

Dear Parents,

The weather is a little warmer and hopefully it is the end of the snow for this year.

#### THE SEDER (PASSOVER MEAL)

The Sixth Grade students will participate in the SEDER Meal (the Jewish Passover Meal) on Sunday morning, March 15. They have been studying the Old Testament and this is a part of their study. Thanks to the Catechists for all their work in preparing for this event.

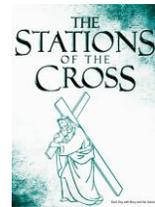


#### THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Grades 3 and 6 will walk the Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 8 at 9:05 am in Chapel Hall. Parents are invited to join us in the Chapel.

Preschool and Kindergarten students will talk about Jesus and His love for us at 9:25 am, Sunday, March 8. Parents are invited to join us in the Chapel.

*On March 20, at 7 pm, in the Church, the parish has asked us to lead the Stations of the Cross. The Fifth Grade students will read the reflections while we will sing after every station. It is a FAMILY WAY OF THE CROSS. Please consider making this a part of your Lenten Practices. If possible, let me know if your family will participate!*



**MARY PRAYER SERVICE** – Pre-school and Kindergarten students celebrate their love for Mary at a Prayer Service on Sunday, April 19 at 9:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. These young students can be an inspiration for us as we listen to them reciting the Hail Mary. Parents and Grandparents are invited.

#### FIRST COMMUNION

Rehearsal and dates for First Communion are as follows...

Rehearsal

April 15, 6:00 pm

April 22, 6:00 pm

First Communion

Saturday, April 18 at 1:00 pm

Saturday, April 25 at 1:00 pm

Remember these students and their families in your prayers.



#### PARENTS OF GRADE TWO STUDENTS

**REMEMBER THAT THE BANNER FOR FIRST COMMUNION NEEDS TO BE IN TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE BY APRIL 6! BECAUSE OF SPRING BREAK, YOU ARE ASKED TO TURN IN THE BANNER BY MARCH 15. Designs for booklet are also due by April 6**

## TUITION

You can pay tuition and book fees electronically. Please go to [www.givecentral.org/location/378](http://www.givecentral.org/location/378) which takes you right to St. Gilbert, then click on View More and scroll down and click on 25-26 REP Book & Tuition Fee. You can then fill in your information and payment.



Thanks to everyone who donated to the Tuition Assistance Program that assists parents who cannot afford the full tuition. We ask everyone to submit final payments for this year.

The Lenten Water Collection needs to be returned by April 12. Thank you for your generosity.

God bless! Sr. Donna

## THE EASTER MESSAGE by Margaret Rorke

Of all the words that have been said  
Throughout recorded time  
The angel's news: "He is not dead!"  
Is, doubtless, most sublime,  
It underscores Christ's work and worth:  
It proves His promise true  
And offers hope to all on earth  
Like nothing else can do.



Apostles bowed by loss and grief,  
By shaken faith and fear,  
Sought evidence before belief  
Like many now and here.  
He gave them proof—the proof we heed  
On every Easter Day -  
The proof Christ lives and is, indeed,  
The truth, the life, the way.

