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Dear Families of St. Stanislaus Kostka School,

It was a great joy to celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass with your children and the St. Stan's School community. I was deeply impressed by the way your students participated so prayerfully and reverently in the liturgy. From the readers who proclaimed the Word of God so beautifully, to the altar servers who assisted with great devotion, to the choir whose voices filled the church, each student contributed to a truly inspiring celebration. Their attentiveness and understanding of the significance of Lent were evident, and I commend them for their witness of faith.

Beyond their spiritual growth, I am also pleased to hear about the strong academic progress happening at St. Stan's. I understand that the students have shown positive growth and achievement in their recent test scores, a testament to their hard work and the dedication of their teachers and school leaders. This positive momentum reflects not only the academic excellence at St. Stan's but also the supportive partnership between parents and educators in fostering a love for learning. Additionally, I was delighted about the ongoing renovations and improvements at the school, which further demonstrate the commitment to providing a vibrant and enriching environment for students. Your children are thriving in a school that prioritizes both faith and education, and that is truly something to celebrate.

As we enter this sacred season of Lent, I encourage you to continue nurturing faith in your homes and to share the good news about all that is happening at St. Stan's. Your school is a shining example of Catholic education at its best, and I hope you will spread the word to others who may be seeking a strong, faith-filled academic environment for their children, so St. Stans can continue to thrive for many, many years!

I will keep you and your families in my prayers. Please keep me in your prayers as well.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA

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