



St. Clare Catholic School

## Newsletter

February 26, 2018

From Mrs. Gruber:

*Last week, we heard in Mass about the beginning of Jesus's public life in ministry—his journey into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights to fast and be tempted by the Devil. Since the beginning of Lent, we have been reminded of three spiritual pillars of the season: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Through fasting, we recognize our sinful ways; through prayer, we know God better; and through almsgiving, we respond to our brothers and sisters.*

**REFLECT**

*Why are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving important in our busy, secular lives?*

**PRAY**

*Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him. Spend a few extra minutes in prayer today.*

**ACT**

*If you haven't already done so, make a list of ways in which you plan to pray more, fast, and give alms this Lenten season. There are still a number of weeks until Easter—how can you deepen your Lenten commitment?*

*Consider reading one of the Psalms on Saturdays, challenge yourself to fast from speaking any negative or critical word on Fridays, or do an act of generosity on Mondays. USCCB Feb. 26, 2018*

We are working on all the unexpected situations with our new hot lunch vendor, Konop. We need your help. Because of the 2 hour delays we are running into issues with our lunch count to/from Konop. It is VERY important that you sign up using the Sign Up Genius for the month. To make it a little easier, instead of closing it out before the month begins you can sign up by the MONDAY PRIOR to the upcoming week. Mrs. Vande Hey calls the numbers in during that week for the following week. Those are the numbers Konop will need to use in days such as last Tuesday and Friday, with a 2 hour delay. That allows them the correct amount of time to get our food made and sent over. Unfortunately, if your student is not signed up in advance, especially on days like this, they will have to bring a cold lunch. We feel like Konop is doing an excellent job and hope to continue working with them in the future. It appears the students are enjoying their lunch this year! If you have ANY questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Congratulations to our VEX team! The team has been invited to compete at state this weekend in Milwaukee! The team members are Spencer Kohlman, Joseph Diny, Josey Puzen, Dylan Christensen, Beau Koltz, Kevin Biese, and Ben Zemple. Thank you to Lisa Kohlman, Roger Diny and Shawn Puzen for many years of coaching the VEX team!

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Here is the link for Sign Up Genius for Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you to the Home and School Organization for organizing this!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d48acac2fa46-stclare>

Mark your calendars for the \$10,000 Raffle: May 4, 2018 at the Swan Club in De Pere.

Dates to remember:

**February 27 Stations of the Cross @2:10**

**March 2 grade 8 will take the ACRE assessment (March 9 alternate date)**

**March 14 grade 5 will take the ACRE assessment (March 16 alternate date)**

**March 28 Shadow Stations (grade 8 volunteers will lead) 1:30 & 6:00 p.m.**

**March 31 is the deadline for the early registration discount on tuition**

May 24 is the date of the spring fine arts show. This will include band performances, recorder performances, general music class performances, and an art show. There will be performances at 1:00 & 6:00 p.m.

I was given an idea for a used St. Clare apparel sale or "swap". If there is someone who would be able to coordinate this event in May and or September, please let me know. We would collect used St. Clare apparel to either sell or have a "swap".

Mystic Monk coffee is ordered monthly and order forms are available on the website (stclarek-8.org).

Please return only *Box Tops* to school. Campbell's soup no longer takes labels and the aluminum pop tops can be given right to any McDonald's for the Ronald McDonald House, we are not collecting them at this time.

When using Amazon, use amazonsmile and choose St. Clare as your nonprofit of choice. This is an easy way to earn money for our Parish/school.

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