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CCD Newsletter

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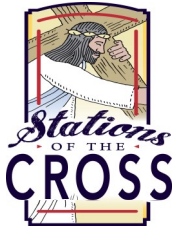
Dear Families,

It has been a wild winter so far and the year seems to be flying past. Believe it or not, our 2nd graders received their 1st Reconciliation last Saturday! Congratulations! This is a very exciting time for our students as they will begin preparing for their First Communion and I know they would greatly appreciate your families prayers. Consider adding them to your families dinner blessing or bedtime prayers! (If your child is a 2nd grader please see the attached First Communion Information Packet.)



Today is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of our 40 Day journey of Lent! We will not be having our normal CCD classes, students should instead attend the Ash Wednesday Mass with their families.

Last week your child should have received a Lenten Calendar (a copy is also attached to this email). I highly encourage you and your family to utilize these resources during this upcoming Lenten season! The purpose is not to add more chaos to our already busy lives, but instead they can help our families offer up small moments and draw us closer to God!



This year during Lent, CCD will be doing a Students Stations of the Cross in the Church on March 20th. All CCD parents and families are invited to join us! Having parent involvement is very important to a child faith journey, so I greatly encourage you to consider joining us!



Club 3:16 Tangled movie night will be this Saturday! It is not too late to get your kids registered for this fun and faith filled evening! Simply head to the 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! 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6	NO CCD Ash Wednesday (Mass at 9am or 6pm)
March 8	Spring Festival Fish Fry Stations of the Cross
March 9	Club 3:16—Tangled (5:30-8:30pm)
March 11	Early Bird Drawing
March 13	CCD
March 15	Stations of the Cross
March 19	St. Joseph's Feast Day
March 20	CCD (Student Stations of the Cross)
March 22	Stations of the Cross
March 27	CCD (3rd&4th Grade Confession)
March 29	Stations of the Cross



St. Joseph Parish is excited to be holding the fifth Annual Spring Festival. The Festival is the major fundraiser for the parish each year. This is a time for all parishioners to come together for fellowship and to support and build up the parish family. The Festival is made possible by everyone working together. All CCD families, along with the St. Joseph school families and all parishioners, are being asked to participate in the

Big Raffle sale. Each CCD family who sells 5 tickets will have their name entered into a incentive drawing for a prize. For each ticket sold after the first five your family will receive one additional entry into the drawing. (The more you sell, the more chances you have to win!!)

CCD Incentive Prizes:

1 st place: PZAZZ "Fun City" Family package - Hotel night at PZAZZ Resort for up to 4 persons (one double room) with free breakfast for up to 4 at Edgewater Grille and \$100 in FunCards valid for arcade games, bowling, go karts and simulator rides.



2 nd place: — Gift Certificates for Family Night Out

There will also be an Early Bird Drawing on March 11, with a chance to win \$100! There is a set amount of tickets available, so any unsold tickets need to be returned to CCD or the Parish Center Office. For more info check out the attached letter.



You may also notice that March 19th is St. Joseph's Feast Day! There are many different ways to celebrate our parish saint and I have actually found two pretty neat websites that have some great resources for you and your family!

<https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2018/03/celebrating-st-joseph-feast-day-ideas.html> or <https://www.carrotsformichaelmas.com/2019/02/26/liturgical-living-in-march-2019-lent-and-more/> I know it would be near impossible to do it all but perhaps consider choosing one or two of these ideas to do with your family would be a great way to celebrate and grow together in faith as a family! Even if it is simply saying the St. Joseph Prayer together, who know maybe it will be the start of a family tradition? If you already have a tradition or decide to try something new this year please let me know how it turned out!

As we begin this journey of Lent, I wish you well on whatever it is you have chosen to do and that through our sacrifices, we are able to grow closer to our Lord. I hope that you and your family have a wonderful week!

God Bless,

Anna McMahan, D.R.E



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

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Disney Tangled

March 9th 5:30-8:30pm
K-6th Grade FREE!
St. Joseph Parish Center



Register for this event online at stjosephpekin.org or call the parish center!



Congratulations on your First Reconciliation!



March 6, 2019

Mass Times

9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

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