



Principal Sister Stephnora Ogbonna

Important Dates

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Holidays

Wednesday, March 5th-

Ash Wednesday-Mass at ICC at
**8AM, students must be at the
church by 7:45**

Student half day/ staff development

Friday, March 7th-

End of third quarter

Sunday, March 9th-

Daylight Savings Time-Spring Forward

Friday, March 14th-

STFCCS Science Fair-2pm

Monday, March 17th-

St. Patrick's Day

Thursday, March 20th-

HSA meeting

Monday, March 24th-Friday, March 28th

Spring break

Whispering Saints Newsletter



2025

There is a lot going on at our little school and more always coming up! The season of Lent is soon beginning and we would like to encourage all of our students and families in celebrating Lent with us. On Wednesday, March 5th, please note that our entire school will be attending mass at Immaculate Conception Church for their Ash Wednesday services. Mass starts promptly at 8am and all students need to be there by 7:45am. Any students who are in morning care will be bussed to the church. Please ensure that your student(s) is dressed in their mandatory mass dress. If needed for reference, please consult our school handbook on dress code. Students and staff will walk back to the school together after mass. Parents and family are more than welcome to join us for mass!

Our STFCCS Science Fair is scheduled for Friday, March 14th at 2pm. Please join us to support our students and their hard work! Additionally, judges are needed to help judge the science fair. If you are interested, please contact our front office.

We have also made some changes to our school days in the month of April. There will be no school on Friday, April 4th due to our annual HSA Enchilada Dinner. There will also not be school from Thursday, April 17th–Monday, April 21st in honor of Holy Week. Classes will resume, Tuesday, April 22nd as normal.

What is **LENT**?

LENT IS THE 40 DAYS BEFORE EASTER. IT BEGINS THE DAY AFTER SHROVE TUESDAY (PANCAKE TUESDAY) AND ENDS ON PALM SUNDAY.



Christians celebrate **LENT** to remind them of the time Jesus fasted in the desert.

The symbols **OF LENT**

ASHES

Remind us that God created us from dust.

PALM LEAVES

Were laid upon Jesus path as he entered Jerusalem, for goodness and health.

PURPLE

The colour worn by royalty and associated with mourning.

Why do we **FAST**?

FASTING FOR 40 DAYS REMINDS US OF WHEN JESUS FASTED IN THE DESERT.



This is an important time when we give up something important to remind us of the sacrifices Jesus made for us.

What is **ALMSGIVING**?

ALMSGIVING IS THE ACT OF PUTTING OTHERS FIRST AND GIVING TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN US.

During **LENT** we focus on prayer and almsgiving.



Shrove **TUESDAY**

THE LAST TUESDAY BEFORE LENT BEGINS.

In the past Christians used this day to eat the food that wouldn't last through **LENT**.

Pancakes used up the milk, egg and fat, just by adding flour.



Also called **PANCAKE TUESDAY**

Ash **WEDNESDAY**

THE FIRST DAY OF LENT



Ashes are placed on the forehead as a sign of the dust from which God made us. It also symbolises the confession of our sins.

HSA News

HSA had their monthly meeting and are asking parent volunteers to come forward and help with the huge undertaking of the annual Enchilada Dinner. Volunteers are needed to man a table after mass with Sister Colette and Sister Stephnora to sell tickets and provide flyers and order forms. Someone is also needed to visit the radio station to take advantage of the Free Friday's advertising days. Parent volunteers are wanted to form a "Publicity Committee" to form a team of school representatives and parents/guardians to ensure that businesses in the community are being visited, tickets are being sold, etc. There will also be a 50/50 raffle the day of the Enchilada Dinner. It will be \$1.00 per ticket and the winner gets a cash prize of 50% of the total collected. The winner will be announced the day of the event. Parents and guardians, please remember to sign up for your mandatory volunteer hours as are listed in the school handbook. This is the perfect time to take care of those! Please stop by or call the front office to sign up.

-Thank you to Ms. Monica for sharing her notes!



