



*We are a faith-filled Catholic community called by God  
to teach, nurture and guide our children  
to achieve their God-given potential on life's journey to heaven.*

*Faith Community Academic Excellence*

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Dear Parents,

On Feb. 20, 1920, Jacinta Marto entered her heavenly reward. She was just 19 days short of her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. In the midst of intense sufferings and a large, open abscess that formed on her chest, she tried to console her family: "Don't worry, mother, for I'm going to Heaven. I'll pray a lot for you there. Don't cry. I'm all right." She also recognized the value of suffering and said to Lucia, "We must make many, many sacrifices and pray a lot for sinners, so that no one shall ever again have to go to that prison of fire where people suffer so much." When separated from her family for two months to undergo treatment, their one visit "found her as happy as always to suffer for the love of God and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the conversion of sinners and for the Holy Father. That was her ideal. That was all she spoke about," said Lucia. She begged to go to daily Mass but was not permitted. She pleaded, "I want to go in place of the sinners who don't go even on Sundays. [Jesus] is already offended very much and no one pays any attention to it. They keep committing the same sins." When Lucia visited her after having attended Mass and Communion, Jacinta asked her, "Come very close to me for you have Our Lord in your heart. I don't know how it happens but I feel Our Lord in me and I understand what He says even if I don't see Him or hear Him. It is so good to be with Him."

Jacinta had a profound devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and frequently kissed an image of the Sacred Heart, but there was as yet no image of the Immaculate Heart. She told Lucia, "Soon I shall go to Heaven. You are to stay here to reveal that the Lord wants to establish throughout the world the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. When you start to reveal this, don't hesitate. Tell everyone that Our Lord grants us all graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary; that all must make their petitions to Her; that the Sacred Heart of Jesus desires that the Immaculate Heart of Mary be venerated at the same time. Tell them that they should all ask for peace from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as God has placed it in Her hands."

Jacinta was taken to Lisbon on Feb. 2 and cared for by specialists. They insisted that she have surgery although she told them it wouldn't be effective. Receiving only a weak local anesthetic, she underwent surgery in which two ribs were removed. Her suffering was immense throughout her illness, but she accepted it without complaining saying to Jesus, "Now You can convert many sinners for I suffer a great deal, my Jesus." At her worst she cried out, "Oh, Our Lady! Oh! Our Lady! Patience. We must suffer to go to Heaven."

While in Lisbon she stayed for a time at an orphanage where she spent every moment possible in chapel staring at the tabernacle. Shortly before her death she gave a spontaneous discourse on sin and fashion, "My dear Mother, the sins that bring most souls to Hell are the sins of the flesh. Certain fashions are going to be introduced which will offend Our Lord very much. Those who serve God should not follow these fashions. The Church has no fashions; Our Lord is always the same. The sins of the world are too great. If only people knew what eternity is, they would do everything to change their lives. People lose their souls because they do not think about the death of Our Lord and do not do penance."

Four days before her death, Mary visited her again and took away her pain. She was able to go to confession and receive the last rites around 6:00 p.m. on Feb. 20 and died at 10:30 p.m. She did not receive communion because the priest thought she looked well enough that he could bring Communion in the morning. The undertaker testified that her body smelled like flowers, even three days after her death, and she still had rosy cheeks and lips. He had never seen such a thing before. When her casket was opened 15 years later to transfer her body to Fatima they found that she was incorrupt.

Perhaps this Lenten season, we can follow the example of young Jacinta in offering many sacrifices for the conversion of sinners, ourselves included. May we offer all for the love of God and salvation of souls!

In Christ our Crucified King,  
Sister Mary Faustina, C.K.

**DATES for: February**

14 Ash Wednesday 8A Class Mass Grades 4 & 6 Confessions Midterms issued

- 16 **No School** (Faculty Meeting 9 a.m., Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-4 p.m.)  
Grade 8 Band Students in Pius Pep Band (see handout sent home last week)
- 19 **No School** (Teacher In-Service)
- 20 Deadline for form & deposit for Pius X Band trip to Rome (information mailed yesterday to 8<sup>th</sup> grade families)
- 21 Grade 5 Confessions
- 22 Grade 3 Class Mass      Grade 7 Confessions      Grade 8 Pius Registration, 9:15 a.m.
- 23 PK-A Day      Stations of the Cross, 2:45 a.m.      Dodge Ball Tournament, 6-8 p.m.
- 24 First Penance, 10 a.m.
- 27 School Family Meeting, 7 p.m., Jeff Veley Presentation      We would like 100% participation.
- 28 Grade 5 Field Trip

**POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:** That those who have material, political, or spiritual power may resist the future of corruption.

**PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS:** Andrew Ojeda & Allan Phan

**THINGS BEING SENT HOME:** Lunch and Library notices; Midterms for Grades 5-8; Rice Bowls; 40 Hour Devotion flyer

**ATTACHMENTS:** 40 Hour Devotion Poster

**THANK YOU**

- + to St. Teresa Trivia Night donation of \$670 that will be used for kidney table and alternative seating.
- + to Sara Rajewski, Emily Pfeiffer, Terri Schilmoeller, Susan Pepino, Kristi Casady, & Carrie Beltran for providing snacks and drinks for Kindergarten Preview!

