



The Family Newsletter

Thank you to all who helped to make the Crab Feed a huge success! A good time was had by all and the band was outstanding! There is still fresh crab for sale; a 3lb. Bag is \$20.00 or a 25 lb. Box is \$162.50. Call the office to reserve yours.

Part II, Holy Rosary tuition assistance paperwork (CFAR) is being sent home today. If you received financial aid last year please watch for your forms. If you do not receive paperwork and would like to be considered for assistance, call the office to request it.

Save the Date

“Journey to the Far East” is coming. Save April 30th for Family Night; and May 1st for the Gala Event. Watch for invitations and more information in the weeks to come. *Don't forget that the family procurement deadline is April 2nd.*

Work on the Classroom Auction Projects has begun. Thank you to the room parents for helping to select the projects. If you are called upon to help, be generous with your talents. Remember, it's for the kids!

The Catholic Daughters essays are due Friday am. We have had many winners in the past. Keep Holy Rosary on the map by getting your essay in on time.

The Governor's Proclamation Breakfast is March 2. The eighth graders who submit their permission slips will need to be at school by 6:15 am. The students will be guests for breakfast and will receive a tour of the capital building.

Lent is upon us. Don't forget to discuss what your family Lenten plans look like. What about the rice bowls? Are the children being encouraged to make sacrifices? This is a personal journey, but a most rewarding one.

Dear Parishioners,

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Our Monday Morning Prayer inspired me this past week. Kathie Thayer, our music teacher, shared quotes out of the bible with all our students surrounding forgiveness to see if they could identify the common theme. They could not be stumped! It made me reflect on how our journey through Lent is so different.

Lent is an important, vital part of our Liturgical Year. Children are introduced to Lent as a time to pray, fast, and give alms by memorizing prayers, giving up candy, and finding pennies for the Lenten Rice Bowl. These experiences help us create opportunities to teach ways we can love God, develop discipline and self-control, and serve those in need.

As we leave our childhood behind, we need to let go our childhood notions of Lent and recognize that without God's Love...and Loving God in return, we get the "cart before the horse." All these Lenten gestures without Love go nowhere, change nothing.

Lent is a time for us to reflect on ways we can deepen our relationship with God. The God who lovingly & intentionally created us wants very much to be in relationship with YOU...and ME. In order to nurture and deepen any relationship, we need to spend time with the other person. It is also true in our relationship with God.

Spending regular time with our Creator in prayer, is the single most important thing we, as adults, can do to deepen our relationship with God. Work on making that happen and anything is possible. Forgiveness is possible, trusting is possible, and caring is possible. Everything else falls into place.

I would like to leave you with this prayer as we begin Lent. While not known concretely whether or not Pedro Arrupe S.J. penned this prayer, it is often attributed to him and has gained much popularity.

***"Nothing is more practical than finding God,
That is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way.
What you are in love with,
What seizes your imagination,
Will affect everything.***

***It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning,
What you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends,
What you read, who you know, what breaks your heart,
And what amazes you with joy and gratitude.***

Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything."