



*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*

March 14, 2018

Dear Parents,

After the apparitions in Fatima and the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta, Lucia was secretly sent to a convent school run by the Sisters of St. Dorothy at the recommendation of her bishop on June 18, 1922. He reasoned that if the miraculous healings and conversions continued in her absence it was a sign of heavenly approval. It also seemed to be best for the family, who were constantly disrupted by pilgrims wishing to see Lucia. Lucia received a new name at the school, Maria das Dores, and she was never to speak of Fatima or let others know who she was. She offered that sacrifice though she often spoke beautifully of Our Lady and inspired all to a greater love for Mary. Upon completing her studies she received permission to enter the order. Our Lady continued to visit Lucia in the convent. On December 10, 1925 Mary appeared to Lucia in her room. Mary was holding her heart surrounded with sharp thorns and the child Jesus was at her side. Jesus said, "Have pity on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother. It is covered with the thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to remove them with an act of reparation." Mary then spoke of the First Saturday Devotion in reparation to the Immaculate Heart, which I'll share more about next month.

Sister Lucia wrote more about penance to the Bishop of Gurza in Lent 1943. "This is the penance which the good Lord now asks: the sacrifice that every person has to impose upon himself is to lead a life of justice in the observance of His law. He requires that this way be made known to souls. For many, thinking that the word 'penance' means great austerities, not feeling in themselves the strength or generosity for these, lose heart and rest in a life of luke-warmness and sin. Last Thursday, at midnight, while I was in the chapel, with my superior's permission, Our Lord said to me, '*The sacrifice required for every person is the fulfillment of his duties in life and the observance of my law. This is the penance that I now seek and require.*'"

The duties of our daily life may not be heroic, but they are often challenging. To persevere in them is an act of penance and sacrifice. How do you embrace your daily penances? As we enter into the last half of Lent, may the faithful fulfillment of your duties sanctify you!

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

**DATES for: March**

14	Grades 6 & 4 Confessions		
15	Food Pantry Sacks due no later than 10 am	Grade 7 Confessions	Happy Birthday, Miss Hoeller!
16	PK-A Day	Stations of the Cross 2:45 p.m.	
19	2A Class Mass	Grade 4 Field Trip	
20	Grade 6-Group A Service Project		
21	Grade 5 Confessions	Report Cards issued	Happy Birthday, Mr. Mulholland!
22	Grade 2 Confessions	Grade 5 Field Trip	8A & 8B Service Projects
23	PK-B Day	Grade 4 Service Project	Stations of the Cross 2:45 p.m.
24	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Quinto!		
25	Palm Sunday		
27	Grades 1, 2A & 2B, 6-Group B, and 7A & 7B Service Projects		
28	No CE today	2:30 pm Living Stations by 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	

29-April 3: **NO SCHOOL-EASTER BREAK**

**DATES for: April**

4	School resumes	Grade 8 field trip	Leadership Board Meeting 4:00 p.m.
6	PK-A Day	MCA Collection/Lunch Adoration/Benediction 2:45 p.m.	

**POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:** That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

**PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS:** Christen Schwenka & Trenton Smith

**THINGS BEING SENT HOME:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Fees Due notices; Lunch & Library notices; Grade 8 Field Trip forms; Camp Kateri flyer for Grades 3-8; Grade 8 flyer

**ATTACHMENTS:** MathCounts Summer Registration

**SPRING PROGRAM:** Thurs., April 26, grades 5-8, 7 p.m. The program is in April this year to avoid interference with middle school finals and projects that occur in May. We moved it from April 12 to the 26<sup>th</sup> once we found out that Confirmation was April 14.

**MATHCOUNTS** is a math enrichment program offered at Pius during the summer for students who will be entering 6-9<sup>th</sup> grade this fall. It is taught by three Pius math teachers. MathCounts is a fantastic program involving collaboration, creative problem solving, and is simply fun. Register early! Deadline is May 15. See attachment for registration.

**BRIGHT LIGHTS** Registration begins March 24 at 8:00 am. Booklets were sent home last week in the CE. You may also visit [www.brightlights.org](http://www.brightlights.org) for class schedules and details.

**PIUS UNIFORMS:** All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students attending Pius X in the fall should, if possible, order needed uniform items from 9 am-12 pm Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Pius Commons-enter through southeast door #1. For more information: [www.piusx.net](http://www.piusx.net), under the Parents tab, click on "Uniform Shop". Questions can be directed to Ruth Loberg at [ruth.loberg@piusx.net](mailto:ruth.loberg@piusx.net)

### WAYS TO SERVE

**SCRIP & PROPELR:** Give back without giving! What? When you use Scrip regularly it could be like writing a check for \$1,000 to the School! Did you know it could add up like that?

### UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

**PIUS X CHEERLEADER Informational Meeting** will be March 14, 6:30 pm, Room 008 (in the Pius basement). New cheerleaders interested in trying out need to attend with a parent.

**\*PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:** Our Pre-Kindergarten program is for children who are four years of age by July 31<sup>st</sup>. We would like to offer three options for 2018-2019. All three programs will cover the same content. However, the afternoon class will expound in more detail on the key concepts. The students in all three sessions would be prepared for Kindergarten the following year. Tuition increased this year in order to come closer to making the program self-sustainable. At the new rate it costs less than \$3 an hour for your child to attend preschool with a professional teacher in a Catholic environment. Register soon, before we advertise in the parish at large in March. In April, Pre-K registration will be open to "outside of the parish" students.

MWF 8:00-11:00	\$100/Month (\$900/year) (99 classes - 297 hrs. of class)
T/Th 8:00-11:45	\$90/Month (\$810/year) (72 classes - 270 hrs. of class)
M-F 12:30-3:15	\$150/Month (\$1,350/year) (163 classes - 448 hrs. of class)

(No afternoon session on early dismissal days. This was taken into account.)

**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 a.m. -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.

**SERVICE HOURS** for the 2017-2018 school year are due on April 28, 2018. 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grades turn into the office; 5<sup>th</sup> grade required for Confirmation are due March 13<sup>th</sup> (turn in to the office). Grades 6-8 can be submitted to their homeroom teacher.

**6<sup>th</sup> GRADERS:** All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to have a physical exam, DPT booster, two doses of the varicella vaccine, and immunizations record by a qualified physician **within six months prior to the entrance into 7<sup>th</sup> grade.** Sometimes it takes a long time to get in, and if you wait until summer to get an appointment, you may not get in before the start of the school year. Please schedule the appointment soon. **A copy of your student's physical and a complete list of immunizations from your provider is due in the school office before Aug. 16, 2018.**

**DENTAL SCREENING:** 79-248 states that "every school district shall cause every child under its jurisdiction to be separately and carefully inspected... to ascertain if such child is suffering from (1) defective sight or hearing, (2) dental defects, or (3) other conditions as prescribed by the Department of Health and Human Services. Therefore, please let the

office know if your children **have not** been to the dentist since last May. You can call the office or email [TAE-  
AA@cdolinc.net](mailto:TAE-<br/>AA@cdolinc.net) with this information. There will be an informal screening in May.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY DINNERS**- every Friday of Lent except Good Friday from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall – 6044 South Street. Free will offering.

**LENTEN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** St. Teresa's Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration on Tues. of Lent from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. St. Therese Devotions begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by adoration, with benediction at 8:45 p.m. <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/508054eafaa2ba46-lenten>