

EAGLE'S NEST NEWS

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Monday - Thursday
7:50 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Friday
7:50 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

School Mass every Friday at
8:30 A.M. Please join us! LINK IS
THE SAME EVERY WEEK.

Extended care available at
7:00 every school morning and
until 5:30 P.M. every school day

(ONCE WE RETURN TO ON
CAMPUS LEARNING)

School Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday 7:30 - 3:30
Friday 7:30 - 1:00



Dear St. Joseph Catholic School Families,

As we begin our Lenten journey this year it is with such a different mindset than one year ago when we were preparing for Ash Wednesday. Just about all of us, young and old, have given up a lot since the pandemic struck 11 months ago. It is difficult to think, what am I going to give up this year when we have been involuntarily giving things up for almost a year. Maybe Lent this year is spending more time in prayer-filled contemplation, in what has been taken from me, what have I sacrificed during the pandemic, what are the sacrifices others have made for me and where have I been able to give in ways I hadn't expected. This is a reflection on my almsgiving. Perhaps reflecting on, in what ways have I prayed?

Instead of giving something up specifically for Lent, consider taking something up that redirects you from your own efforts to the point of the Easter season which is Christ. What if during this Lent we take something up that turns our thoughts to Christ. Try a family devotional. Listen to audiobooks or podcasts that reflect on our Savior. Read books with your children that get you into God's Word. Arrange a once-a-week prayer zoom call with your friends and family.

Perhaps this Lent, we can very quietly, with no desire to be seen, take something up. Very privately, we say to God, You are my greatest need but I sometimes don't remember that, feel that or live like that. So this Lent I am going to use my time getting closer to You enabling me to reach Easter loving You more.

St. John of the Cross says, "If you don't find love, bring love and then you'll find it." In this time when we have had so much taken away from us, so many of us have lost hope and been discouraged, perhaps we need to focus on bringing hope this Lent. Bring joy, and we will find joy. If we focus ourselves on prayer and on walking with Jesus, we will be able to bring this hope and joy to others.

Please know we are doing everything we can to support our families, and we appreciate all you are doing to support the school. Let us remain hopeful and courageous and continue to pray to St. Joseph every day.

I have a very open door policy. Please do not hesitate to call, email or come by (with your mask of course!).

Wishing you peace and joy,

Kathy Van Loan, Principal

Mark your calendars –

Feb. 15th – Trimester 3 begins

Feb 17 – Ash Wednesday – Middle School students will attend noon Mass. All students will receive ashes after Mass in Father Robert's courtyard. Mass and ashes distribution during the day is limited to on campus students due to safety protocols. FR ROBERT WILL OPEN THE CHURCH FROM 5 PM – 7 PM ON ASH WED TO DISTRIBUTE ASHES. SCHOOL FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Feb. 19th – Stations of the Cross following Mass – see below for more information

Feb 24 – picture retakes for new or absent students / 8th grade promotion pictures

Feb. 24 – **12:30 dismissal** (there will be ESD on this day)

Feb. 24th - Report Cards distributed via email

Feb 25 – 26 – Rodeo Vacation – no school

March 31 – 12:30 dismissal. Beginning of our Spring / Easter break

April 12 – School resumes after Spring / Easter break

If your child is remote learning, please make sure it is their name that shows up on the screen. This is an important safety measure for our teachers to help ensure only St. Joseph Catholic School students are allowed into classes. We appreciate your support with this.

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS NOW!

All scholarships are on first come first serve basis. You will receive 5 Volunteer hours for the 2021/2022 school year for completing scholarship applications.

Help our school with your tax dollars. If you work or have a business in AZ there is a tax liability. Direct your tax liability to St. Joseph Catholic School through CTSO or IBE.

CONTACT MRS. TERAN WITH ANY QUESTIONS

Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust; with
you Christ became man. Blessed
Joseph, to us too, show yourself a
father and guide us in the path of
life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and
courage, and defend us from every
evil. Amen.

FRIDAY MASS / STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Father Robert will say Mass for the school only (we cannot allow family members at this time) and Mass will be live broadcast beginning at 9:30

Father Robert will then lead us in the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent. These will also be live broadcast following Mass. Please refer to information from your child's teacher(s) regarding how your child may participate in Stations of the Cross from home.



Here is the link for both Mass and Stations of the Cross

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/916910733>

Why 40 Days?

The number is significant throughout Scripture:

- Noah was on the Ark for **40 days**
- Moses fasted **40 days** before receiving the Ten Commandments
- Jesus spent **40 days** in the wilderness in preparation for His ministry on earth