

Intergenerational Newsletter

Dear Intergenerational Families:

This month instead of individual lesson plans for each child, we are asking that you take the time to have a prayerful Lent and Holy Week as a family. Only your youngest child will be bringing home a packet this month and all the things you need to complete the family activities are in that packet. The one exception is the Easter Tree activity. Some of the items you need to complete the tree are in the packet and others you will need to supply.

We wish you and your family a Blessed Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Yours in Christ,

Jennifer Isackson,
Intergenerational Program Coordinator

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Special points of interest:

- Next class night is Wednesday, April 14, 2010
- Next Service Night is Wednesday, April 21, 2010
- Save the date for our end-of-year celebration: Wednesday, May 5, 2010. All of the Faith Formation students and their families will join together for a Marian prayer celebration. More information will be coming in April.

Family Lent and Holy Week Projects

During this Lenten season we seek to grow closer to God and to turn away from sin into the arms of our loving God. Lent and Easter challenge us to:

- ◆ Hear and follow God's call
- ◆ Take time to pray and seek God's guidance in our lives
- ◆ Turn more fully to God which includes treating our neighbors with love through acts of justice, compassion and service.
- ◆ Take time to share God's love through acts of service and justice
- ◆ Renew our belief in the Easter promise that we share in Jesus' Resurrection.

There are three traditional ways we can grow closer to God during Lent—by praying, by serving/almsgiving and by fasting. Praying nourishes our spirits, fasting teaches us about sacrifice and works of service (almsgiving) enlarge our hearts as we serve the needs of others. While these practices are always interconnected we will be focusing on service and almsgiving this month. We will not be having a group service project this month because we would like you to spend time with your family during this Holy season of Lent and Holy Week. There are several projects in the packet which your youngest child brought home this month, for you as a family, to complete.

If you would like to take part in some outside service projects here are some suggestions:

- ◆ Donate to your parish Church food shelf
- ◆ Donate or volunteer at the local food shelf, Valley Outreach. Their website is: valleyoutreachmn.org

They are looking for volunteers to help at the food shelf and Dawns closet. For the food shelf contact Cara McLain and for Dawn's closet contact Beth Taverna at 430-2739.

- ◆ Contact a local nursing home to set up a time to ask if they need volunteers to visit or play games with the residents.
- ◆ Look around your neighborhood to see if any of your elderly or infirm neighbors need help.

Tri-Parish Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday—March 28, 2010

Normal Sunday Mass Schedule for St. Charles, St. Mary's and St. Michael's

Holy Thursday—April 1, 2010

- ◆ Mass of the Lord's Supper—St. Charles 7:00 PM
- ◆ Mass of the Lord's Supper—St. Michael's 7:30 PM
- ◆ Mass of the Lord's Supper—St. Mary's 8:00 PM
- ◆ Night Prayer—St. Charles 9:00 PM
- ◆ Eucharist Adoration until midnight at St. Charles, St. Mary's and St. Michael's

Good Friday—April 2, 2010

- ◆ Morning Prayer—St. Charles 8:00 AM & St. Michael's 8:00 AM
- ◆ Stations of the Cross—St. Michael's 12:15 PM
- ◆ Good Friday Liturgy—St. Charles, St. Mary's, St. Michael's 3:00 PM
- ◆ Stations of the Cross—St. Charles 7:00 PM
- ◆ Eucharist Adoration until midnight at St. Charles, St. Mary's and St. Michael's



Holy Saturday—April 3, 2010

- ◆ Morning Prayer—St. Charles 8:00 AM & St. Michael's 8:00 AM
- ◆ Easter Vigil Mass—St. Charles, St. Mary's and St. Michael's 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday—April 4, 2010

- ◆ St. Michael's 7:30 AM
- ◆ St. Charles 8:00 AM
- ◆ St. Mary's 8:00 AM
- ◆ St. Michael's 9:15 AM
- ◆ St. Charles 9:30 AM
- ◆ St. Mary's 10:30 AM
- ◆ St. Michael's 11:00 AM

We Adore Thee

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Traditional Lenten prayer, adapted

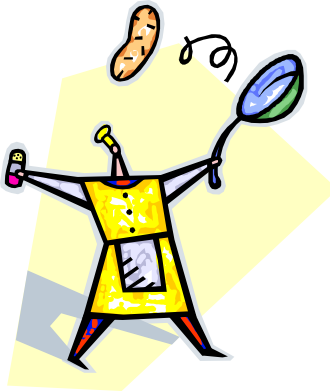
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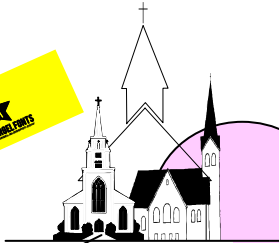
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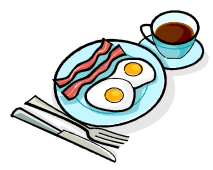


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Adults: \$6.00
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Children Under 12



BENEFIT
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PANCAKES, SCRAMBLED EGGS, SAUSAGE, APPLESAUCE, BEVERAGE



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