February 20, 2022

Good Morning All,

~Boy Scout Can Collection this weekend after Masses on behalf of the Good Neighbor Cupboard. Please support the scouts in their efforts!

~Bishop's Annual Appeal - Pledge Weekend
Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) is underway. Commitment envelopes will be distributed this weekend at Mass. Please prayerfully consider supporting the BAA as the funds received support many ministries throughout the Diocese. The video is available for viewing below or on our website (approximately 5 minutes). The goal for this year for our parish is $50,754 so please consider a sustaining gift every month or a one-time donation to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. A BAA donation can also be made online at the Diocese (https://charlestondiocese.org/bishops-annual-appeal/) Please choose: Anderson, St. Joseph, 500

~Knights of Columbus Special Needs Family Planning Seminar
Through the Knights organization we will be doing a virtual benefits seminar that everyone is welcome to attend. The date is Feb 23 at 7PM and should last about an hour. This seminar will be an excellent opportunity for Knights and St. Joseph Parishioners to learn about the excellent financial benefits offered exclusively through the Knights of Columbus and this seminar is directed to families who have special needs and who could use support. There is no cost or obligation to view the seminar. Please see the attached document.

~School Newsletter attached.

1. Today's Readings: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | USCCB

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: What should I do for Lent this year? (Is it that time again?) With Lent a week and a half away, it's time to prayerfully consider what to do for Lent. Fr. Mike Schmidtz, a well-known priest from Minnesota, has some words of wisdom for us to take to heart as we approach this sacred and grace-filled season of Lent. Most importantly, we need to keep in mind the theme of yesterday's article---our first vocation is to be holy.

3. Quote of the Day: A good coach always has a game plan. Listed below are the 3 pillars of Lent. Study up now so you are prepared to have the best Lent season ever. The Pillars of Lent: Prayer (Justice towards God), Abstinence and Fasting (Justice towards self) and Almsgiving (Justice towards neighbors).

Prayer

Try to pray a little more often, go to Mass more often, attend a daily Mass, or just come by and visit the church after school one day. During Lent attend the Stations of the Cross.

Abstinence and Fasting
To abstain means to go without something; in terms of Lent, we do not eat meat. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. To fast, we go without food or eat less. It can also mean giving up certain foods or treats. Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are age 18 to 59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

Almsgiving
Do good things for others. For example, this can be giving gifts of money or help to others. Think about your time, talent and treasure. What can you do to help others?

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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Linda McCormick
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Anderson, SC 29621

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Fax: (864) 225-6432

Save The Date! Feb 23, 7pm

Tip for best experience: use Edge or Chrome browser

Click Here to Register for the Webinar

The Knights of Columbus presents

Special Needs Planning Seminar

Join us for an important presentation on Special Needs Planning.

For families with a special needs child, financially preparing for the future can be overwhelming and daunting. Many parents quietly worry about their child's future when they are no longer able to provide financial support.

The Knights of Columbus recognizes the unique challenges that these families face. We understand it's not just about dollars and medical care but also the quality of life for their child.

In this seminar, we'll talk through the some of the challenges and solutions that you and your family should consider. We'll go through the planning process and share how the Knights of Columbus can help your family.

