

# Parish School of Religion

## Parent Newsletter

March 2017

News from PSR

### **Registration**

#### **Mark your Calendars!!**

Registration for next year, 2017-2018 will be held in the St. Vincent Elementary Cafeteria on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:20p.m. If this is your child's first year in PSR, a copy of their baptismal record is required at registration. *To keep records up to date, those returning to PSR also need to re-register.* This is also a great time to finalize your account balance for the current school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Lola Dauster at 846-1060.

#### **In Lent, we invite you to participate in the Stations of the Cross**

Mon. 6:00pm; St. Rose of Silver Lake  
Tues-6:30pm- St James of Crosstown  
Tues-6:00pm- Sereno  
Tues-7pm- St Joseph of Highland  
Thurs- March 9 & April 6 at  
6:30pm- Christ the Savior, Brewer  
Friday- 7:00pm- SV church

### **First Eucharist**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students are keeping busy preparing to receive their First Eucharist. Please keep these students and those preparing to be confirmed in your prayers. The students will be receiving their First Eucharist on Sunday at SV, April 23 or April 30 at 9:00 a.m. Mass. We ask that you arrive at 8:30 a.m. for pictures. Banners are now due.

### **JOIN US ...**

#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

7<sup>th</sup> grade PSR will be leading the Stations of the Cross, March 15 at 6:15pm. Please join us!! The 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be acting out each station.

#### **Confirmation Information and Dates**

The eighth grade students are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. The information and dates are as follows:

- Confirmation Practice: Tuesday April 25 in SV church at 7:00pm. *(candidate and sponsor attendance required)*
- Confirmation: Thursday, April 27 at 7:00pm in church. Line-up is at 6:45pm in the Gathering Space

### **Time Change**

It is that time of year again when we set our clocks ahead an hour. With that, the students will be staying outside until the first bell rings at 6:00pm. This will start March 15 and last until the end of the PSR school year. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Vacation Bible School**

The theme for VBS this year is "Geared Up for God!" Vacation Bible School is for ages 4-through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This year it will be held June 5-9. Enrollment will begin in April. If you are interested in helping or would like to attend Vacation Bible School, please contact Lola at 846-1060.

### **Our Religion Textbooks**

We are currently using Faith First Legacy Edition Textbooks. They have a wonderful website! Students are allowed to take sample chapter tests multiple times and if they want, email them, play games, learn about saints, attain additional lesson plans, resources, and much more. Just check out the website and see for yourself at [www.FaithFirst.com](http://www.FaithFirst.com).

### **The Gift of the Spirit**

This gift of the spirit offers strength of the heart and courage, which emboldens us to witness to the truth without compromise. Fortitude changes ordinary people—all of us—into heroes and prophets by giving us the determination and confidence to put our decisions into action. The saints and martyrs, the peace activists and those who promote the sanctity of life, people of every age and situation, shows us how fortitude enables us to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

### **Upcoming Field Trips**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade- March 22-** Parish Pride  
Trip to St. Joseph of Highland  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade- March 29-** Seminary

### **Get to Know the Stations of the Cross this Lent**

**First Station:** Jesus is Condemned to Death

**Second Station:** Jesus takes up his Cross

**Third Station:** Jesus Falls for the First Time

**Fourth Station:** Jesus Meets his Blessed Mother

**Fifth Station:** Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus Carry His Cross

**Sixth Station:** Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

**Seventh Station:** Jesus Fall for the Second Time

**Eighth Station:** Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

**Ninth Station:** Jesus Falls for the Third Time

**Tenth Station:** Jesus is stripped of His Garments

**Eleventh Station:** Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

**Twelfth Station:** Jesus Dies on the Cross

**Thirteenth Station:** Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

**Fourteenth Station:** Jesus is Laid in the Tomb.