

St. Stanislaus Kostka School

“We can do hard things.”



Mrs. Lori Hodder
Principal

www.sskschool.org
732-254-5819

February 18, 2021

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

Despite yet another virtual instruction day due to weather, I am happy to say that we have successfully had in-person instruction for about 80 days, despite the raging pandemic, and snow-filled winter we have been experiencing.

Please continue to take the proper precautions and keep your children home if they are experiencing possible COVID symptoms, or they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive. Should your child require virtual instruction due to quarantine, a positive test result, or while awaiting a test result, the office and teacher needs to be notified at least 24 hours in advance to adequately prepare virtual instruction for your child. Otherwise, your child will simply be absent until the following day. The teacher needs time to prepare material, and there may be materials that you need to pick up from the school for your child.

MAP testing has been extended until **March 5** because of our virtual instruction days due to the weather. We ask that your child arrive at school on time for these testing days. If they arrive after a test has already begun, they will not be admitted into the class until the testing is complete.

The additional re-registration information that went home last week is due **February 26**. This is also the date that academic fees for next year will be taken out of your FACTS account. Should you have any questions please contact the office. Also included in this virtual white envelope is information about financial aid. The deadline for filing is **March 31**.

Many thanks to the HSA for the pizza lunch and ice cream truck. The students thoroughly enjoyed it! All of the dress-down days and fundraisers directly contribute to these wonderful activities that are planned for our students. Thank you for your participation and constant generosity to our school! I am in constant awe of how amazing and committed to the success of our school the parents are!

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Finally, we have begun the season of Lent which is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. We celebrated Ash Wednesday with the students yesterday with a “sprinkle” of ashes. In today's virtual envelope you will find a prayer for Lent, as well as a calendar of suggested activities to do with your families. We will also be attending Stations of the Cross as a school during this Lenten season.

Stay safe everyone, and as always you are in my prayers.

Regards,

Lori Hodder, Principal



DIocese OF METUCHEN

Diocese of Metuchen – School Financial Aid 2021-2022 Application Instructions

Families applying for financial aid must complete an online application at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. The application period opens January 1, 2021 and will officially close on **March 31, 2021**. Awards will be announced on or about the first week of June 2021.

Online applications are available in Spanish and English. The application fee is **\$35** and **must** be paid online at the time you submit your application. Forms of payment include debit cards, most major credit cards, or an electronic check.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for School Financial Aid:

- Student must be Roman Catholic;
- Student must be entering grades K-12 in September 2021—scholarships are not awarded to children entering Preschool, although they should be included on the FACTS online application;
- Student must be attending one of our 22 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Immaculata or St. Thomas Aquinas High School; and
- Student must be officially registered in one of the parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen, **and families must submit a Parish Verification Form to the school/s where they plan to enroll their child/ren by March 31**. A copy of the completed, signed Parish Verification form may be used by families enrolling children in more than one school (see list of eligible schools and parishes on reverse side or go to www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance to view a list or print the form).
- **All families must submit a completed, signed Parish Verification Form to each school their child/ren plan to attend or their FACTS online application will not meet the eligibility requirements for diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid and will not be processed.**

APPLICATION

Required documents include:

- Copies of your 2019 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 (as filed with the IRS) for the applicant and co-applicant, including all supporting tax schedules;
- Copies of all 2020 W2 and/or 1099 forms for both you and your spouse or co-applicant; and
- Copies of documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

Documents must be:

- Scanned or photographed with a Smartphone and uploaded directly to your application.
- **FACTS Grant & Aid does not accept documents sent by FAX or Email.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- If you are applying to a Diocese of Metuchen school, your application will automatically “opt in” to the Hope through Education Scholarship Program onlie application process. If you meet the eligibility requirements for both Programs you will be considered for either Diocesan Financial Aid or a Hope through Education Scholarship
- For general questions about the application, contact a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866.315.9262.

Diocese of Metuchen – School Financial Aid
Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible, a student must:

- be a practicing Roman Catholic entering grades K-12 in September 2021;
- attend or plan to attend a Diocese of Metuchen School (eligible schools listed below); and
- Provide the school/s you plan to enroll your children in with a completed Parish Verification Form signed by the Pastor of a Roman Catholic parish in the Diocese of Metuchen (eligible parishes listed below)

School List (by city):

High Schools

Edison – St. Thomas Aquinas
Somerville – Immaculata

Elementary

Annandale – Immaculate Conception
Basking Ridge – St. James
Bernardsville – School of St. Elizabeth
Carteret – St. Joseph
Colonia – St. John Vianney
East Brunswick – St. Bartholomew
Edison – St. Helena
 St. Matthew the Apostle
Kendall Park – St. Augustine of
 Canterbury
Metuchen – St. Francis
Old Bridge – St. Ambrose
 St. Thomas the Apostle
Perth Amboy – Perth Amboy Catholic
Phillipsburg – Ss. Philip and James
Raritan – St. Ann
Sayreville – Our Lady of Victories
 St. Stanislaus Kostka
Somerset – St. Matthias
Somerville – Immaculate Conception
South Plainfield - Holy Savior
Academy
Spotswood – Immaculate Conception
Woodbridge – St. James

Califon - St. John Neumann
Carteret - Divine Mercy
 St. Joseph
Colonia - St. John Vianney
Dunellen - St. John the Evangelist
East Brunswick - St. Bartholomew
Edison - St. Helena
 St. Matthew the Apostle
Edison-Highland Park – Transfiguration
 of the Lord
Far Hills - Peapack –
 St. Elizabeth - St. Brigid
Flemington - St. Magdalen de Pazzi
Fords - Our Lady of Peace
Great Meadows - Ss. Peter & Paul
Hackettstown - Assumption of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary
Hampton - St. Ann
Helmetta - Holy Trinity
High Bridge - St. Joseph
Hillsborough - Mary, Mother of God
 St. Joseph
Hopelawn - Good Shepherd
Iselin - St. Cecelia
Jamesburg - St. James the Less
Kendall Park - St. Augustine of
 Canterbury
Lambertville - St. John the Evangelist
Laurence Harbor- St. Lawrence
Manville - Christ the Redeemer
Martinsville - Blessed Sacrament
Metuchen - Cathedral of St. Francis of
 Assisi
Middlesex – Our Lady of Mt. Virgin
Milford - St. Edward the Confessor
Milltown - Our Lady of Lourdes
Monmouth Junction - St. Cecilia
Monroe Twp - Nativity of Our Lord
Montgomery Twp-St. Charles Borromeo
New Brunswick - Holy Family
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
 Parish of the Visitation
 St. Peter the Apostle
North Brunswick - Our Lady of Peace
North Plainfield - St. Joseph
 St. Luke

Old Bridge – Most Holy Redeemer
 St. Ambrose
 St. Thomas the Apostle
Oxford – St. Rose of Lima
Parlin - St. Bernadette
Perth Amboy – Most Holy Name of
 Jesus
 Our Lady of Fatima
 St. John Paul II
Phillipsburg - St. Philip & St. James
Piscataway - Our Lady of Fatima
 St. Frances Cabrini
Pittstown - St. Catherine of Siena
Plainsboro - Queenship of Mary
Port Murray - St. Theodore
Port Reading - St. Anthony of Padua
Raritan - St. Ann
 St. Joseph
Sayreville - Our Lady of Victories
 St. Stanislaus Kostka
Somerset - St. Matthias
Somerville - Immaculate Conception
South Amboy – Sacred Heart
 St. Mary
South Bound Brook - Our Lady of
 Mercy
South Plainfield - Our Lady of
 Czestochowa
 Church of the Sacred Heart
South River - Corpus Christi
 St. Mary of Ostrabrama
 St. Stephen Protomartyr
Spotswood - Immaculate Conception
Three Bridges - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Warren - Our Lady of the Mount
Washington – St. Joseph
Watchung - St. Mary - Stony Hill
Whitehouse Station – Our Lady of
 Lourdes
Woodbridge - St. James

Parish List (by city):

Alpha - St. Mary
Annandale - Immaculate Conception
Avenel - St. Andrew
Baptistown - Our Lady of Victories
Basking Ridge St. James
Belvidere - St. Patrick
Bernardsville - Our Lady of Perpetual
 Help
Blairstown - St. Jude
Bloomsbury - Annunciation
Bound Brook - St. Joseph
 St. Mary of Czestochowa
Bridgewater - Holy Trinity
 St. Bernard of Clairvaux



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN – SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID
2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR
REQUIRED PARISH VERIFICATION FORM

By signing below, the Pastor of a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Metuchen is confirming that the Elementary/High School applicants/s listed on this form are registered in and attend his parish, thereby meeting the parish verification requirement for Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid.

Parents – you must complete this form, sign it, obtain your Pastor’s signature and return it to the Diocesan school/s where your child/ren will be enrolled. If your children attend more than one Diocese of Metuchen school, you may copy the completed, signed form for any additional school/s. Forms must be signed by the Pastor and Parent/Guardian and submitted to the school/s **by no later than March 31, 2021**.

All eligibility requirements and a list of eligible schools and parishes can be found on the back of this form and on the Diocese of Metuchen website at www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance.

ALL APPLICANT FAMILIES MUST:

- Complete an online application through FGAA (one application/family) – <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>;
- Submit a completed, signed Parish Verification Form to the school/s their child/ren will attend **by March 31** (please list all children attending a Diocese of Metuchen School, and the name or names of the schools they are attending); and
- **YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THIS FORM** – ALL INFORMATION BELOW IS REQUIRED. MAKE ONE COPY OF THE COMPLETED FORM FOR EACH ADDITIONAL SCHOOL.

Parent/Guardian:

(Print Name)

(Signature)

Applicant Names and Schools (Please Print)

Name/s: _____

School/s: _____

Pastor:

(Print Name)

(Signature)

Parish Name: _____

(Name of Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Metuchen)



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FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31

TO APPLY: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

Dear Parent/Guardian,

For families living in Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren counties there are now two options for financial aid:

- Hope through Education Scholarship Program - Hope through Education is a non-sectarian 501(c)(3) organization that provides economically disadvantaged families, both Catholic and non-Catholic, with partial scholarships to attend quality private and parochial schools; and
- The Foundation for Catholic Education Scholarship Program - The Foundation for Catholic Education is a Diocese of Metuchen fund that provides economically disadvantaged Catholic families with partial scholarships to attend one of their 24 quality Catholic elementary or high schools.

Application instructions for the Foundation for Catholic Education (FCE) Scholarship Program and the Hope through Education (HtE) Scholarship Program are included with this letter.

Please note that all grants and scholarships are awarded on a needs-only basis following an evaluation of family need by FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment (FGAA).

For families applying for the first time, please review and follow the instructions carefully with particular attention to deadlines and required documentation. Please include all K-12 children on one application and respond promptly to email notifications from FACTS Grant & Aid.

All applications and documents must arrive to FACTS Grant & Aid by March 31. Awards will be announced via email by the first week of June. Families are required to accept or decline their award/s by June 15.

If you have general questions about the application process, contact an FGAA Customer Care Representative at (866) 315-9262. For questions regarding eligibility, documentation and/or deadlines, please call the Tuition Assistance Hotline at (732) 562-1990, ext. 1610, or send us an email at info@hopethrougheducationusa.org.

Sincerely,

Tamara Hemingway
Executive Director

2021 Application Instructions
Foundation for Catholic Education (FCE) & Hope through Education (HtE)

ELIGIBILITY

Foundation for Catholic Education
Eligibility Requirements

- Student must be Roman Catholic;
- Student must be entering grades K-12 in September —scholarships are not awarded to children entering Preschool;
- Student must attend one of the 22 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Immaculata or St. Thomas Aquinas High School; and
- Student must be officially registered in a Diocese of Metuchen school and parish (see list of eligible schools and parishes at www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance). **If you are not sure you are officially registered, please contact your parish right away. Applications that cannot be verified will be considered incomplete and ineligible for FCE aid.**

Hope through Education
Eligibility Requirements

- Student must live in one of the following New Jersey counties: Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset, or Warren;
- Student must be entering grades K-12 in September – scholarships are not awarded to children in Preschool; and
- Student must attend one of the 22 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Immaculata High School, Mount Saint Mary Academy, Saint Joseph High School, or St. Thomas Aquinas High School.

PARENTS: PLEASE NOTE

- When you apply for financial aid to attend a Diocese of Metuchen school, you are automatically opted-in to both the FCE and HtE Scholarship Program applications.

THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS ARE: Holy Savior Academy (So. Plainfield), Immaculata High School (Somerville), St. Matthew the Apostle (Edison), St. Matthias (Somerset), or Saint Joseph High School (Metuchen)

- When applying for aid to attend one of these schools, you must manually “opt in” to the HtE Scholarship program by checking the HtE box found in the Schools section under Organizations.
- For general questions about the application process, contact a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866.315.9262. For questions regarding eligibility, documentation, or deadlines, call the Tuition Assistance Hotline at 732.562.1990, ext. 1610, or send an email inquiry to info@hopethrougheducationusa.org.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- Copies of your Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 (as filed with the IRS) for the applicant and co-applicant, including all supporting tax schedules;
- Copies of all 2019 W2 and/or 1099 forms for both the applicant and co-applicant; and
- Copies of documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers’ Compensation, and TANF.
- Required documents must be scanned or photographed with a Smartphone and uploaded directly to your application.
- **FACTS GRANT & AID NO LONGER ACCEPTS ANY DOCUMENTATION BY MAIL OR FAX.**



ST. STAN'S HSA POLISH PLATTER FUNDRAISER

**Saturday, February 27th 3-7PM
Curbside pickup behind the school**

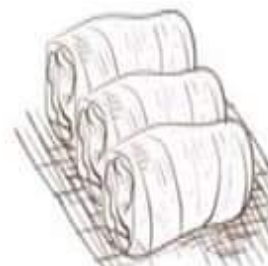
Platter includes:

**4 Potato/Cheese Pierogi,
1 Stuffed Cabbage, Kielbasa and
Sauerkraut, Rye bread, and
Kruschiki for dessert**

**Tickets will be sold after Masses, in the
Church office or by contacting Gina
at 732-277-2552.**



**Pre-Sale- \$17/dinner
Drive-up- \$18/dinner**





Gertrude Hawk Candy Fundraiser

Easter is a hop, skip, and a jump away and so is one of our profitable (and easy) fundraisers!!!

Immediately thru March 3rd.

Orders will be distributed the week of March 15th.

Orders must be handed in **by March 3rd** accompanied with your order form and full payment.

Please have the order forms completely filled out neatly and totals checked twice.

Checks are made payable to "St. Stan's HSA".

**To place your order online go to
www.fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com**

To place an order use our group #119468. It's really convenient and easy.

Any questions please contact Amy via email
amyhuff@optonline.net or text 732-425-0005.

***February
Mission Donation***

\$1.00 per Heart

All money collected will be donated to the



***Please write your name on the heart,
design/color (optional), and cut out.***

***Send your heart (s) into school with your donation
to the attention of Mrs. Grover.***

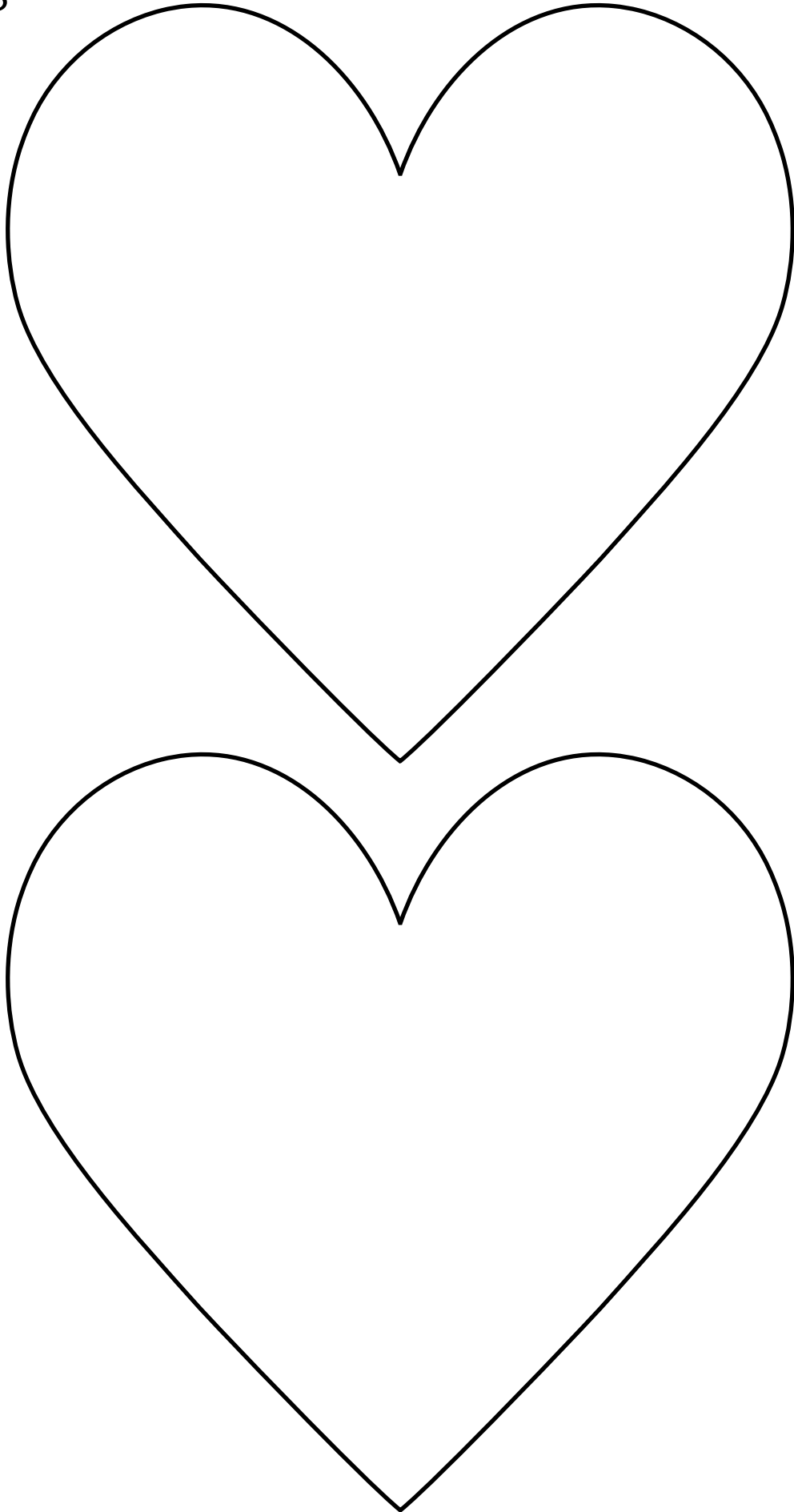
The hearts will be displayed in the hallway.

We raised \$150.00 from January snowmen donations!

Thank you!!!