Date: February 23, 2022

Time: 7:00pm

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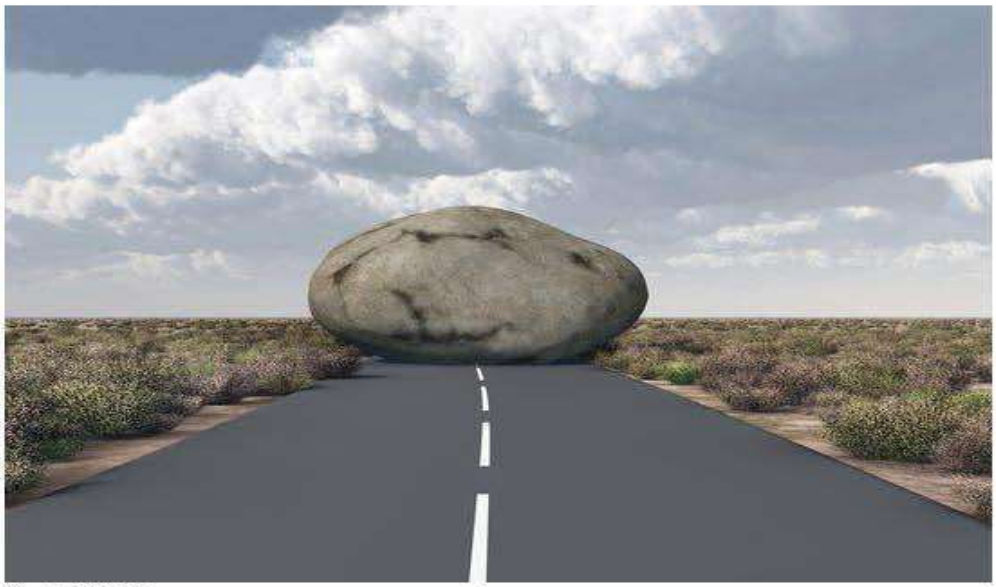
What should you do for Lent this year?

By Father Michael Schmitz



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Q. With Lent on its way, I never know how to choose a "thing." Do you have any suggestions for how to pick something to do for Lent?

A. That's a great (and perennial) question. I have personally had a tough time choosing the right thing in the past. How does a person know what he or she should give up or take up when it comes to his or her Lenten discipline?

It might be helpful to spell out what the Church envisions for us during Lent before we look at the specifics. The Church only asks for two particular disciplines from us: fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent. As you might know, the Church defines "fasting" in a very mild way: one full meal and two small meals that together are not larger than the one full meal. "Abstinence" simply refers to avoiding meat.

It is worth recognizing that the Church does not actually require very much from us at all in this regard. If you think of it this way, a person in the United States could be fasting and still consume more food than most of the world does on a daily basis.

Because of this, we can see that the "key" to Lenten disciplines that the Church offers us is not based on a degree of difficulty. There is a strange stereotype applied to Catholics that we are overly rigorous and driven by guilt and a belief that we have to earn a place in God's heart. How far that is from the truth! And we can see this demonstrated in these Lenten requirements. They are so simple and undemanding that no one could ever honestly draw the conclusion that the Catholic Church is preoccupied with self-denial and strictness.

We can see that the Church does not demand much from us during Lent. There is also the traditional practice of "giving up," or of "taking up" additional disciplines during this time. These disciplines are meant to be a way to deepen our faith, hope and love in preparation for the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter and our celebration of the Resurrection. In other words, they are meant to assist our deeper interior conversion (turning away from sin and becoming more like Jesus).

I invite you to embrace this particular vision when it comes to what you choose for your Lenten "thing." What will help you the most to turn away from sin and become more like Jesus? Sometimes this involves giving something up (denying yourself a legitimate good in order to make space for Jesus), and sometimes it involves taking something up (adopting a spiritual practice that helps you grow closer to Christ and actively help those around you).

Notice this: The goal of the Lenten practice is not merely to "become more disciplined" or "do the really hard thing."

When deciding what to do for Lent, many people find that they will either pick something that was too easy (and almost negligible and forgettable) or something so difficult that they ended up continually failing to live it out. Even if they did keep the discipline throughout Lent, it might have merely ended up being a "white knuckle" situation where they just held on as long as they could and the whole thing ended up becoming a personal challenge of self-control that didn't lead them closer to becoming like Christ in any significant way.

This is what I believe about this tactic: The error most of us fall into when choosing something to do for Lent is not really either choosing something "too easy" or choosing something "too difficult." There are times when the very best thing for a person to choose during Lent is very easy to accomplish, and there are times when the discipline will be very difficult. The key is to understand the difference between "arbitrary" and "necessary."

