

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the readings for the eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus shares his vision of what life would be like if we truly put our trust in God. When we base our lives on material values we are insecure and anxious. Today we have more money but less contentment, bigger houses, smaller families, more options open but less fidelity. We have more labor-saving devices but less time for family. We can solve the secrets of the universe but not of family life. We can reach outer space but are out of touch with inner space.

Jesus urges us to sit quietly with Him, place our lives and all we do in His hands, and let his love and comfort encourage us.

God loves you and will never forget you!

Accelerated Reader & Accelerated Math Presentations

We are very proud of Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Fessler who shared Accelerated Reader Best Practices with teachers throughout the diocese on Friday, and Mrs. Lena Martinez and Mrs. Weiss for sharing Accelerated Math Best Practices. Thank you.

First Reconciliation

Students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 11 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church. Thank you for spending time weekly preparing as a family for the reception of Reconciliation.

Schedule for Ash Wednesday

Church at 11:15 a.m. Mass and distribution of ashes at 12:15 p.m.

First Friday of Lent: Mass at 8:30 a.m.



G.A.L.A. sponsored by Rob and Michelle Clark

March 4, 2017: The big event is fast approaching and final preparations are under way. We look forward to seeing you at the G.A.L.A. on Saturday, March 4 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Ontario. If you are still in need to earn PIP Hours, please email Delia and get involved in the final preparations.

You can also earn PIP hours by volunteering to help with the St. Joseph celebration on Saturday, March 18 after the 6:00 p.m. Mass in the parish hall.

Ash Wednesday

On March 1, we enter the Season of Lent, a time of inner reflection and prayer. Jesus entered the desert for forty days to fast and pray. For the next six weeks, we are challenged to enter our brokenness, make change and draw closer to the Lord.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent. Catholics from 18 to 59 years old should also fast, that is eat only one full meal and two smaller meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

thank
you!

We would like to express our gratitude to the 5th grade class for providing our faculty/staff lunch on Friday, February 3. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and wonderful Valentine's Day decorations. We would also like to thank the 8th grade class for providing lunch to the WASC team. They enjoyed the home cooked meal you made.



- Shoe Drive - St. Joseph Religious Ed Congress is sponsoring a Shoe Drive during the month of February. Clean out your closets and drop off shoes at the Religious Ed office next to the Sacred Heart Room.
- 5th Grade Mission Sales on February 22
- **The \$200 preregistration fee to reserve your child/children spot is due on Thursday, February 23.** This will be applied towards your registration. Please submit payment no later than the 23rd. We have many new families that have submitted applications and they need to be notified whether or not we have space for their child/children.
- Religious Ed. Congress - No school on February 24
- Online scrip order is due on Monday, March 6 by 10 a.m.
- PIP hours and obligation must be completed or paid by March 31.

*“Everybody thinks of changing humanity;
nobody thinks of changing themselves”*

Leo Tolstoy

Planning for 2017-18 School Year | It is time to plan for the 2017-18 academic year.
Please help us by indicating below if you plan to return to St. Joseph School in the Fall.

Name of Child/Children (Please Print): _____

Grades in 2017-2018: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____