


Dear Parents,

Spring Break is here!

Grade 6 students and parents had an opportunity to experience a Seder, the Jewish Passover meal on Sunday, March 17, at 9:00 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. The Seder is part of the study of the Old Testament. Parents were also invited to attend.

 Remember to pray for the students who will receive First Communion in April, and their families. I want to invite the brothers and sisters of the First Communicants to form a choir for the special Masses. Additional information will come at a later time.

MARY PRAYER SERVICE

The Pre-school and Kindergarten students honor Mary with a Prayer Service on Sunday, April 21, at 9:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. The students will recite the Hail Mary, sing songs, and crown Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth. Parents and grandparents are invited to join us.



This is the beginning of the 5th Sunday of Lent. Money for the children of Tanzania and Honduras so that they have clean water to drink, can be turned in at any time. Thank you for the sacrifices you make to help the children of the world.

HOLY WEEK

Hopefully, as a family, you will participate in the services for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. There will be Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 3:00 pm. If you don't want to come at 7:00 pm, you could come at 3:00 pm. There is also the blessing of the Easter Baskets on Holy Saturday. May you and your family have a Blessed Easter.

FAMILY PROGRAM



An option for Religious Education is the Family Program. This program consists of a gathering at St. Gilbert on the second Sunday of the month beginning in September from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. First there is Mass and then a group session with a breakout session where students will be gathered into grade level groups. Parents will receive information about the topic discussed with the students during the breakout session. All are gathered at the end of the session for an activity and prayer. During the rest of the month, parents assist the students in completing lessons in a textbook. If you have any questions, just ask.



The registration form for 2024-2025 will be available in two weeks. There is the program on Sunday and the Family Program for you to choose for Preschool - Grade 6. Grade 7-9 will have classes during the summer.

God bless! Sr. Donna

Here is an article about some of the work that is done for the people of Tanzania with the money from the Sisters Water Project. Proceeds from the Sisters Water Project (Lent Project) go for clean water to the people of Tanzania and Honduras.

Tanzania Reflection by Pam and Cindy Stierman: Traveling to Tanzania (January 19-27, 2024) was a once in a lifetime experience. We expected to make a difference in the lives of those in Tanzania, but we did not expect our lives to change. It was eye opening to witness first-hand what it is like to live without water, which is something we take for granted. The people of Tanzania were so grateful and friendly. Even though we do not speak the same language, we were able to connect and celebrate with them. The thing we will probably remember the most is the children. It is their lives that will be changed the most. They will be able to grow up with clean water close to them. They won't have the hardship of walking miles to get water and won't have to encounter the dangers that come with that. They will have increased opportunities and better health.