The primary issue that most Catholics face when picking a Lenten discipline is that it has no intrinsic impact on their life. They might give up sweets or snacking because it is what people do. They might decide to read the daily Mass readings each day because it is what they've done for the past few years. That's not bad, but it doesn't ask the question: What do I need? As long as the Lenten discipline does not arise from a real need in a person's life, it will always have an optional and artificial character to it.

But when people truly begin to know themselves, they start to understand what is keeping them from drawing closer to Jesus. They begin to recognize the obstacles in their lives that make it difficult to hear and obey the voice of God. They begin to notice what has been fragmenting their attention and their hearts. And they begin to realize that real conversion is going to involve addressing these obstacles in a real way.

For example, there are a decent number of people who give up social media for Lent. That can be a very good thing. But it is not a good thing because it is difficult. It is a good thing for people who have recognized that their attachment to social media is an obstacle that steals their time and attention away from allowing Jesus to be the Lord of their lives.

How about you this Lent? What are the obstacles that are present in your life that keep God at arm's length? What are the things you could give up or take up that directly correlate to turning from sin and becoming like him?

Source: thecatholicspirit.com by Fr. Mike Schmitz

"The greatest education is the knowledge of God."
- Unknown

February 18, 2022

Our mission is to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, which will prepare us for outstanding achievements in all aspects of life. Our education will enable us to realize spiritual, intellectual, moral, and social growth in a safe, disciplined, family-oriented environment.

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Did you know...

SUNDAY, February 20, 2022
is the last day for Early Enrollment with a Registration Fee of $310.

After this Sunday, the Registration Fee increases to $360.

Apply for Financial Aid!

Deadline to apply for Financial Aid is

March 25, 2022!

Did you know...

No School

Monday, February 21, 2022

Enjoy your 3 day weekend!

Did you know...

Feb 19th!

Great items and some of the proceeds benefit our school!

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus!

Mass Uniform Reminders

Please send your student dressed appropriately for Mass every Friday.

For boys, this includes white Oxford shirt with navy vest or sweater (with current school logo), navy pants, black dress shoes and black socks. Black belt for 3rd grade and up.

For elementary school girls, white peter pan collar shirt with plaid jumper, navy sweater (with current school logo), white or navy socks or tights and black dress shoes.

For middle school girls, white Oxford shirt with navy sweater (with current school logo) and navy cross tie, knee length navy skirt or skort with white or navy socks or tights.

