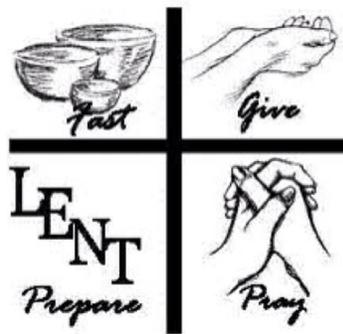


St. Joseph Catholic School Newsletter

March 5, 2019

Growing in faith and knowledge to serve God and community.

St. Joseph Catholic School Mission



Ashes Tomorrow begins the season of Lent. Be sure to attend Ash Wednesday services at one of the following mass times: 7:00am @ Claflin, 8:15am @ Ellinwood, or 7:00pm @ Odin.

Catholic Relief Services Each year during Lent, our parish community participates in the CRS Rice Bowl program. The Rice Bowls are being sent home today with each student. During Lent families are asked to contribute to this program. CRS will then use 75% of our donation to help programs around the world alleviate hunger and poverty. 25% will stay in our diocese to help those in need. A pamphlet is included with each Rice Bowl to further explain the program. This program is a great way to give alms during Lent!

Fasting Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. This means a person 14 years of age or older should eat two small meals and one normal sized-meal for the day and no snacks in between meals. In addition, we are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent.

Dismiss We have early dismissal this Wednesday, March 6, at 1:00pm. If your child does not ride the bus, please pick him/her up at this time.

It's Here! An informational letter was sent home last Tuesday with information on the 2nd Annual Wellness Event for St. Joseph School on March 7. If you haven't filled out the bottom RSVP portion of the letter you can still RSVP by calling the school office. We want to see as many of our families at the event as possible! Join your school family for an evening of Gaga Ball and fabulous new dishes to taste. We'll begin at 7:00pm by taste testing good-for-you dishes. For each item you taste, you can put your name in for a prize drawing. Following the taste testing, we kick it up a notch with games of Gaga Ball. You won't want to miss this fun-filled evening! Bring the entire family and be ready for food, fun, and friendly conversation.

Fundraiser Around this time of year we have our final fundraiser for the school year. Since I've been at SJCS, we have always done a Red Wheel fundraiser; however, because of parent urgings, we are trying something new this year. This week we will begin selling Subway, Sonic, and Papa Murphy's value cards. Each student is asked to sell as many of the cards as they can. A packet is being sent home with students today!

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No Buses The public school is dismissing early this Thursday, March 7, but we will dismiss at our normal dismissal time of 3:30. No buses will be running at that time so please pick your children up at 3:30.

Money for A's Each school year, Sunflower Bank sponsors the ABC Program. Our school earns money when you swipe your Sunflower Bank debit card or open a new Spend and Save account. Students and SJCS earn money for good grades. Five report card winners will be drawn at the Ellinwood branch from entries by students. Simply take a copy of your child's report card to Sunflower Bank, and their name will be entered in a drawing. If one of our student's names is drawn, the student receives \$10 for each grade of A and SJCS receives matching funds! **Report cards will be sent home today, Tuesday, March 5.**

P/T Conferences For the end of the third nine weeks, parent-teacher conferences are optional. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the teacher to set up a time. Likewise, if a teacher would like to meet with a parent, they will contact the parent directly.

Fish The annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry is this Friday, March 8, in the Parish Center. They will be serving from 5:00-7:00pm.

Break Next week, March 11-15, is Spring Break! Enjoy this break with your children by spending time playing games, watching family movies, or if we're lucky, getting outside and playing in the sunshine!

Weekend Mass Weekend mass times are at 5:00pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday. This is the first Sunday in Lent. Press the CTRL key then click on this link to find the scripture readings for this weekend. <http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/inspiration.htm>

Father will read from the Gospel of Luke 4:1-13 "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." What is taking you away from worshipping God on Sundays and holy days?