

## LENT

Lent offers us a chance for transformation - a time to open ourselves to the power of God. During the season of Lent, we have the chance to re-center our lives, to check and see if we are living according to God's will. We have been given three ways of re-centering our lives: **fasting**, **prayer**, and **almsgiving**. **Fasting** means letting go of the unnecessary to better concentrate on the necessary. This is the time to see what activities we can cut back on, as individuals and families, to have more time for God, each other, and service. **Almsgiving** is making a gift of alms, which are physical gifts (money, food, or goods) intended to help those who are in need. Choosing to give alms makes a difference for those who give. It is a reminder that money is not the ultimate good. Money can, in fact, be a distraction from things that are more important, so giving up some money helps to redirect our attention to what we really value. **Prayer** is the center of every Christian's life. During Lent, we take extra time to pray, to sit in God's presence and be still. Our chance to deepen and strengthen our relationship with God.

## RICE BOWLS

Rice Bowls are the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support charitable work in more than 100 different countries each year. Each of our families received a Rice Bowl Bank in which sacrificial offerings can be made. All banks should be returned to school by **Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**.



## FISH FRY

During Lent St. Vincent De Paul and Blessed Sacrament Church host an annual fish fry in the Blessed Sacrament School cafeteria. Dine in and enjoy a fish dinner for \$14.00. You may also pre-order delivery on the **day of** the fish fry by calling **315-382-6652 before 2pm**, or you may call ahead for takeout on the **day of** by calling **315-380-4946** or **315-420-9322**. There are many volunteer opportunities. Please contact Griffin Harmon at [griffinharmon@gmail.com](mailto:griffinharmon@gmail.com).

## PTA FISH FRY BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

The Blessed Sacrament School PTA is hosting a bake sale during the fish fry. We are looking for volunteers to bake. If you would like to donate baked goods or volunteer to help, please contact [bss.pta@syrdiocese.org](mailto:bss.pta@syrdiocese.org).

## PRINCIPAL'S READING CHALLENGE

During Catholic Schools Week, we had a special reading announcement to see how well we were doing as a school to reach Mrs. Coppola's Reading Challenge. Each class has read the following number of books:

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| TE  | 200 | 3RD | 60  |
| PK  | 150 | 4TH | 50  |
| K   | 690 | 5TH | 50  |
| 1ST | 900 | 6TH | 173 |
| 2A  | 120 | ART | 21  |
| 2B  | 190 |     |     |

**MID POINT TOTAL: 2,604**

Students have read a grand total of 2604 books. We have quite a few books to read in order to reach our goal of reading **15,000** books!!! Mrs. Coppola promised that Blessed Sacrament School will have a faculty/staff talent show if students reach this goal. I know I would certainly like to see that, so...**READ! READ! READ!**



## THANK YOU

Fennessey Fridays was an AMAZING success. We collected \$456.00 toward our Fennessey Scholarship with our Fennessey February Service Project. Our year of Service Projects is so important to us, this one was very near and dear to us especially. Peter's family reached out to the school and were so grateful to the school for honoring Peter and his memory.

## MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

Our service project for the month of March will be collecting donations for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will also have a \$1.00 pajama-themed Tag Days on **March 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>**. All money collected will also go to SHP. Here is a little information about SHP and why we think they are the perfect place for our March service project:

SHP believes that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. When it was brought to their attention that the need for beds went far beyond our own neighborhoods, they stepped up and took initiative. They are a national organization answering the call to a national problem. All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Across the U.S., too many boys and girls go without a bed – or even a pillow – to sleep on. These children end up sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health. That's where Sleep in Heavenly Peace comes in. They are a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling, and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.



## EAGLE EXTRAS

- 🦅 **School Liturgy** – Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am, planned by 2A. **NO TAG DAY PASSES**
- 🦅 **School Banking** – Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at all lunch times.
- 🦅 **\$1.00 Pajama themed Tag Day** - Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> for this month's service project.
- 🦅 **NO SCHOOL-** Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, teacher in-service day
- 🦅 **PTA Meeting** – Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the cafeteria.
- 🦅 **FREE TAG DAY-** Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Wear your **GREEN!** Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- 🦅 **FREE TAG DAY-** Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Wear your **RED** for the Feast of St. Joseph!
- 🦅 **RED RIBBON WEEK-** March 20<sup>th</sup> - March 24<sup>th</sup> celebrating a healthy, drug free YOU. Concluding with a prayer service in the gym on **Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am.**
- 🦅 **Dance Recital** – Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.
- 🦅 **\$1.00 Pajama themed Tag Day** - Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> for this month's service project.
- 🦅 **\$1.00 Pajama themed Tag Day** - Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> for this month's service project.

## KIDS CORNER

For the Month of March, to earn a 1 Tag Day Pass you will need to turn in **2 FULL** reading sheets. For every **2 FULL** reading sheets, you turn into the main office, will receive 1 Tag Day Pass. We need to make that 15,000 book goal so we can see the faculty/staff show off their talents.