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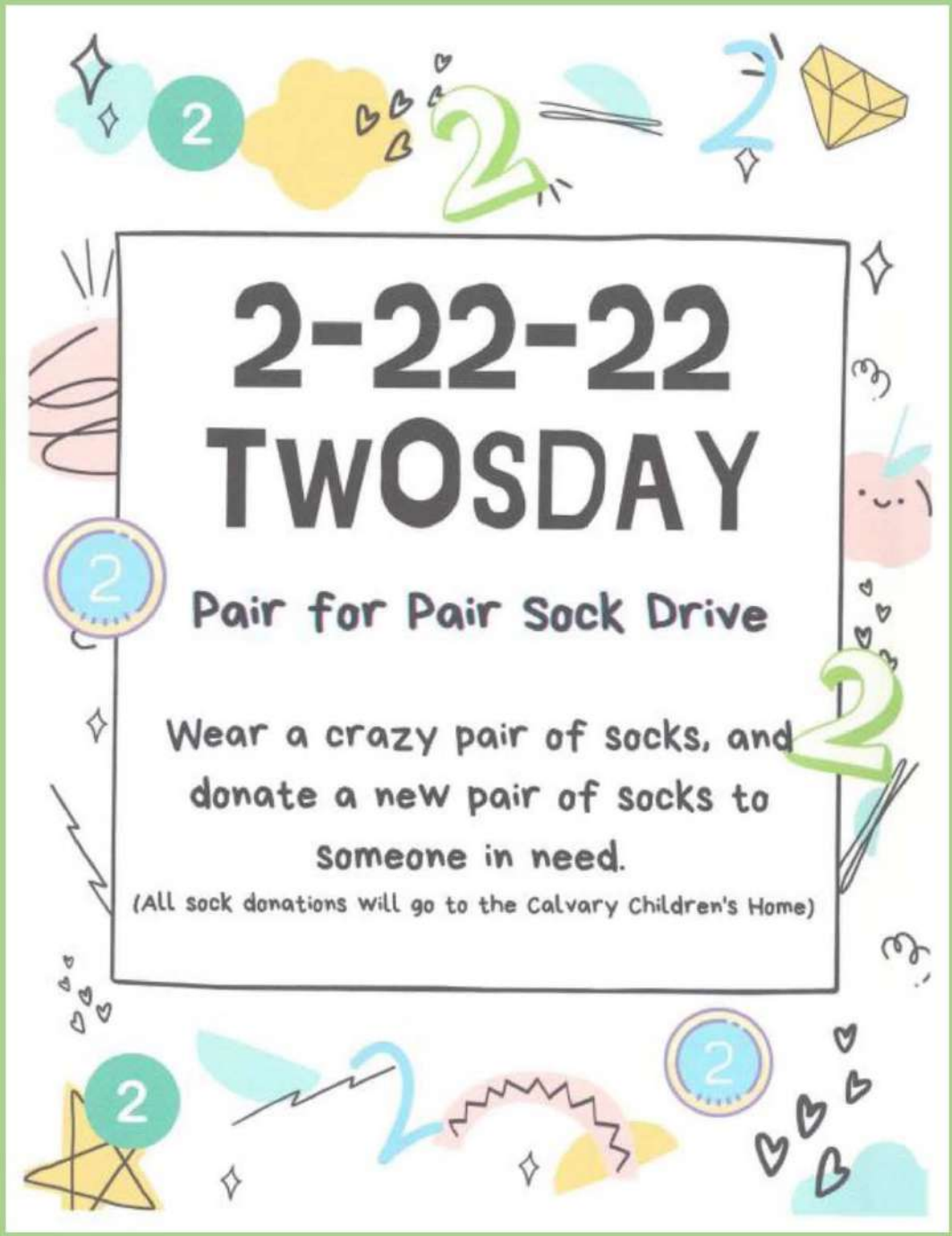
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TWOSDAY
Pair for Pair Sock Drive
Wear a crazy pair of socks, and donate a new pair of socks to someone in need.
(All sock donations will go to the Calvary Children's Home)

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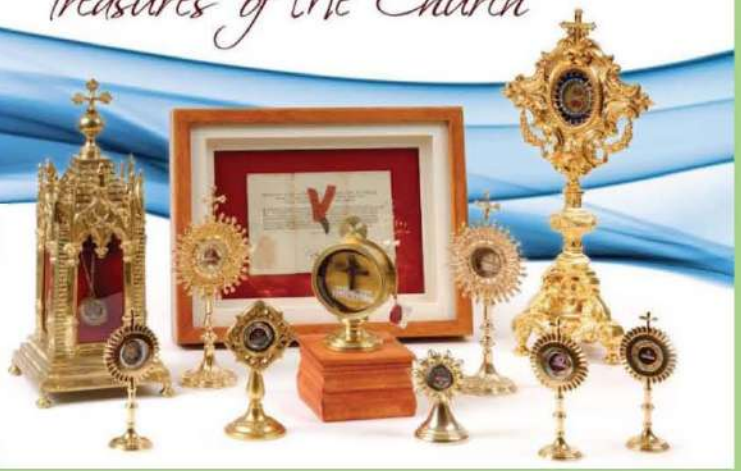
EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

Treasures of the Church



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presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross

HELD IN THE CHURCH ON

TUESDAY, MARCH 22 AT 6:30 PM

See www.treasuresofthechurch.com for more information

St. Joseph Parish welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some as old as 2,000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. John the Baptist, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

There will also be a fragment of the Veil that belonged to Our Lady and some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross in the world.