Mary, March 15th



Emma, March 3rd



Melina, March 17th



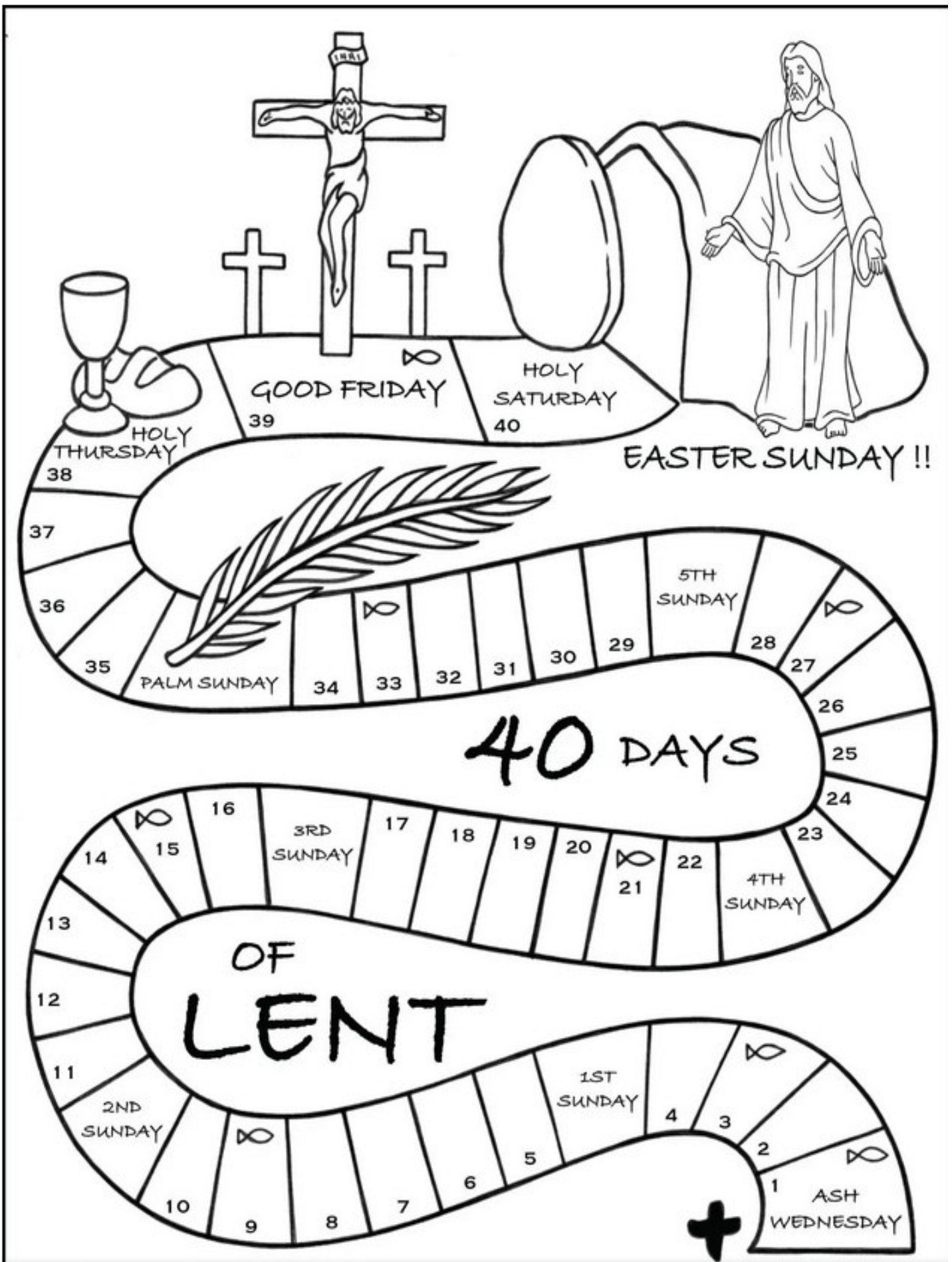
Mrs. Coffman, March 18th

Pre-school



Our STFCCS Pre-School participated in a Baby Bottle Fundraiser and went on a small fieldtrip to the Immaculate Conception Catholic church to turn in what they gathered. All the proceeds from this fundraiser goes to The Pregnancy Center. We love Ms. Bea and Ms. Grace and all that they do with our youngest and smallest students!







