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Dear Parents,

We now find ourselves in Lent! Time has been passing very quickly, as it seems to at this time every year. Lent is the Catholic liturgical season of sacrifice and preparation for our wonderful celebration of Easter.

As we fast, sacrifice, give to the poor and pray, we remember Jesus' time of fasting in the desert. Our Lenten season can be a beautiful time of renewal filled with prayer and focus on Jesus'

amazing sacrifice for us.

Our parish offers the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7 p.m. during Lent. The CRE classes have taken time out of class to pray the Stations of the Cross together in February. I encourage you to join with the parish family and walk through the Stations one Friday evening this month. With CRE classes and these opportunities to teach our children about Jesus, Lent and Easter, we shall all have a blessed and prayer-filled season.

Since Jefferson County's Spring Break is Holy Week this year, we will not have classes from March 28 through April 4. After Easter, there are only a few classes left. The registration forms for next year will be available in mid-April.

I thank you for your faith in the Religious Education we offer our children.

Eileen Lindner,
Coordinator of
RE for Children



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Class sessions this month:

Wednesday 4:15—5:30

- March 3
- March 10
- March 17
- March 24

Sunday 9:15—10:30

- March 7
- March 14
- March 21

**NO CLASSES
March 28, 31 or
April 4
for Spring Break
and Easter!**

Vacation Bible School 2010

Registration forms will be available after Easter.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 28-July 2, 2010.

Cost will remain the same as last year: \$30 per child for the whole week!

Youth volunteers are needed to lead small groups—
High School Students & Confirmation Candidates can earn
15 service hours while playing games and having fun!
Leave a message for Eileen at 303-838-0338 to volunteer.

Weather Closings

We will notify local schools on Wednesday afternoons in the event of weather related closings. For Sunday mornings, please judge for your family whether it is prudent to drive to class. Please leave a message if you'll be safe at home. As always, your safety comes first. If your area is not safe, please stay home & call us!

Candy, Candy Candy!

Easter candy & egg donations are enthusiastically accepted from now until March 24. Please bring a bag of wrapped candy &/or a bag of empty Easter eggs to the office for our teens to stuff! The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Easter Sunday morning, April 4, after the 11 a.m. Mass! The little children love collecting the "hidden" eggs with your generously donated candy in them! Thank you very much.



We are in the season of Lent, a time to prepare our hearts & minds to participate more fully in the Easter Liturgies. During this special time in the Church year, we are encouraged to fast, to give up extras, and to give to the poor.

In sacrificing our time, and often money, for Jesus, we show Him and ourselves where our hearts are focused. We are working toward establishing God's loving kingdom in the world we live in and to see Christ in our midst. Our actions of sharing our blessings speak beautifully to that goal.

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 * *Become familiar with the angels;* *
 * *for without being seen,* *
 * *they are present with you.* *
 * *Pray often to them, praise them constantly,* *
 * *and use their aid* *
 * *and assistance in all your affairs.* *
 * *- St. Francis de Sales* *

Children's Liturgy

Thank you to the children who served at February's Children's Liturgy. Nicholas Jacobs, Tyson Haddad & Erin Gacnik were great ushers. Our lectors, Kira Farris, Emma Warnecke, Annie Sautel & Jordan Duran did a fine job. The gift bearers, Katie McCabe, Zach Gacnik, Aidan Meade, Christopher Long, Brody Meade, Daniel Rauchfuss & Clancy Meade were so reverent. The talents of Forrest Farris, Sierra Fortin, Timothy Long, Sydney Fortin, Cheyanna Duran, Cameron Clarke, Joe McCabe, Maura Warnecke, Sammy Jacobs, Caidan White, Sara Moran & Sophia Lawrence were beautiful to hear in the choir. Our altar servers, Owen Holden, Sean Lopp & Emily Holden were wonderful examples. The next Children's Liturgy is March 21. Please sign up for the ministry you enjoy. Thank you for your faithful participation in this opportunity. The children love being involved in Mass. This example of participation in the liturgical ministries is wonderful for our parish community.

REGISTRATION for CRE classes 2010-2011

Time is indeed flying! Registration for next year's class sessions will begin in April. Forms will be on the website: www.olpines.org or at the RE office. All families are encouraged to register early, since books & supplies must be ordered well before we start classes! The late fee is assessed beginning **AUGUST 15**, unless you have made arrangements with Eileen. If payment presents a difficulty, please call the office (303-838-0338) as soon as possible for information.

Registrations received by AUGUST 15: \$35 per child
Registrations received after AUGUST 15: \$45 per child