Did you know...

Already at 57% Participation!

Fundraising Opportunity

This year we are partnering with SchoolStore.com to raise money for our school. SchoolStore is 100% online! Your participation is easy with no more than 12 minutes of your time!

1. Go to schoolstore.net and sign up using our school ID: **197225**
2. Send form emails inviting family, friends, and co-workers to support your student

3. Return the Envelope with Student Prize Code for your child to get their really fun participation prize!

4. Shop

✝ Shop online at The Family Book Store and earn up to 50% of your purchase for the school, or

✝ Shop online with over 400 stores and earn a small percentage of your purchase for the school.

... And Many More!!!

Did you know...

CATHLETICS!
TRAINING TO BE CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST

VBS is back - Save the date!
June 20-24, 2022 at St. Joseph's

Help needed and welcomed—
Call Jan Heithaus at parish office

Initial planning meeting Wednesday,
February 23 at 6:30 PM

Impact
ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY

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IMPACT
St Joseph's
Youth Ministry
Anderson, SC

Youth Group Meetings – 2022

The St. Joseph's Youth Group meets at Fr. Friend Hall
from 12:30 – 2:00 PM on the following Sundays:

February 27

March 6
March 20

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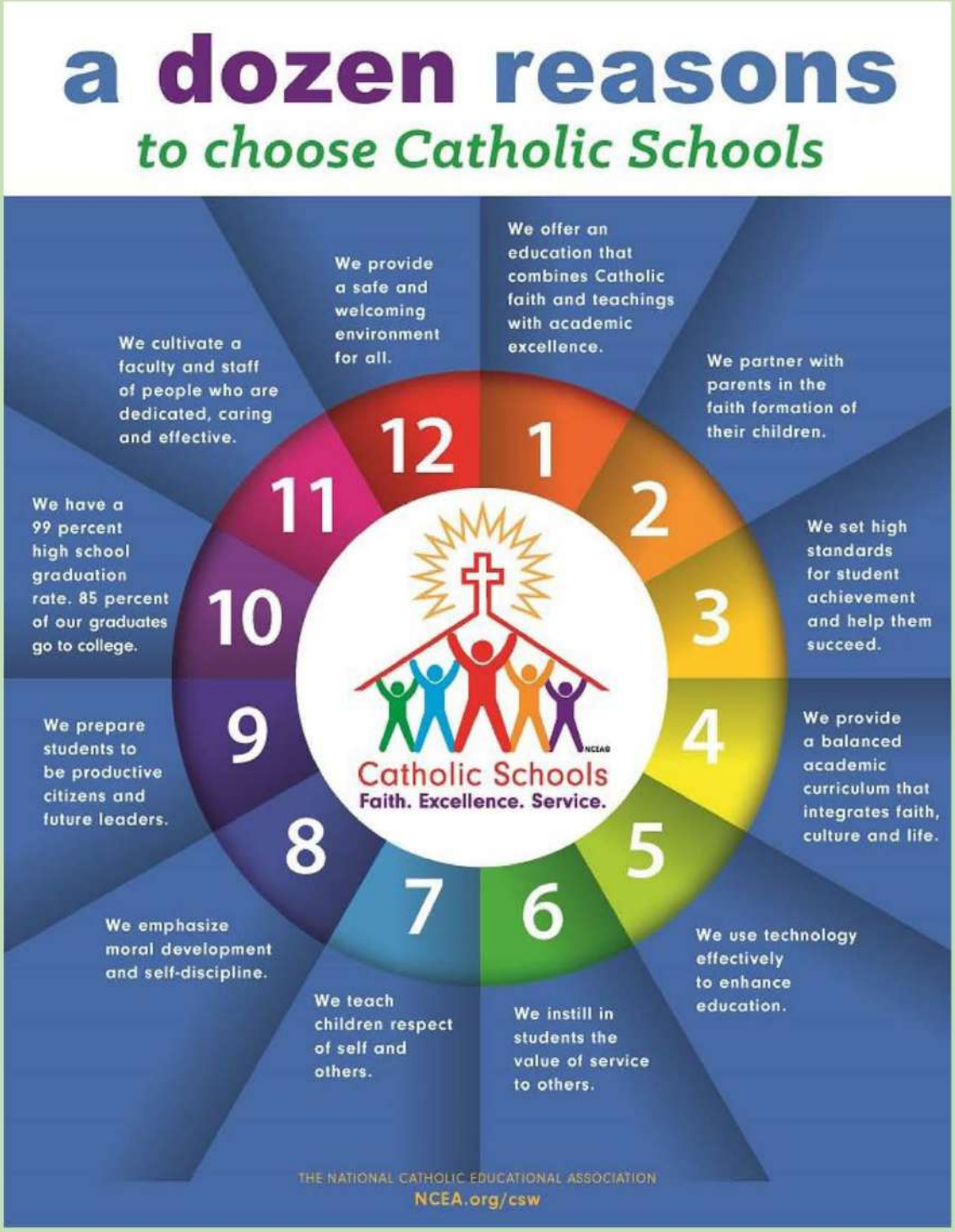
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12 We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.
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Did you know...