Sponsored by the Religion Club

HEARTS

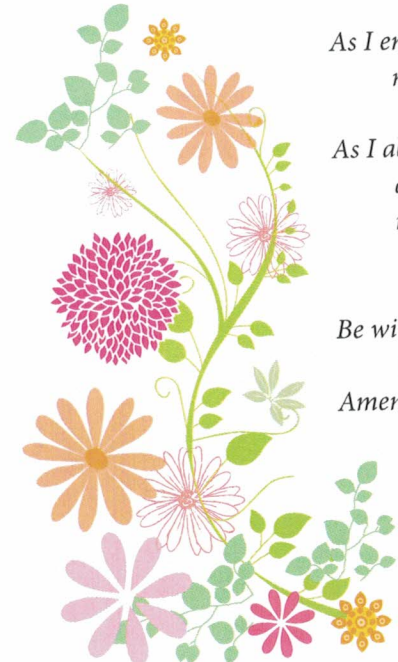




A PRAYER FOR A
Lenten Spirit

Be with me this Lent, Jesus, and deepen my spirit.

*Let my every sacrifice be underscored with gratitude and humility.
By giving something up,
may I discover anew all I have taken for granted.
In each small effort,
may I recognize my need for your strength and grace.*



*As I empty myself through fasting,
make me mindful of those for whom
scarcity is an everyday reality.
As I abstain from negativity, self-righteousness,
and arrogance,
replenish me with kindness, understanding,
and good humor.*

*Be with me this Lent, Jesus, and turn my spirit
towards you.
Amen.*

Lent 2021

CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

FEBRUARY

SUN 14

MON 15

TUE 16

ASH WEDNESDAY 17

"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart." Jl 2:12

Write your Lenten intentions on paper hearts and place them in a bowl or basket so you will be reminded each day to turn to God.

THU 18

FRI 19

SAT 20

"But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret." Mt 6:6

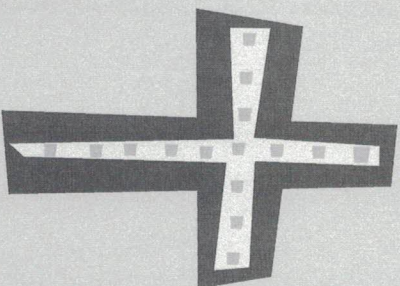
Seek out quiet times and places for prayer each day during Lent. Set up a comfortable prayer space in your home. Add a prayer notebook to draw and write prayers in.

"If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted, Then light shall rise for you in the darkness." Is 58:10

Shop for food items to donate to a parish or community food bank in order to assist those in need.

"Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth." Ps 86:11

Go for a walk together in a park or other place of beauty. Pay attention to signs of God's creation all around you.



LENT 2021

CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

FEBRUARY

SUN 21

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days." Mk 1:12

The season of Lent lasts for forty days. Use this or another calendar to count how many 40 days is with younger children. Consider how you will use this time to pray, to ask God for his forgiveness, and to help those in need.

THU 25

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Mt 7:7

What does your family need to be happy and holy? Offer a prayer together and bring those needs to God.

MON 22

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Mt 25:40

Look for ways to treat each person you encounter today as you would treat Jesus.

FRI 26

"Go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come offer your gift." Mt 5:24

Talk about any ways in which your family members need to forgive and reconcile with one another. Offer words of forgiveness to one another.

TUE 23

"This is how you are to pray: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." Mt 6:9

Offer an Our Father together. Pray it slowly and pay attention to each word and phrase.

SAT 27

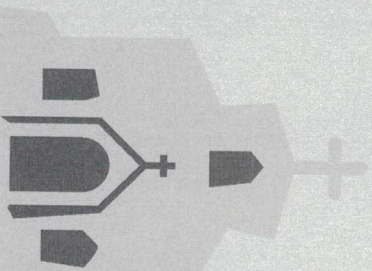
"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." Mt 5:44

Make an effort to be kind and patient today with someone who is difficult to love.

