

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



February 12, 2024

THE NOTE!

Another Soup Supper has come and gone. Thanks to all of you who helped make it a success. I personally enjoyed the day and it was good to see everyone. Our kitchen committee and stand managers did an awesome job having everything ready. Thanks!!



Just a reminder as we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, there should be no meat in any lunch boxes for any grade/religion. We are all meat free on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent. Thank you!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Officer Jeff Karcher and K-9 partner, Kona 1:00, VB H Hutsonville 4:15, 5th grade BB H St. Joe 6:30

Tuesday: Burning of Palms 1:45, Meyer Twins Art 'til 5:00, VB H Effingham 4:15 – C game follows, 6th grade BB @ Sigel tourn. vs. Altamont 5:30

Wednesday: **Ash Wednesday – All School Mass (5)**, Staff mtg. 'til 4:15

Thursday: VB H St. Joe (8th grade night) 4:30 – C game 3:45

Friday: **3-5 Class Mass (4)**, Stations of the Cross (7) 2:30

Saturday: Simply Mary fundraiser @ the Muddy, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

Sunday: Mass @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30

Monday: NO SCHOOL – President's Day

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: School Board minutes, Distinguished Graduate/Exceptional Service nomination announcement, Trivia Night workers, Leap of Kindness flyer, Lent ideas for families/kids

❖ We are still needing **wine** for the Trivia Night Wine Pull. Bring it in anytime!

- ❖ **Suckers** will be handed out tomorrow. Everyone will receive at least one.
Thanks to Mr. Stork and the Civics Club for all their work with this FUNdraiser!
- ❖ Just a reminder – If you **pick up** your kids after school, when you leave our parking lot, **please turn right!** Turning left is leading to ALMOST accidents.
- ❖ I do have tickets for the NCHS production of **OKLAHOMA!**. If you let me know which performance, March 21-24, I can send them home and you can send in the money.
- ❖ Coming home in the packet is the information about **Distinguished Graduate and Exceptional Service** awards. If you have any ideas, please feel free to let me know.
- ❖ Please remind the kids that the **parent packet** is for the parents. Also, please make it a point to look at it every Monday evening. We are getting packets back with everything still in them and sometimes finding all of the papers in book bags, meaning the kids are taking it all out and not giving it to you. I get a lot of questions/comments that can be answered by reading the parent letter and other things in the packet. Thanks!
- ❖ All of the **Valentine's Day parties** will be tomorrow, Tuesday, since the holiday falls on Ash Wednesday. **Thank you to Casey's** General Store for donating cookies to our school!
- ❖ We will be **burning the palms** tomorrow afternoon in preparation for Ash Wednesday. This is a neat way for our kids to be involved in this process.
- ❖ This is a **Leap Year!** We have an “extra” day this month. Thanks to Lea Creadore for coming up with an awesome way for St. Thomas to celebrate an extra day for having fun and for spreading kindness. See the flyer in the packet today!
- ❖ **Lent** is a lot for the little ones, so in your packet you'll find a Lenten path. You can adjust it to fit your kids better, but it allows them to pray, fast, and give without making it too much- One day at a time. I hope it is something that helps.
There are also some activity ideas for families.
- ❖ On the Saturday of Trivia Night, Feb. 24th, we could use **homemade cookies** for the meal. You can send them in Friday, the 23rd or bring them in when you work on the 24th. Thanks for all your help!

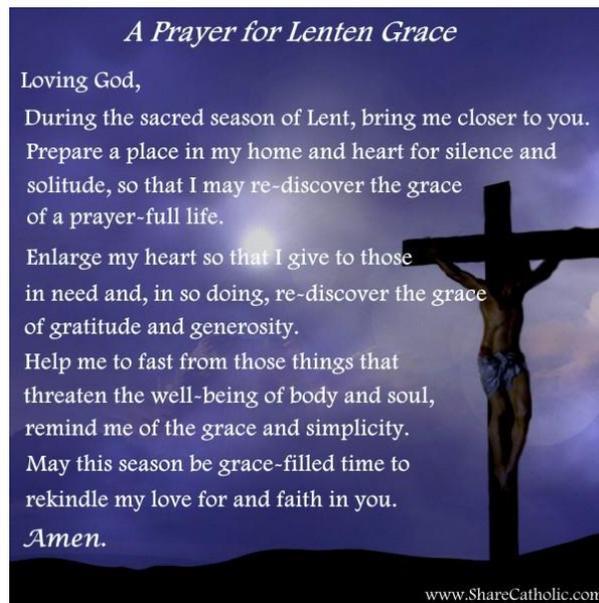
- ❖ If you don't see your name on the worker list for **Trivia Night** and you want to be, let me know.

Happy St. Valentine's Day!



In today's world, Valentine's Day represents a chocolaty and rosy love that often gets misunderstood, but as a Catholic, you probably already know that there is a little bit more to the story of Saint Valentine!

What little is known about this saint is that he was a Priest who would secretly marry couples when the men were being sent to war, during a time when the Emperor believed unmarried soldiers to make better soldiers. This dedication to the sacraments and God's Laws earned him his Martyrdom. But before he was martyred, he wrote a letter to a girl who was cured of her blindness from his prayers. This letter was signed: "From Your Valentine" and is the last record we have of this saint. His only remaining relic is of his skull which is preserved at the Basilica of Santa Maria in Rome.



We will be working through Lent as a school, but I encourage you to use this season as a time to help bring your family closer to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Some simple ideas for your family would be to add more family prayer every day, adding special intentions from each family member. You could also pick something to give up or add as a family like limiting screen time and/or adding family game time. Your family could also find a way to serve others as a family.