**"Did you know?" The Saint Teresa School Family Association (SFA) parent meetings...**

- Include "Back to School Night" which is an opportunity to meet the teachers and see your children's classrooms?
- Are held once a quarter to provide important school information and strengthen our school community to keep our school going strong?
- Often includes outside speakers to discuss important topics for you and your families. Don't miss Jeff VELEY on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in the School Gym!!

**CURRENT 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BAND STUDENTS:** 8th Grade Pep Band Day- February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. at Pius X  
Enter through door 8 on the west side of the school. We will play until around 8 p.m. when the halftime of the boys' basketball game is finished. Your student is welcome to leave whenever they may need to. Yesterday, all 8th grade families received an email with information and attachments regarding the trip to Pius X Band trip to Rome.

**40 HOURS DEVOTION:**

Set aside some time to adore Jesus in the Eucharist. This year, we are celebrating 40 Hours Devotion as a Parish family – March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be Holy Hours on Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. The closing of 40 Hours concludes with a Eucharistic procession at the end of the 10:00 Mass. Parish organizations are encouraged to take an hour of adoration as a group. Families are encouraged to come and spend time adoring our Lord. Sign up for an hour of adoration or split an hour with another family. Signup sheets are available by the Adoration station or online at: <http://bit.ly/2H67fRK>. The following is the schedule for 40 Hours Devotion:

**Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

- 6:30 p.m. Opening of 40-hours with Exposition, Conference, and Benediction

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

- 7:45 a.m. - Confessions
- 8:15 a.m. - Mass
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. – Confessions
- 4:00 p.m. – Mass
- 6:30 p.m. – Eucharistic Holy Hour with benediction and conference

**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>:**

- 10:00 a.m. Mass, Eucharistic Procession, and Closing of 40 Hours  
“The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host”. Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

## WAYS TO SERVE



**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** General Mills offers **10 cents** for each box top from any of the 330 participating General Mills products. Send them to the school office. You wouldn't throw away a dime, would you? What a great way to make money for our School Family! March 1 is the next deadline to submit. If you have any that expire 3/1/18, please send them to the school by Feb 21 to be included in the mailing. If you don't have time to check expiration dates, just send what you have and we'll take care of it for you. It may not seem like much, but when combined with all the other box tops, it adds up for our school!

**SCRIP AND PROPLR NEWS:** SCRIP AND PROPLR NEWS: January's Scrip Profit was \$1387.78. If each of the next 11 months is the same, our year end would be under \$17,000. Let's work to make each month's profit higher than the previous one and hit our \$25,000 goal. You may think that your use of Scrip won't amount to much. Check out the back of the current Scrip form to learn what kind of an impact you can make when you use Scrip and then encourage those around you to do the same. Please review the front of the form as well for all of our in-stock merchants including limited time cards, and check out the hundreds of participating merchants at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) that are available to add as a special order.

Don't forget to stock up on Runza Scrip for Temperature Tuesdays!! Your Union Bank Propelr Debit card will also provide a rebate back to St Teresa's from Runza! Would you be willing to help sell Scrip? Please contact the office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL NIGHT:** All ladies are invited for a fun night of volleyball in the school gym on Friday, **February 16**, from 7:30-9:00 PM.

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:** Here is the link for Signup Genius Conferences:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f44aba728a31-parentteacher1> Conferences are on **Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>** from 1-4 p.m. PK through Grade 5, Mrs. Quinto, Mrs. Schilmoeller, Miss Mohr, and Mrs. Murphy will be in their classrooms. Please log in to SignGenius to reserve a 10 minute conference. All JH teachers will be set up in the gym. No conference reservations are required. Sign up will close on Thursday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, at noon.

**McCRACKEN BOOKS:** If your child wants to order a book from the McCracken Series, written by Mark Adderley, who spoke to 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders last Wednesday, we have an order form in the office. The form is also attached. Please select the books you would like and send the money/check written out to St. Teresa School to the office. It is \$12 per book or 5 books for \$50. Due **Thursday, Feb. 15**. Mr. Adderley will sign the books and send them back to school for us to distribute.

**SFA MEETING - JEFF VELEY:** We are hosting Jeff Veley, an international youth speaker and bullying expert on **Tues., February, 27, 2018**. He will present to students at St. Peter, Cathedral and St. Teresa during the day and will speak to faculty/staff after school and parents at our School Family Meeting from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Jeff's program is the recipient of the Golden Rule International Award, recognized by the United Nations for effectiveness in teaching practical conflict resolution skills. His mission is to equip students with the social and emotional skills that empower them to face adversity, grow in resilience, and solve their own social problems. Here is a link where you can preview the program... [www.JeffVeley.com](http://www.JeffVeley.com)

**SEE THE MOVIE, "CONNECT"** in Theaters For Two Nights Only: Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and **Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**. The Jeff Veley presentation night at St. Teresa's is on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please make every effort to attend the School Family Meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> for this important presentation and consider attending the movie on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Click [Connect](#) for more information regarding the movie and for ticket information.

**MOTHER/DAUGHTER DAY:** The Family Life Office will sponsor a Mother Daughter Program to promote respect and understanding of human development on **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**, from 9 am -12 noon at John XXIII Center, The cost is \$20/girl or \$30/family. Paid registrations are due no later than **March 17<sup>th</sup>**. This program is directed to 10 - 13 year old girls and their mothers. The goals are to provide a basis in understanding the gifts of fertility, the value of our dignity as women, and enhance the parent-child communication. See attachment for registration.