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Lenten Prayer

“Your Word reveals to us a simple truth,
that sin entered this world
through human folly
in believing we could be like you,
and permeated history
through envy, selfishness and greed.
Yet sin, which holds us tight
within its grasp
cannot resist a heart that is touched
by your grace through Jesus Christ,
cannot contend with Living Water
pouring into hearts and souls.
Your Word reveals to us a simple truth,
that sin is defeated
and we can become
the people we were always meant to be,
by your grace through Jesus Christ.”

Thank You

To those families who attended the Second Grade First Communion meeting on Saturday morning in the church. We are getting closer to the “big” day, and with the First Communion season upon us, children will soon be donning their finery for the joyous event as parents plan festive family gatherings to celebrate. But there is more to the occasion than a pretty white dress and a party. While a child’s First Communion is indeed a cause for celebration and should be beautiful and memorable, the true focus of that holy and special day must remain the sacrament itself as the little ones are welcomed to the table of the Lord.

To those families who attended the Saturday evening Mass to help support Grades 3-5 as they put their best “feet” forward with the readings and intentions. I was truly impressed with their reverence, skills, and participation. We should be very proud of their efforts.

To the YLI organization for their delicious luncheon and fashion show. Everything was delightful, delectable, and the perfect celebration for a spring day.

Science Fair Recognition

Science Fair Awards and ribbons were passed out to the following students: Sixth Grade, Riley S., Alison SP., and Nicholas G. – Seventh Grade, Emily A., Elyanna S., and Alexander E. – Eighth Grade, James R., Yvan P., and McKenna B. They received ribbons and a monetary prize. We are proud of you, say we are proud of you!

Saying Good-bye

I do have some faculty/staff changes to share with you for the 2019-2020 school year. My “friends and family” will be leaving at the close of this year. They are all moving on to a new journey in their lives, not because they are unhappy in their environment, but because other things will be filling their lives with adventure and joy.

Of course, you are aware of my new season of life . . . joining me on their new seasons of life will be: Ms. Monica Mitra, Mrs. Pauline Daniel, Ms. Carol Cook, Mrs. Sherry Eastwood-Falls, and Ms. Monica Lira. I wish them much love and thankfulness for the time they spent with us at St. Joseph's. Their dedication and commitment to each other, and the students and parents has been outstanding!

HSPT Practice Exam/Seventh Graders

Carondelet High School in Concord is offering a HSPT Practice Exam for both boys and girls on their campus. It is to be held Saturday, May 4th. The price is \$50.00, and the deadline to register is April 26th (or before capacity is reached). Please contact office personnel for more information, 925-686-5353, ext. 195

Lunches

As much as we don't mind helping the children out with their lunch dilemmas, we do not always have alternative food items for them to eat. Over the past couple of weeks, we have been inundated with requests for additional sources for lunch because the children did not pack anything for themselves, or they left it on the counter at home or in the car. Please check with your child as to whether or not they are prepared with a snack and a lunch on a daily basis. Remember, the lunch company does not provide any OOPS lunches.

SHARES Update

As of Feb. 25th, the SHARES program is no longer available as a fundraising option via eScrip (which is different from ShopWithScrip). The eScrip program still exists, it's just that Lucky/Food Maxx/SaveMart will no longer contribute.

Pizza Fundraising Days

Please remind your child when Pizza Days roll around, and if you have purchased the pizza luncheon for him/her. Some children are thinking that pizza is sold on a weekly basis. It is served, generally, twice a month, and you need to note it on your calendar before the order sheet is returned to the office. That way, your child will have a prepared lunch from home to eat.

CYO

Coaches, I am a bit concerned that some of our practice times are running past 9:00 PM . . . one, actually did not finish until 10:00/10:15 PM last week. This is far too late for our teams to be out in the evening. They do need to get their rest for the challenges of school the following day, and be sure their homework is completed. I know everyone is competitive and wants the best out of the children, but, please, not at the expense of a good night's sleep, and a warm shower.

Free Dress Passes

Please remember that if your child is coming in free dress, it either has to be for a birthday celebration or have a free dress pass that has been initialed by me. That pass needs to be turned in on the day your child is in free dress. Thank you for your cooperation in this manner.

Missing Items

We have many registration fee packets/fees that are still outstanding. Some folks have either turned in the filled out registration sheet with no fees, or have paid the fees, but have not provided us with the paperwork. In order for us to hold your child's spot for next year, we need to have both on file. One of two things could be holding up the large envelope with the next step in the registration process, is the fact that you may have outstanding monies owed to the school or the original registration items have not been turned in in a timely manner. Please look around your home to see if you have anything left to be completed. The big registration envelope is due back on April 12th. Some of us will be working over Easter break to get things sorted and organized for next year.

Calendar:

4/10	PTG meeting at 6:30 PM in the Sixth Grade classroom Pizza fundraiser
4/11	Rice Bowl donations are due back to school Mrs. Marseille out at a Principals' Meeting
4/12	Registration paperwork is due back to the office First Grade on a field trip to the Pumpkin Farm in Clayton, 9:30-2:00 PM Stations of the Cross provided by the Fifth Grade
4/14	Palm Sunday. Please refer to the church bulletin for the Mass schedule.
4/15	First Communion rehearsal over in the church at 5:00 PM * First Communion will be held on Saturday Morning, April 27th
4/16	Seder Meal at 10:15 in the gym. Thank you for volunteering to bring in needed items for our celebration.
4/17	Minimum Day, dismissal at noon Free dress in spring colors, no free dress pass needed
4/18	Easter break begins. We come back to school on April 29 th .
4/28	Confirmation in the gym, 2:00-5:00 PM
4/29	Progress Reports go home or can be viewed on PowerSchool

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