning of March. The fifth and sixth graders will also be entering a poster contest for American Legion Auxiliary.

We are currently reading aloud a mystery called The Twin in the Tavern. The students are constantly being kept in suspense. We hope to get through several more genres of books before the school year is out. The students have a great love for books. They are almost to their 100 book goal.

The fifth and sixth graders are on their way to another exciting goal as well. From the beginning of the year, the kids have been keeping track of how many 100%s they get on papers, tests, and assignments. They have reached over the 50 mark with less than half to go. We will be having a party when they reach 100%. We are working hard and having fun!



On February 11th, the Science Museum came to St. Joseph School to talk about Antarctica. The students were very intrigued by all the pictures, facts, and stories that were presented. Here are some of the things they learned: Antarctica is the highest, coldest, driest, and windiest place on earth. The length of the blue whale was comparable to three fourths the length of the hallway of the school. Lots of animals eat a food called krill. The blue whale even eats krill, about 4,000 of them each day. During Antarctica's winter there are days of darkness. The emperor penguin is taller than all of the pre-school and kindergarten students.

It's hard to believe it's already Lent. Jesus did so much for us and gave us everything we have. Ash Wednesday was a good reminder to all of us that without God we are no more than dust, and when we die we will be dust once again. During the week before Ash Wednesday, Father Chuck took the opportunity to teach the students about the meaning of Lent by allowing the Pre-K through 6th grade to be a part of burning the palms to ashes. A fire was lit in the parking lot and the students gathered in a circle around the fire. They listened intently as Fr. Chuck spoke about preparing for Jesus' Death and Resurrection and as he reminded us of our humanity. They watched as he placed the dried palms in the fire, a symbol of our need to be humble and to sacrifice as Jesus did. It was a fun and enlightening experience for the students and a good tradition for the years to come.

-Mrs. Honek



Many Contribute to the Reading Enjoyment of Others

We have a wealth of actors and actresses that bring stories to life. On February 2, many of our community's finest dramatic personalities came together to present stories for the students of St. Joseph's School. Grades PreK-four were entertained by wonderful stories that were full of action and humor in this year's Reader's Theater. "I love to get children excited about reading," said Gladys Lacrosse who was one of the many presenting these dramas. From princesses and peas, to lazy dogs and busy hens, the students were absorbed by this drama group's wonderful presentation. Thank you Reader's Theater!



St. Joseph School Students have been sledding and skating during Phy Ed on Wednesdays.



The Sacrament of Marriage, or Holy Matrimony, is a public sign that one gives oneself totally to this other person. It is also a public statement about God: the loving union of husband and wife speaks of family values and also God's values.

Ms. Klein and Michael Dempsey gave themselves to one another in this holy sacrament on February 12, during the 8:30a.m. Mass. Ms Klein's desire was that each of the students and staff of St. Joseph School would be able to participate in this holy union before God. "It is so important to me that the all of my family here at the school, be a part of this sacred union between Mike and me," stated Ms. Klein.

Marriage, as a Christian sacrament, is a lifelong and faithful union of a man and a woman mutually committed to sharing their life and love together. Modeled after and strengthened by God's own love for his people, it's an intimate partnership in which each person gives the other freedom to grow and bear fruit. -www.americancatholic.com



Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Dempsey