



Friday Folder Notes, February 15, 2018

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STATIONS AND THE ROSARY

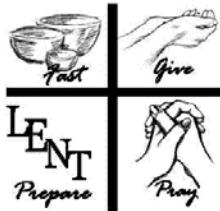
Stations: Lent is such a wonderful time to pause, reflect, and grow in our faith. As Fr. Holdren taught in Mass on Friday, Lent means **springtime**... a time for new growth in our soul. One of the most beautiful Catholic practices during Lent is the praying of Stations of the Cross. Each parish has time during Lent to come to the church and pray Stations with your parish family. If it works to come to St. Mary's to pray with the students, you are welcome at

2:45 each Friday (No school on Mar. 9). As a special event, on Mar. 23 at 2:30, the Kindergartners will lead the Stations.

As you pray the Stations of the Cross, the journey Jesus took to the crucifixion, you may want to think of all those pilgrims in the Holy Land walking through the actual places where our Lord passed. Many of our own parish priests have had the opportunity to visit the Holy Land and can share their own faith-filled stories of these places.

Rosary/Medal/Vocations.: On Feb. 13, Fr. James Kelleher and assistants (Knights of the Holy Eucharist brothers) presented on the power of the rosary and asked all our families to pray a decade of the rosary each day. They told beautiful stories to our students of apparitions at Fatima and St. Catherine Labouré, the history of the Miraculous Medal and asked students to consider their vocation. (see pictures below) It was a beautiful opportunity for all the Catholic students in our Diocese.

God Bless! – Mrs. Zook



Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 16-Mar. 23: Fri.'s in Lent, St. Mary's Parish-Stations of the Cross, 5:30, pasta dinner in gym after.**
 - Feb. 20, 7-8:30 PM, AQ: Fr. Kilcawley presentation** on protecting our children from bad online content
 - Feb. 22: Banking in Schools**—deposit before school
 - Feb. 23: Spirit Day and Baptism Mass**
 - Feb. 24: Father/Daughter Dance, 6:00 PM**—RSVP Joanie at 367-8331
 - Traveling Choir in Marietta, 6 PM (5:30 PM), Boys needed, Girls will be dancing with Dads ☺, RSVP Claire at 367-9405
 - Feb. 25, 9 AM: Traveling Choir in Assumption, (David City), (8:30 AM)** All are welcome!
 - Feb. 27: BBQ, Burgers, and More Night,** fundraiser for St. Mary's
 - Mar. 6: Late Start (change from printed calendar)**
 - Mar. 9: No School – Spring Break**
 - Let us know if you know anyone we should invite to Open House or Round up.** Call/Email Jeri (phone/email below)
 - Mar. 11: Open House, 3-4 PM** – New, Interested Families.
 - Mar. 22: Preschool, Pre-K, K Round Up.** For children who will be 3-5.
- **Please change your printed calendar:**
1. **Late Start on Mar. 7 will be on Mar. 6** – Administrators need to be at Diocesan meetings on Mar. 7
 2. **Grandparents Day and the Spring Program will be April 12** since Bishop Finn will be here April 5 for Confirmation

Virtue for February

Responsibility: being reliable in your duties and accountable for your actions. (*Thank you 5th Graders for starting us off!!*)

Prayers ...



...for new baby, **Slade** to **Scott and Connie Samek** and siblings **Bentley (PS), Sadie, and Brandon**.

...for the **Smaus, Roh, and Krivanek** families for the loss of **Eunice Smaus**.

Thank You ...

...to **5th Graders** for starting off our Responsibility Virtues in Practice presentations. (Pics below)

...to **Bishop Conley** for sending the Rosary presentation to all the Catholic schools.

Curriculum Corner

Best Practices: To ensure that we are using the best methods available to teach our new reading series, HMH's Journeys, 2nd grade teachers **Mr. Weiss and Mrs. Eller** will travel with Mrs. Zook to observe and get tips from teachers at Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary in Norfolk next week. This reading series was adopted at St. Mary's in 2015 beginning at the Kindergarten level and adding a new grade level each year. Sharing professional practices is such a great opportunity for growth!