Re-Enrollment Now Open!

We will utilize an automatic re-enrollment process for the 2022-2023 school year. No new application is needed for returning students!

- Log into FACTS Family Portal (www.factsmgt.com)
- Update your information – address, phone, emergency contacts, etc.
- Pay your Family Registration Fee. Complete the process before February 20, 2022 and receive the Early Registration Fee of $310. If registering after that date, the Family Registration Fee will be $360. All registration fees are non-refundable.

Apply for Financial Aid!

The 2022-2023 applications for financial aid are found in FACTS. Financial Aid applications must be completed by **March 25, 2022.** There is a non-refundable FACTS Financial Aid Application Fee is $40.

For Catholic families, in order to apply for St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Scholarship, you will need to complete the financial aid application and a St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Tuition Grant Application. Look for this Grant Application in your email.

Did you know...

4K FIRST STEPS SOUTH CAROLINA

St. Joseph Catholic School is now accepting applications for First Steps 4K, **a free 4 year-old Kindergarten program for eligible children,** for the 2022-2023 school year. Students participate in research-based, high quality early learning to build strong foundations for life-long success! Students attend classes five days per week. Space is limited.

To qualify for the upcoming school year, your child must be 4 years old on or before September 1st of the upcoming year. Please visit www.free4ksc.org for additional eligibility requirements and more information.

Please Remember...

Student Not Feeling Well?

Please notify the office and keep your student home if he/she is not feeling well.

If your student is sick, he/she MUST BE SYMPTOM FREE (AND FEVER FREE) FOR 24 HOURS BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL. This is for the safety of the entire student body.

As with all persistent symptoms, we strongly urge you to have your student tested for COVID and/or the flu before returning to school. This is to help prevent the spread of disease.

Please notify the school immediately of a positive COVID test result for any student and/or member of their immediate family.

Remember to send a doctor note or parent note for all tardies and absences.

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Virtue of the Month

Honesty-

Being trustworthy and true

"Better is a poor a person who walks in his integrity than one who is crooked in speech and is a fool.

-Proverbs 19:1

K5 – 2nd	Bls. Jacinta & Francesco Marto
3rd – 5th	St. Kateri Tekawitha
6th – 8th	St. Athanasius

Click HERE for the Parent Guide and access to all home projects.

February Birthdays

Barbara Balcarcel-Medrano	2-1
Nathaniel Hooks	2-2
Catherine Kennedy	2-6
Jordan Kennedy	2-6
Jerin Casebolt	2-9
Ethan Lawson	2-9
Giannina Chaicoj Hernandez	2-14

Did you know...

Few remaining!

Do You Have a Spirit Shirt?

Only a few remain – Medium, Large, and Extra Large. Show your support for your **church and school** everywhere you go! Available in the school office.