WED 24

"A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me." Ps 51:12

Be aware of your words and actions today. How can you make each one more loving and kind?



LENTEN 2021

CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

MARCH

SUN 28

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Mk 9:7

How can you listen more carefully to the way Jesus asks you to follow him this week?

MON 1

Forgive and you will be forgiven." Lk 6:37

Ask God to show you how to forgive and to ask for forgiveness from others. Pray an Act of Contrition.

TUE 2

"The greatest among you must be your servant." Mt 23:11

Look for an opportunity to serve someone else today. Do a chore without being asked. Pick up after someone else. Whatever you choose, do it with love.

WED 3

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life." Jn 8:12

Have an adult family member light a candle. Together, watch its warm glow. How can you let the light of Jesus guide you today?

THU 4

"And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus." Lk 16:20

Read the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). Decide on a way your family can reach out to someone who needs comfort and healing.

FRI 5

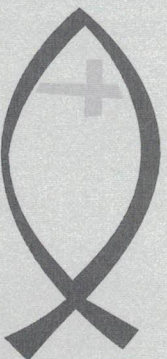
"God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son; so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life." Jn 3:16

Share the Good News of Jesus with someone else today. Make it happen!

SAT 6

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son." Lk 15:21

Check your parish bulletin for dates and times of a Lenten Reconciliation service. Make plans to attend, in person or virtually.



LENTEN CALENDAR

2021

Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

MARCH

SUN 7

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Jn 8:7

Be careful of throwing stones at people through unkind words. Think carefully before you speak to make sure your words are filled with kindness and caring.

MON 8

"As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, my God." Ps 42:2

Pray today for families and nations who long for peace. Make an effort to practice peace through your words and actions.

TUE 9

"Look to the Lord in his strength; seek to serve him constantly." Ps 105:4

What tests your strength as a family? Consider how you can you turn your anxieties over to God and serve him through your faith and trust.

WED 10

"Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of heaven." Mt 5:19

The greatest Commandment teaches us to love God and to love one another as we love ourselves. Talk about ways you are keeping this commandment in your home.

THU 11

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted." Ps 34:19

Name some of the "brokenhearted" people in the world. Offer a prayer for their comfort and consolation.

FRI 12

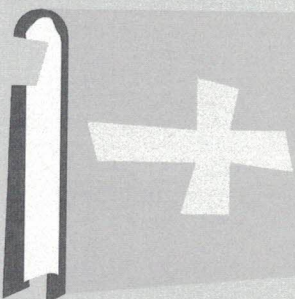
"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." Mk 12:30

Share ways in which your family members show love for God with your minds, hearts, souls, and bodies.

SAT 13

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Lk 18:14

Offer to help someone today without expecting anything in return.



LENTEN 2021

CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

MARCH

SUN 14

"But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." Jn 3:21

Thank someone today who has been the light of Christ for you.

MON 15

"You changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks." Ps 30:12

Send a card offering cheer and comfort to someone who is sad or lonely.

TUE 16

"Jesus said to him, 'Rise, take up your mat, and walk. Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and walked.'" Jn 5:8-9

Offer a family prayer for all of those who need healing. Look for ways to bring God's merciful love to others.

WED 17

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit" Mt 28:19

Today is the feast day of Saint Patrick who taught about the Blessed Trinity. Pray the Sign of the Cross together.

THU 18

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Th 5:17

Discuss as a family how you can follow Saint Paul's command. How will you keep Jesus in your minds and hearts each day of the Lenten season and always?

FRI 19

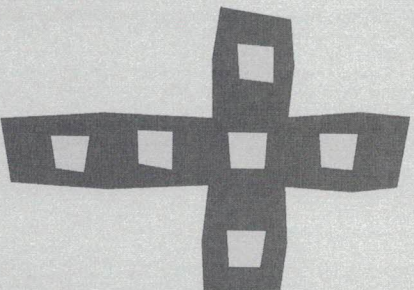
"Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ." Mt 1:16

Today is the feast of Saint Joseph, who cared for Mary and Jesus. Ask Saint Joseph to pray for your family and to help you care for one another. Wear red today to honor him!

