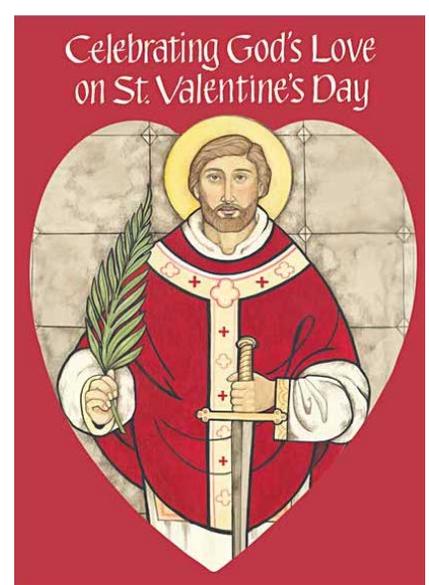


School Newsletter

February 14, 2018



Today is the beginning of Lent, the 40 days of preparation for the Easter season, when we are called to strengthen our faith through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Here are some things we'll be doing as a school throughout Lent:

Prayer

- 40 Days for Kids - daily activity cards for kids to follow
- recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet after each school Mass
- Stations of the Cross

Fasting

- F.A.S.T. - Forgo, Ask, Sacrifice, Time - the first 15 minutes of Tuesday (grades 3-6) and Wednesday (grades K-2) recess is spent praying in church

Almsgiving

- fundraisers for St. Jude's and the American Heart Association

Along with school projects, students will do classroom service projects too:

- kindergarten: Classroom activities
- grades 1&2: Letters to soldiers
- grades 3&4: Books for Boma (Africa)
- grades 5&6: Feeding the homeless (dates pending) & making a class prayer chain throughout Lent

Use this Lent to draw closer to Christ!

Important Dates:

February

Wed. 14th - Ash Wednesday
Mass @ 9:15 -

Fri. 16th - Stations of the Cross
in church @ 1:00

Mon. 19th - No school -
Presidents' Day

Tues. 20th - Boys/Girls
basketball awards banquet @
6:30

Fri. 23rd - Mass @ 9:15 &
Stations of the Cross @ 1:00

March

Thur. 1st - Lightning Thief Play
in Ft. Wayne @ 10:00 a.m.

Fri. 2nd - Mass @ 9:15 &
Stations of the Cross @ 1:00
- Jump-a-thon school event from
2:00-3:00 in gym

Fri. 9th - 2 hour delay for teacher
in-service & Stations @ 1:00

Papers Coming Home:

- basketball marathon
sign-up
- West Bend News



Thanks to your MANY generous donations, the Mardi Gras raised \$797.35 this year! Thanks to everyone who helped out and donated!

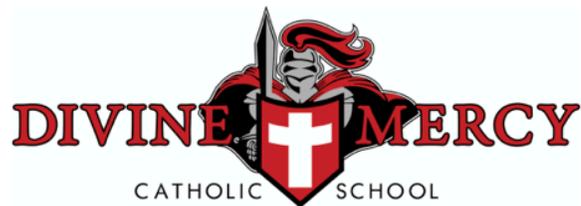


If your student wants to play in the **basketball marathon**, please return the attached form by this **Friday, February 23rd**. This year the Marathon will be held in the Payne Elementary gym on Good Friday March 30 & Saturday March 31.

The boys/girls basketball awards banquet:

- **Tuesday, February 20th @ 6:30 pm** in the hall.
- Pizza will be provided
- **Girl player families - a dessert**
- **Boy player families - a side dish**
- **Please RSVP asap.**
- **uniforms and practice jerseys can be brought back to school, or the night of the banquet.**

The **EdChoice application window is now open.** If you are a renewal applicant, an application was sent home last week for you to complete. Please return this to the school office. For any family wondering if you might qualify for this scholarship opportunity, please check the **attached Federal Poverty Guidelines** to see if you qualify for an EdChoice Scholarship.



Kick the Dust Up Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Dance



**All Proceeds from the
Dance will go to Divine
Mercy School PTA**

Grab your cowboy boots & hats and join us for the 2018 Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Dance sponsored by the Divine Mercy PTA



- Saturday, April 7 from 7PM ~ 9PM in the School Gym
- Cost: Parent - \$10 / Children - \$5 Each
- Enjoy refreshments, line dancing, and school spirit
- Raffle tickets will be available to purchase in advance and the night of the dance.
- Captured Photos by Kathy K will be on hand the Night of the Dance. (Photo orders, along with payment, will be taken at the dance.)
- *****New this Year****** Optional Pre-Dance dinner offered by Good Times. We are working to finalize an adult and kid's meal available as a pre-purchase. Consider taking your kids out to dinner prior to the dance and enjoy some time socializing prior to arriving at school.

Classroom Spotlight - Mr. Grant

The fifth and sixth grade have had some exciting things happen since Christmas break. We have started the D.A.R.E. program with Officer Mendez (top picture). D.A.R.E. is a program about drug awareness and prevention, but also about making wise decisions. Also, Patrick Troyer, of the Paulding County Soil and Water Conservation District, came in and talked about ecosystems and food webs(second down). Jasmine Mattson also participated in the County Spelling Bee in Antwerp and did a fine job representing our school (third down).

In science, we have been spending considerable time in ecosystems. Students are learning about the role of organisms in ecosystems and how these roles interact to create stable environments. In social studies, students have been learning about the westward expansion of the United States and the factors that would ultimately lead to the Civil War. In religion, students have been learning about how the creed forms the basic foundations of the faith. In 5th grade math, the students have just started working on fractions (pictured at the bottom: Aiden Lee is using fraction strips to add fractions with unlike denominators). In 6th grade math, students have been working on pre-algebra topics like equations and expressions. Finally, in 5th grade reading, students have been learning about the various aspects of stories, such as setting and characters, as well as working on creating their own creative stories.