$20

Did you know...

When you shop at Ingles, they will give money to the school for new equipment? Click HERE and link your Ingles Advantage Card to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Have you linked yet?

Can Collecting!

Drop off anytime behind the Church Office.

Pull Tab Collecting!

Bring to the office to support the Ronald McDonald House!

Did you know...

Kids Get Thirsty...

Please send your student with a water bottle EVERYDAY!

Lost & Found

There are several items in the Lost & Found without names – we cannot return it if there is no name!

Please label your items!

Club Life

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
20	21 **No School**	22 Art Club Grades 5-8 3:30-4:30pm Chess Club Grades 4-8 3:30-4:30pm	23	24 **Progress Reports**	25	26

March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28 Art Club Grades 1-4 3:30-4:30pm	1 Art Club Grades 5-8 3:30-4:30pm Chess Club Grades 4-8 3:30-4:30pm	2 **Ash Wednesday**	3	4 **No School**	5
6	7 Art Club Grades 1-4 3:30-4:30pm	8 Art Club Grades 5-8 3:30-4:30pm Chess Club Grades 4-8 3:30-4:30pm	9	10	11	12

Upcoming Events

*Full calendar can be located at www.sjccs.net.

No School
President's Day
Feb 21st

Progress Reports
Feb 24th

Parent/Teacher Conferences (As Needed)
Feb 22nd – 25th

Mardi Gras
Mar 1st

Upcoming Events

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Ash Wednesday
Mar 2nd

No School
Professional Development
Mar 4th

St. Patrick's Day
Mar 17th

Feast of St. Joseph
Mar 18th

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Valentine's Day!

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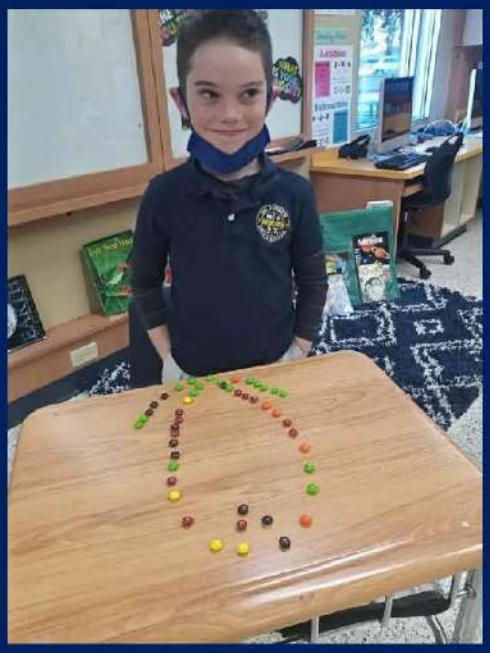

