



March 1, 2021

Dear Holy Name of Mary Friends and Families,

During the month of February, our second grade students received First Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for First Eucharist. February 17 was Ash Wednesday and marked the beginning of Lent. The days of Lent allow us the time to prepare to celebrate Easter. The rites and observances of Lent invite us to strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ and to experience his journey to the cross, and ultimately, our salvation. Through the cross of Christ, new life was given to the world.

Here at Holy Name of Mary School, we undertake this journey through the works of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Every student was given a cross with a classmates name on it. The students are invited to pray for that classmate during throughout the season of Lent. The children are encouraged to fast from something to help them remember what Jesus gave up for all of us. Almsgiving is encouraged through the student "rice bowl" collection for the missions around the world. These Lenten works foster discipleship and ultimately lead to new life and help us prepare our hearts for the greatest celebration of the liturgical year, Easter!

Important Dates:

March 1 – iReady Diagnostics begin
March 11 – Parent/Teachers Conferences
March 17 – St. Patrick's Day (wear green)
March 19 – The Feast of St. Joseph
March 23 and 24 – Reconciliation
March 26 – Half Day – Professional Day for Teachers
March 30 – Stations of the Cross

During Lent, please keep us in your prayers and be assured of ours.

Mrs. Sanders