Safety and Tech Notes:

Practice writing phonograms, cursive, math facts—all grade levels--in a fun way. Try **Blackboard**, **Chalkboard**, or **Whiteboard** apps for tablets, iPads, or smartphones.

February Baptism Celebrants				
Alan	Antholz	5	B	4-Feb
Keltie	Hein	5	A	14-Feb
Sara	Schmid	5	B	17-Feb
Colby	Miller	4	A	3-Feb
Oliver	Antholz	4	B	3-Feb
Kaleb	Andel	4	B	5-Feb
Lilly	Collins	4	B	10-Feb
Maxton	Meysenburg	4	B	10-Feb
Seth	Hlavac	4	B	23-Feb
Evan	Schmid	3	B	8-Feb
Anna Marie	Meysenburg	3	A	21-Feb
Nevaeh	Hilderbrand	3	B	22-Feb
Madison	Augustin	2	B	20-Feb
Damon	DeWispeleare	1	B	6-Feb
Sabra	Meister	1	B	12-Feb
Eli	Hotovy	1	B	27-Feb
Noah	Schneider	1	B	27-Feb
Kaylyn	Junck	K	B	5-Feb
Braxton	Augustin	K	B	11-Feb
McKie	DeWispeleare	K	B	19-Feb
Turner	Hartman	K	B	19-Feb
Wyatt	Meister	K	A	26-Feb

Mightier than the waves is His love.

St. Mary's Spirit Club

Father & Daughter Dance

Saturday, February 24th
6:00-7:30 pm

St. Mary's Gym

snacks, photo booth & activity booth

\$10 per family

Please RSVP to Joanie Brecka
text: 402-367-8331

St. Mary's School BBQ NIGHT

BBQ, Burgers & More

536 N 5th St. David City

**Tues. Feb. 27
5-8pm**

**donate 10% to St. Mary's School
Fish available during Lent**

From Spirit Club—Spiritual Coordinator

The litany of humility is a moving prayer that can bring us closer to Christ.

Our Lord asks us in Matthew's gospel to learn from Him "for I am meek and humble of heart" (Matt 11:29), as he is described in the first line of this prayer below. We ask in this litany, composed by Rafael Cardinal Merry de Val (1865-1930), the Secretary of State for Pope Saint Pius X, that God fill our hearts and souls with genuine humility, an essential virtue for holiness. After all, as we read in the letter of St. James "God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6).

Humility Prayer

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, Hear me.
From the desire of being esteemed,
Deliver me, Jesus. (repeat after each line)
From the desire of being loved,
From the desire of being extolled,
From the desire of being honored,
From the desire of being praised,
From the desire of being preferred to others,
From the desire of being consulted,
From the desire of being approved,
From the fear of being humiliated,
From the fear of being despised,
From the fear of suffering rebukes,
From the fear of being calumniated,
From the fear of being forgotten,
From the fear of being ridiculed,
From the fear of being wronged,
From the fear of being suspected,
That others may be loved more than I,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it. (repeat after each line)
That others may be esteemed more than I,
That, in the opinion of the world,
others may increase and I may decrease,
That others may be chosen and I set aside,
That others may be praised and I unnoticed,
That others may be preferred to me in everything,
That others may become holier than I, provided
that I may become as holy as I should.

Some Pictures from this week



Kindergarteners had fun in the snow building a fort, snowmen, and making snow angels.



Rosary Presentation by Fr. Kelleher



Teachers received scriptural rosary DVD's.



Boys helped the Knight of the Holy Eucharist Brothers pack up.



One group of 5th grade girls presenting Responsibility to the 2nd grade girls. (I'll compile more pics of the other groups for next week. They all did a wonderful job!)