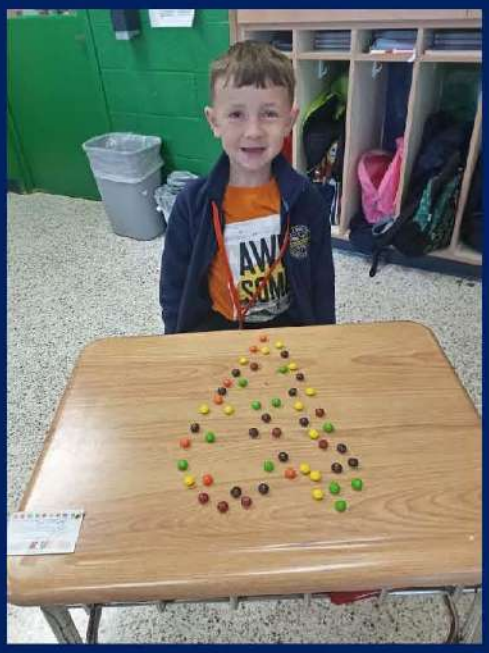

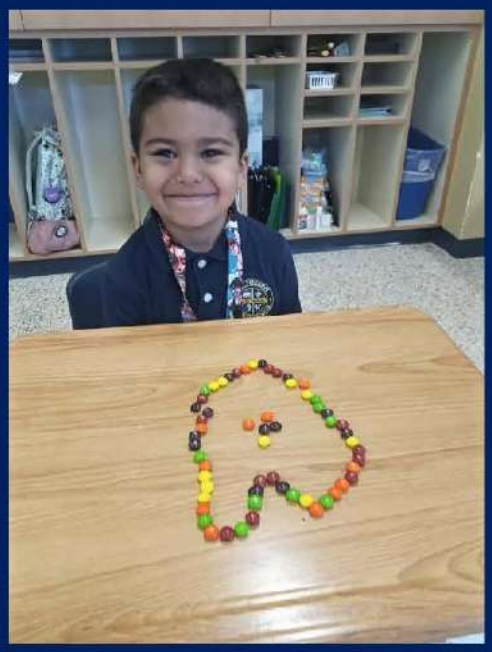

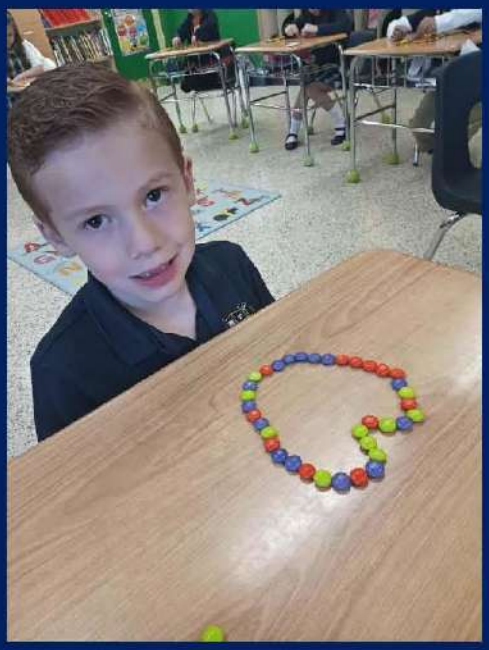

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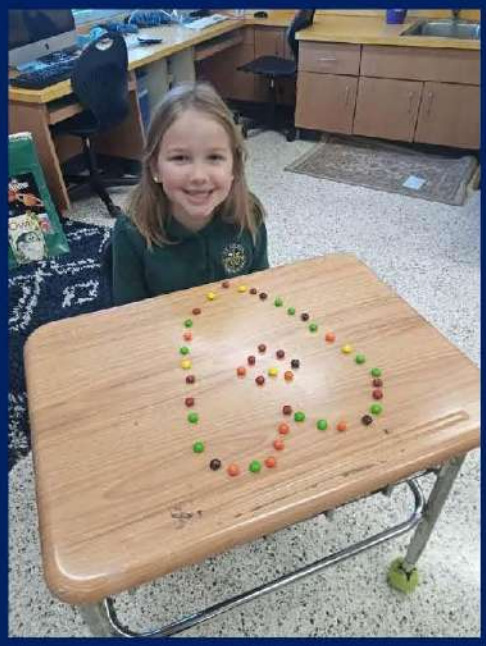

Volunteer Spotlight

Thanks to all the volunteers that help make our school great!
You are awesome!

Lunches

Jeff Casebolt
Melodie Ahumada
Erina Casebolt
Wilma Aguado
Catholic Women Serving:
- **Donna Wingo**
- **Geri Hynds**
- **Marilyn Angoli**
- **Linda Firneno**

Danny Arita
Mayra Salgado
Myrian Herrera
Maria Tortolero

A huge thank you to
Catholic Women Serving
for providing Valentine treats
for the teachers!

Science Help:
Thank you
Alice Henderson!

K4 Volunteer:
Thank you
Bess Klindworth!

Reading Help:

Thank you
Bess McIntyre, Alice Henderson,
Dawn Guy, and Linda Ketchapaw!