

Faith Formation



Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Lent begins on February 17—Ash Wednesday. On that day, we begin a season of doing special forms of charity and being especially generous (almsgiving); of being more conscientious about prayer; and of fasting. During Lent, our relationship with Jesus grows stronger as we prepare to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of the Lord.

We do not often think about preparing for Lent, though. Yet preparing for something is one way to ensure that we get the most out of it. Talk with your child about the season of Lent and the things you might do as a family during Lent. We will talk about things in class as well. Perhaps on Ash Wednesday, you could gather as a family and read the Gospel that will be proclaimed at Mass that day: (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18.) You will hear Jesus teaching about almsgiving, praying, and fasting.

Then throughout Lent, share moments of generosity, prayer, and fasting with your child. Together, we can help your child have a meaningful Lent.

Blessings Always, *St. Stephen Faith Formation*

Happy Birthday



Juan Pena	February 3
Andres Ortigoza	February 5
Leyla Peralta	February 8
Libby Meissner	February 12
Yarezi Delgado	February 13
Caleb Hill	February 19
Omar Trejo	February 19
Matthew Juarez	February 22
Karen Jimenez	February 23
Fernanda Trejo	February 27
Hudson Billeck	February 27

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021



NO CLASS
Attend Mass with Family

8:30 am (English)
5:30 pm (English)
7:30 pm (Spanish)

February Calendar

Wednesday, February 3	Faith Formation: preK-4th grade (5:30-6:30) Faith Formation: 5th-8th (7:00-8:00)
<i>Saturday, February 6</i>	<i>First Reconciliation Retreat (3:00-5:00 pm)</i>
<i>Sunday, February 7</i>	<i>High School Youth Group: (1-3 pm)</i>
Wednesday, February 10	Faith Formation: preK-4th grade (5:30-6:30) Faith Formation: 5th-8th (7:00-8:00)
<i>Saturday, February 13</i>	<i>First Reconciliation Celebration (9-12 noon)</i>
Wednesday, February 17	ASH WEDNESDAY—NO Classes Attend Mass with your Family
<i>Sunday, February 21</i>	<i>High School Youth Group: (1-3 pm)</i> <i>First Communion Parent Meeting</i> <i>(2 pm in English and 4 pm in Spanish)</i>
Wednesday, February 24	Faith Formation: preK-4th grade (5:30-6:30) Faith Formation: 5th-8th (7:00-8:00)
<i>Sunday, February 28</i>	<i>First Communion Class #1 (10-11 am)</i>

Celebrate FEBRUARY!

Feb. 3 – St. Blaise

The physician St. Blaise helped a young boy who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. Although Lent is two weeks away, eat fish for lunch or dinner to recall Blaise's merciful act.

Feb. 8 – St. Josephine Bakhita

Josephine was a slave who later became a religious sister. Pray for those who are still oppressed and lack freedom.

Feb. 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes

Three years after Pope Pius IX proclaimed the Immaculate Conception as dogma, the Blessed Virgin appeared to a peasant girl at Lourdes, France, and proclaimed herself the Immaculate Conception. The young girl, Bernadette Soubirous, would become a religious sister and a saint.

Feb. 14 – St. Valentine

The culture celebrates today with roses, chocolate and romantic indulgence. St. Valentine was a martyr, showing a different kind of love, dying for his Lord.

Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday

Today is not a holy day of obligation, but attending Mass and obtaining ashes on your forehead is a great way to start the holy, penitential season of Lent.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Saturday, February 13, 2021 (9-12 noon) in the Church