


Religious Education News February 2010

Our newsletter will only be online in an effort to save paper. A reminder will be sent out each month when a new edition is posted. To register for this reminder, please email holyfamilyprep@msn.com


Calendar

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- 1/31 No Classes
 - 2/2 High School PREP
 - 2/7 **Confirmation Class Mass**
Classes in Session
Catechist Meeting
 - 2/9 High School PREP
 - 2/14 Classes in Session
 - 2/16 **NO High School PREP**
Parish Pancake Supper
 - 2/17 **Ash Wednesday**
2/21 Classes in Session
2/23 High School PREP
 - 2/28 **Children's Mass**
No Classes
Scout Sunday

Confirmation Class Mass - on the 1st Sunday of each month, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Candidates are asked to arrive no later than 9:20 and to get their nametags prior to being seated.

Children's Mass - will be held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 9:30. All children are invited to sit in the front rows.

"Pennies Make Change" -



This new campaign began in November and ends on February 6th. We are looking for donations of pennies (everyone has those). Each class will have their own collection jar. Monies will be used to buy board games for children with special needs and those in need. Please encourage your child to participate. Class with highest participation (not amount) will be given an ice cream party.



A Class Act - (what's happening in each classroom)

New building is open - In January we began using our new addition. Grades 5, 7 and 8 along with our SPRED 2nd graders use the new facilities. A dedication ceremony is being planned for early Spring.

High School Students - meet weekly and learn ways to live the Gospel more fully. In December they made cookies to give to the families that we support in our giving campaign.

8th Grade Students - A letter for the upcoming April retreat was mailed home. Permission slips and fees are due March 7th.

7th Grade students - A student and parent meeting was held on Jan 17th to begin Confirmation Preparation.

6th Grade Students will have an in class rehearsal for the upcoming Lives of the Saints presentation. Please make note of the following dates (per our calendar) 2/21 in class rehearsal, 3/18 evening dress rehearsal, 3/21 presentation during class.

2nd Grade Students - a parent meeting was held on January 10th to prepare the students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Several new students - Have joined our program bringing our totals up to 145 students. Welcome everyone!

Parish Pancake Supper -

will be held on Tuesday, February 16th. Get your tickets after Mass. Cost is \$8 per person children ages 8 & under are free!



Ash Wednesday Mass

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent originated in early Christian times and gradually developed in connection with Baptism and penance.

During Ancient Times (the first three centuries) The Easter celebration originally included a 1 or 2 day period of fasting before the all night vigil and the Eucharist.

By the 5th century, candidates for Easter Baptism entered the final states of preparation for the Sacrament during the Lenten season. The weeks of Lent developed from this period of purification.

Ash Wednesday became the first day of Lent. On that day, sinners publicly enrolled as penitents and were sprinkled with ashes as a sign of their repentance.

In Modern Times—strict rules regarding fasting and abstinence were gradually relaxed in favor of personally chosen penitential practices. The emphasis for the Lenten period continued to be on Christ's suffering.

The 2nd Vatican Council reaffirmed ancient themes: the faithful should recall or prepare for Baptism and do penance to make themselves ready for the Easter celebration.

Today, the emphasis is on meaningful forms of penance. Especially positive ones, like charity and community aid that instill a greater love for God and others and that foster conversion. Practices for spiritual renewal are left mostly to individuals and should reflect creativity and responsibility. Christians recall and renew the spirit of their baptism, remembering what it means to belong to the family of God.



Scout Sunday

Will be observed on Sunday, February 28th at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Any scout or unit that

would like to participate, please contact Pam at 301-249-1167

January Birthdays

Sorry to have missed the January students – hope you had a wonderful day.

Rave Bandong	1/4
Abigail Arches	1/7
Chidoze Onukwugha	1/8
Gabby Rodriguez	1/9
Leila Richards	1/10
Ingrid Lim	1/14
Jason Darkins	1/21
Jackie Mukam	1/24

February Birthdays

Melody Nwachukwu	2/5
Erin Brinkman	2/5
Maggie Eberhard	2/14
Richard Mukam	2/15
Philip Newsome	2/19
Malcolm Brown	2/19
James Dela Cruz	2/20
Susan Afihene	2/24
Chima Okere	2/28

Have a blessed and Happy Birthday!

Saint Feast Days

Presentation of Our Lord	2/2
St. Blaise	2/3
St. Ansgar	2/3
St. Agatha	2/5
St. Paul Miki & Companions	2/6
St. Jerome Emiliani	2/8
St. Josephine Bakhita	2/8
St. Scholastica	2/10
Our Lady of Lourdes	2/11
St. Cyril & Methodius	2/14
St. Peter Damian	2/21
St. Polycarp	2/23