



From the Principal

Lent



Lent (actually means springtime) "is a time of spiritual rebirth and renewal. It is a time for realigning ourselves with the Christ mind and allowing ourselves to be transformed at depth. We may consciously choose to forego (or "fast" from) negative thoughts or behaviors that create a sense of separation from God or from our own authentic selves. Or we may simply devote additional time to prayer, meditation, and thoughtful reflection." —Unity

For many of us growing up, Lent meant "giving up candy." That wasn't a bad way to introduce us to the notion of self-discipline, but simply giving up something for Lent, without a whole spirituality that children can enter into, can leave kids dreading Lent more than looking forward to it.

The first and most important help for children is that we as adults understand Lent and enter into it ourselves with real devotion and joy. If Lent makes its way into our home and into our conversations and practices that children can see, they will naturally grow up in a culture that embraces Lent as a season of grace.

The most important part of Lent can be how children are helped to make this a time to practice being more loving as Jesus was. Children are naturally loving, but they can get into really bad habits of fighting with brothers and sisters, being disobedient or even talking back. Lent is a great time to build in some family practices, which can also be an

outstanding renewal for parents and adults in the family. Children will notice, if part of my Lenten journey is to choose to fast from my crabby-ness or busy-ness and to spend more time with them. They will notice, if we set the example of choosing to compliment others in the family more, highlighting the good things noticed in them. If our family Lenten practice is to focus on being nicer, kinder and more generous in helping each other, the children will take part in it. And, if we fail on a given day, we can quickly apologize and ask forgiveness and model penitential and reconciling behavior that is central to Lent.

Finally, the most important days to prepare children for are Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday – the three days Lent builds up to. On Holy Thursday, a special meal can be prepared and the family can remember the meal Jesus had with his disciples, the night before he died for us, and how he gave us his body and blood that night. On Good Friday, we can plan our meals carefully, to explain fasting and abstinence. On Holy Saturday, we can make the day a time of waiting. We are conscious all day of the memory of Jesus in the tomb. It is a day in which we can help children talk about the reality of death, and then explain to them the anticipation of new life. If we really reflect upon that tomb, which held the body of Jesus, we can really understand the power of our Easter joy – that the tomb is empty forever. In this spirit, every family can do something to make Lent special for the youngest of children.

Ms. Dandler



Gala of Giving – Electric Moment!

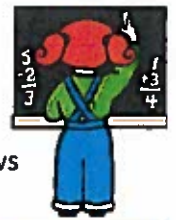
The Gala of Giving is taking place this weekend. Among our many raffles and auctions is the Electric Moment. The Electric Moment at the Gala is an opportunity for anyone to give money to a special project for the year. This year the focus of our Electric Moment is a new playground and outdoor education area. We are expanding our Electric Moment to accept donations until March 9. Help us make this the best, most electric moment yet and raise as much as we can for our playground project!



Drop a donation in the offertory or mail it to St. John Bosco, 730 W. Maple St., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235.

2017-2018 Registration Open Now!

We are now accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year. Registration forms for grades 4K-8 are available at the school and in parish offices. Spread the good news about St. John Bosco!



Seroogy's Easter Candy Sale

Our Seroogy Easter Candy Sale kicks off March 1st. If you would like to place an order for some of these sweet goodies, contact any St. John Bosco student or our school office. We hope that you will help us to make this fund raiser a success. All sales benefit St. John Bosco. A 7 oz. Chocolate Fudge Egg is \$5.00, a 4 oz. Chocolate Bunny or Lamb is \$3.50, and 9 oz. boxes of assorted chocolates, meltaways, mint samplers or caramels is \$12.00. Deadline to submit orders is Monday, March 20th, with delivery before Easter.





Memorial Hymnals

If anyone would like to remember a loved one by purchasing a school/church hymnal with a memorial plate inside please contact us at 920 743-4144. Cost per hymnal is \$16.00 and includes the memory plate. It is a wonderful way to remember an angel in heaven with the children singing the beautiful words to songs every week during mass.



This hymnal is given to the glory of God in Memory of

(Your Loved One)

With love and deep appreciation by

(Family and Friends)

SCRIP Sales

Did you know that when you purchase SCRIP at Corpus Christi it directly benefits Catholic Education at St. John Bosco or the Religious Education program? SCRIP may be purchased after any Mass at Corpus Christi and on Thursday from 11:30-1:00 at the Corpus Christi Parish office.



Disney's Aladdin, Jr.!



Mark your calendars for our upcoming musical. St. John Bosco proudly presents Disney's Aladdin, Jr. Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m., Friday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the St. John Bosco Gym.



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