SAT 20

"Yet I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me." Jer 11:19

Pray the Stations of the Cross together and of thanks to Jesus for offering his life for us.



LENT 2021

CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

MARCH AND APRIL

SUN 21

"I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people."
Jer 31:33

Talk about ways in which God has blessed your family. How will you live as God's people this week?

MON 22

"Walk in all the ways that I command you, so that you may prosper." Jer 7:23

Make each step you take today one filled with love and consideration of others.

TUE 23

"So they said to him, 'Who are you?'" Jn 8:25

Who is Jesus in your life? Let this question be a conversation starter about the place of Jesus in your home and family.

WED 24

"The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works." Ps 145:9

Practice compassion today by following the example of Jesus. Listen carefully to others and look for ways to share your love with them.

THU 25

"Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.'" Lk 1:38

Today is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Offer a Hail Mary together and look to Mary as a model of faith.

FRI 26

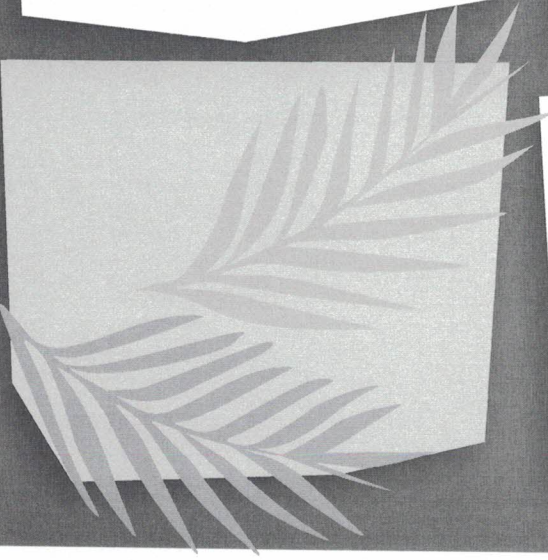
"And many there began to believe in him." Jn 10:42

Take out the intentions you wrote at the beginning of Lent and reread them. How has your faith in Jesus been strengthened during this holy season?

SAT 27

"Stop making my Father's house a marketplace." Jn 2:16

Talk about ways you can show respect when you are in church.



LENTEN 2021

CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

APRIL

PALM SUNDAY 28

"Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out, 'Hosanna. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" Mk 11:9

Place palm branches in a place where they will remind you to give praise to Jesus Christ each day this week.

MON 29

"Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair." Jn 12:3

Mary of Bethany shared something precious with Jesus. What will you give to others this week that shows your love for Jesus?

TUE 30

"Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Jn 13:21

Reflect today on those times when you have betrayed Jesus by turning away from his call to love and forgive others. Ask for his help in being faithful disciples.

WED 31

"For the Lord hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not." Ps 69:34

Lend your ear to someone who is poor in spirit today. Show your care and concern by listening with love and attentiveness.

HOLY THURSDAY 1

"Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist." Jn 13:5

Perform an act of service today for someone in your home or neighborhood. Do so with a generous and loving heart.

GOOD FRIDAY 2

"And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit." Jn 19:30

Place a crucifix or cross in the place where your family gathers for prayer. Take turns holding it and offering a prayer for all of those who are suffering today.

HOLY SATURDAY 4

"If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him." Rom 6:8

Offer a prayer for all of those who will find new life in Christ as they are baptized at the Easter Vigil tonight.

EASTER SUNDAY 4

"For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Jn 20:9

While our Lenten journey has come to an end, the Easter season has just begun! Look ahead to the next seven weeks and how you will continue to reflect and rejoice in the Good News of the Resurrection.