

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Pope Francis has designated this year, December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021, as the year of St. Joseph. This year was chosen because the church is commemorating the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being solemnly declared Patron of the Catholic Church by Pope Pius IX.

St. Joseph was an unassuming man who loved his family and protected them. He was a quiet man whose actions spoke louder than his words. He was a prayerful and obedient man. What a wonderful model he is for all of us, especially for our children. As the start of Lent approaches on Ash Wednesday, February 17, we can all pray to St. Joseph to lead us in our spiritual growth. We aspire during these forty days of Lent, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the gift of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour at Easter, by praying, fasting and giving alms. Changing our prayer life to be more meaningful is something we readily understand, but what do fasting and giving alms truly mean? When it comes to fasting, we all think of fasting from food, but we can also fast from things that become a roadblock to our relationship with Christ such as gossiping or unkind words. It was impressive to hear our new President state that he will fire anyone in the White House who is disrespectful to another person. This is an important message for our society as we heal from some troubling times. When we think about giving alms, we often think about donating funds, but it also means that we should make the needs of others our own, have compassion for others, and share our time tending to people in need. Our goal is to draw closer to Christ.

At Holy Rosary, we will continue to guide our children by word and example on their spiritual journey. Together we will work to ensure that our children are prepared for the Resurrection.

God's Graces to You!
Mary Ann Gilman