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Have the Courage to Be Happy
Pope Francis I – World Youth Day 2015

February 21, 2021

Happy first Sunday of Lent!

This week, all parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland are promoting the annual appeal for the Catholic Charities of Cleveland - one of the oldest and largest Catholic Charities in the country serving over 400,000 each year. As you know, **the children heard about Catholic Charities on Wednesday and this is our Lenten charity of the school this year.** Please model for your children generosity and care for those in need.

This week should be a fairly calm one... seems like we will have a full five day week and hopefully recess outside. Be sure that your child is wearing more than a hooded sweatshirt to school.

Orchestra and Student Savers is Monday.

Band lessons are Tuesday.

**Students in grades 5 & 6 will pray Stations of the Cross on Wednesday at 1:45pm in the church.
Drama Club is Wednesday.**

Our new Chess Club is meeting Thursday from 2:40-3:30pm. Due to distancing constraints, the club has to be limited in number. We have 18 eighth graders who are part of the club. Unfortunately, we cannot open this to everyone at this time.

We are considering beginning a checkers club on Wednesdays after school. I realize that conflicts with Drama Club, but we want to allow as many students as possible to participate in limited after school activities. The plan is to play in the library and some students will play at the tables and others on the floor. Students will wear masks and will be about 2.5 - 3 feet apart (as they have been in the cafeteria all school year). Students who want to participate in Checkers Club must know how to play checkers.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE AN INTEREST FORM FOR CHECKERS CLUB](#)

Students in grades 1-3 will participate in 8:30am Mass on Friday.

Fish Fry was so successful this past Friday - so much so that they had to close early. Adjustments are being made and **Fish Fry will be held once again this Friday from 4-7pm. It is not too late to volunteer** - contact Dana Pasela with a text to 440-340-9311 or email at danapasela@gmail.com.

Next Sunday (February 28), Bishop Malesic will be celebrating 10am Mass at Saint Charles. It is the parish live-stream Mass, so if you are not able to attend in person, then please celebrate Mass as a family at 10 with our bishop (If not able to participate live, it is recorded and you can access it through the parish website). Additionally, **THIS Wednesday (Feb 24),** our weekly **Parish Lenten Mission Mass at 7pm will include Fr. Terry Grachanin** as the celebrant. His homily will be on the topic of the Sacrament of Marriage. Again, all are welcome, but if not able to make it, live stream or watch at another time.

Stay tuned for more information about how to be part of the Knights of Columbus Super Cash Bonanza Raffle and how to order corned beef sandwiches from the Boy Scouts. Speaking of the Knights, **please consider donating blood next month (March 14) at their blood drive.** I have participated twice in the past few months, but will have to sit this one out since the teachers and I will be getting our second vaccination shot the day before this one. To register to donate: www.vitalant.org. Use sponsor code: stcharles.

Attached is a calendar to celebrate this week in Lent as a family.

Have a wonderful Sunday!

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