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CCD Newsletter

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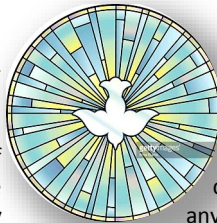
Dear Families,

Spring is in the air! I hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying the warm weather here and there. In CCD, students are blooming in faith, knowledge and love of God!

As I said in an email, I was so impressed by the great turn out of parents at our CCD Stations of the Cross a few weeks ago! I am even more impressed by how much the students enjoyed it. I have heard from many different teachers and even from a few kids myself that they loved learning about our Lord through the stations and that they would even want to do it every week... no joke! I want to encourage our families to take advantage of the Stations of the Cross that we have each Friday at 6:00pm. It is even followed by a meatless dinner provided by our very own Knight's of Columbus every other Friday.



Next Saturday we will be having a very exciting Club 3:16! GAME ON: Gearing up for Life's Big Game! This is a great chance for your kids to have fun in a safe Christian environment, and for parents to get a well deserved night out! It is not too late to get your kids registered for this fun and faith filled evening. Simply head to www.stjosephpekin.org and click on the banner to register or checkout the Club 3:16 page, under Faith Formation, to find out more info! I am encouraging kiddos to wear a team shirt if they have one to show off their spirit!



For all of our 8th grade families, please make sure you read through the Confirmation Retreat Letter and mark your calendar for August 24th 2019! Make sure your student reads through the letter as well so they understand the importance of this exciting day. Check with your student to see if there are any requirements they are missing for Confirmation so far and how they are doing with their service hours. It will all be here sooner than we think!

Please continue to pray for our 2nd graders as they are preparing to make their First Holy Communion as well as our R.C.I.A. and R.C.I.T students as they also prepare for the Sacraments! If your child needs a dress, shoes, tie or anything else like this for their special day and your family needs help, please let me know. We have multiple dresses and veils already but there have also been a few people who have reached out and would be more than happy to financially help any family who needs help with the First Communion Dress Clothes. Don't forget that the students should also have a banner for their pew, the details are all in your packet, but if you have any questions please let me know.

So as you may have heard, our Parish Spring Festival is coming up shortly. Now before you scroll past this part because you have heard it all before... hear me out! The Spring Festival is OUR parish festival, it is everyone's. When you look at the logo you see it says "Parish", this includes you and your family. I am bringing this to your attention not to guilt you into spending money or working a bunch of hours (that will be later) but because it is also FOR our parish as well! There are many different ways to help, but I also strongly feel that we need this festival to bring us all together as a community of faith! I encourage you to look through the list of events and find something you and your family would enjoy attending and mark it on your calendar. We all work so hard to collect items, plan events, organize volunteers but what is the point if we don't also go and enjoy it together!



So now that I have begged you to come and be apart of the fun, here comes the part you were probably expecting. I urge you to find something special that your family could do to help. We teach our Confirmation Candidates that they need to offer up Time, Treasure and/or Talent to God. We do not do this to give them more homework but because this is something that we as Christians should all be doing! There are so many different ways from baking a treat, setting up at the Gala or Carnival, running a game or as easy as dropping off a plant. These are the links to the Sign-Up Genius [Spring Festival Volunteer for Events](#) or [Carnival and Family Dinner](#). Scroll through, talk about it with your family and most importantly pray about it! How is God asking you to help?

I hope that everyone is having a lent full of spiritual growth and renewal. If you have any questions please let me know or head to our website at stjosephpekin.org to find more information. Have a wonderful week!

God Bless,
Anna McMahan, D.R.E

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8	Team 3:16 Planning Meeting, 4-6 pm
April 10	CCD
April 13	Club 3:16—Game On! 5:30-8:30
April 17	No CCD—Easter Break
April 18	Holy Thursday, 7 pm
April 19	Good Friday, 3 pm
April 20	Easter Basket Blessing, 10:30 am Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, 8 pm
April 21	Easter Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am
April 24	CCD (Classroom Basket Items Due)
April 26	Euchre Tournament — Spring Festival
April 27	Men's March—Peoria Diocese Veterans Ceremony/Golf Outing— Spring Festival
April 28	Divine Mercy Sunday
May 1	CCD
May 3	Carnival/Family Dinner/Silent Auction/ Plant and Bake Sale— Spring Festival
May 4	Gather Together Day/First Communion Rehearsal Gala Dinner/Auction/Big Raffle—Spring Festival
May 5	First Communion

"What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family!" -Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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BIG GAME
2 PETER 1:3

April 13th 5:30-8:30pm
K-6th Grade FREE!
St. Joseph Catholic Church

Dinner, Games and other activities will be from 6:00-8:00pm. Drop off as early as 5:30, pick up by 8:30pm. Please come in the St. Joseph School building to SIGN IN /OUT.

REGISTER ONLINE AT
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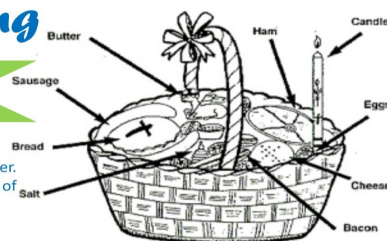


Easter Basket Blessing

Holy Saturday, April 20th at 10:30 AM
at St. Joseph Catholic Church

Families are invited to bring a basket of foods to be blessed that will be shared and eaten among your family and friends on Easter. The types of food found in the baskets vary according to the custom of what is served at the family Easter Meal.

No matter what culture, everyone is invited to bring a basket with food to be blessed.



Holy Week Schedule

April 18th ~ 21st

Holy Thursday ~ 7:00 PM

Good Friday ~ 3:00 PM

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil ~ 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday ~ 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Divine Mercy Service

Sunday, April 28, 2019
3:00 PM

Adoration & Confessions

Novena begins on Good Friday
April 19, 2019

Divine Mercy Sunday

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