



This Wednesday brings us to the beginning of our annual Lenten Journey. Over these six weeks, we are called to deepen our relationship with Jesus and to walk with him on the road to Calvary. This Lenten season allows us to prepare our hearts, minds and souls to celebrate with Christ at his Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

When we think of Lent, we often think of “giving something up.” While self-discipline or fasting is an important component of the Lenten season and our faith lives, it is not the only way to grow closer to our Lord. The Church identifies three pillars to the Lenten season: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Perhaps this Lent, we can look to set aside more time in prayer, either alone or together as a family. Gather a few minutes earlier for dinner and join in prayer. Make Sunday Mass the focus of the family Sunday. Consider praying a decade of the rosary a day.

It has nearly been a year since the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Many of our neighbors, friends, parishioners and community members are struggling. Perhaps part of your family’s Lenten sacrifice could be to help our neighbors in need. Whether it is volunteering or perhaps donating the cost of a dinner out to the local food bank, we can show our desire to grow closer to Jesus through the sacrifice of our time or treasure.

Whichever way you choose, make this Lent a great opportunity to put Jesus at the center of your life. With a deep commitment during this season, the Easter Alleluia will be even more joyful!

May God Bless and protect you always.

GO TIGERS!

Jon Cuniak

## This Week at Saint Therese School....

**Monday, February 15...** Re-Registration Forms Due

**Wednesday, February 17...** Ash Wednesday Mass, 8:15AM Fish Fry at St. Max and Holy Trinity

**Friday, February 19...** 8:15AM Mass Stations of the Cross, 1:30PM Fish Fry at St. Max and Holy Trinity



### Ash Wednesday

Our Ash Wednesday Mass will be on Wednesday, February 17 at 8:15AM. Miss Oravetz and her 7th grade homeroom 305 will lead our prayer with Middle School in attendance. Following Mass, Fr. Mike will come to school to distribute ashes to the remainder of the student body who will be participating in Mass remotely. Our Mass will also be on YouTube at "Steel Valley Catholic."

### Friday Mass



Our Mass on Friday, February 19 will be led by Mrs. Rogers and her 4th grade homeroom 106. Our Intermediate Department (grades 3, 4 and 5) will be attending Mass in person with the rest of the school participating remotely.

### Stations of the Cross



Each Friday in Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross as a school at 1:30PM. Similar to Mass, three grade levels will pray the Stations in person while the rest of the school will participate virtually. On Friday, February 19, grades 2, 5 and 8 will be in Church with Room 301 leading the Stations. The Stations of the Cross will be broadcast on the parish YouTube page, "Steel Valley Catholic."

## Preschool Preview Meeting



Mrs. Fetzko and Mr. Cuniak will lead a Preschool Preview Meeting via Zoom this Monday, February 15 at 6:30PM. This meeting is designed to give prospective Preschool families a look at our Preschool program goals and curriculum and is intended for both 3 and 4 year old families. A registration link is available on the school website at [www.stthereseschoolmunhall.org](http://www.stthereseschoolmunhall.org). Registrations are now being accepted for both classes.

## Re-Registration Forms



Re-registration forms for current students in grades K-8 are due to the office on Monday, February 15. There is no re-registration fee for returning families. Please contact the office with any questions.

## 2021-22 Registration



Registration for new students in Kindergarten through 8th grade for the 2021-22 school year is now open. Please share the good news of Saint Therese School with your family and friends who may be looking for a Catholic School environment for their children.

Tours are available outside of school hours by contacting the office at 412/462-8163.

## 2021-22 Financial Aid



The Diocesan process for Tuition Assistance for the 2021-2022 school year is now available by visiting [www.diopitt.org/affordable](http://www.diopitt.org/affordable). There is also a link on our website. Applications are due by March 15.

**\*\*Parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish do not need a Pastor Signature sheet from Fr. Dan. All parishioners will be verified through the office. If families who are parishioners outside St. Thomas the Apostle are unable to get a Pastor Signature Sheet, please contact the office.**

**Please contact the office with any questions.**



## Winter Weather Cancellations

Decisions to delay or close school are made as soon as possible. In most cases, our decision will mirror Steel Valley School District. Option C alerts will be sent as soon as a decision is made along with notification to KDKA, WTAE and WPXI.

When public school districts close due to weather conditions, they will not provide transportation for our students to school or from school. In the event the district delays, they will provide transportation at the delayed time.