Religion, Art, P.E. Music, Spanish, Library



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This month in Spanish class, we will be adding bilingual writing to our curriculum in order to prepare for the writing fair! This is a wonderful time for your student to express their more creative side while still increasing their Spanish vocabulary. For grades K-2nd, we will be working on bilingual poetry pieces. While 3rd-4th will be working on short stories. 5th-8th grade will be doing both a bilingual poetry piece and a short story. This is a good time to re-read some of your favorite books and poetry with your student and truly explore the literary themes that make the book their favorite. I encourage you to ask your child, “why is this book your favorite?” This will help prompt your child’s writing ability by showing them a path of what they enjoy in terms of writing and reading. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like your child to be exempt from this, please email me at

kmcoffman@stfccatholic.org.

May God continue to bless you and your home, always.

Anxious to read good bilingual writing,

Kassandra Morales-Coffman

(Spanish teacher)

Religion Class

In Religion, the students are learning to write their own prayers out! Pictured below is the kindergarten class doing this. - Sister Fidelis



The Holocaust display created by the older students in January came out amazing and they worked so hard on it! Special thanks to Mrs. Whitehorse who helped the students in Art class work on their displays! We focused on Black History Month for most of February and all the students, third grade and older, read a biography or a historical non-fiction book related to this topic along with learning how to write a book report on the book. It was eye opening in many ways and I hope that they all learned a lot!

In March, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss’s birthday with Read Across America during the first week of March, along with reading about Lent for the Lenten season and Ireland in honor of St. Patrick’s Day! There will be activities and fun to celebrate!

Please continue to sign your student’s reading logs and send them with them each day! Reading just 15-20 minutes a day makes such a difference in their reading comprehension and vocabulary!

If you have any used books you would like to donate to the library, we would appreciate it!

-Amanda Kernohan
School Librarian



★ Student Spotlight ★

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What are your favorite hobbies?

Watching Spider-Man, playing outside and being with friends

In your free time, what do you like to do?

Play outside and watch Spider-Man. I also like being with my family and reading with my mommy and daddy

What was the hardest thing about last week?

School was hard! Doing work and reading

What is your favorite book?

Spider-Man

What is your favorite T.V. show?

Spider-Man

What is your favorite movie?

Spider-Man

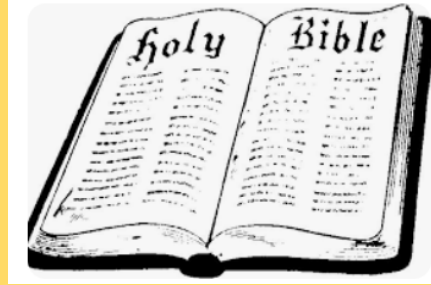


What is your favorite color?

Red

What is your favorite subject?

Spider-Man reading



“Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.”

-St. Patrick



Thank you!

Father Martin	Rosemary Avalos
St. Elenors	St. Joseph
Mrs. Harris	Apache Mission
Brian & Gracie	Trish Lozano
Fitzpatrick	Father Patrick
Father Emmanuel	Knights of Columbus
Stevens	St. Mary's Council
St. Jude's	Jessica Villareal
Thrift Store	Saenz family
Our Lady of the Light	Clint & Angelina Muncy
Food Pantry	Knights of Columbus
Bishop Peter	Ladies Auxiliary
Baldaccino	HAFB
Knights of Columbus	ICC
St. Jude's Council	St. Jude's Catholic Church
St. Frances de Paula	Our Lady of the Light