

## Falcon Flyer

FEBRUARY 15, 2018

Dear Families:

- Thank you for your support of our Life on the Lake fundraising event. Special thanks to our co-chairs, Ann Kilroy and Lauren Zbiegien. They did a tremendous job. Thanks to our dedicated committee members and all of our volunteers. It was a great deal of hard work and much appreciated.
- This has been a very difficult cold and flu season and it sounds like we have several more weeks of this to contend with. At school, the railings, door handles, etc. are wiped down and disinfected every evening. Teachers are disinfecting in their classrooms. We are continually reminding the children to wash their hands and to keep their hands away from their faces, etc.

For your part, we are asking that you keep your child at home if they are running a temperature or if they are sick in the morning. We know that sometimes it is hard, especially if they really want to go to school. It is necessary though, to help with germ control. Thank you for your help!

- Please remember to use caution and to take your time at school pick-up and drop-off. There is a no turn on red sign at the corner of East 200 and Lakeshore. Our crossing guard is concerned that people are not following that direction. It becomes very dangerous for the children and their families when they are crossing the street. Our afternoon pick-up is surprisingly over in about fifteen minutes. The little bit of extra time you take in being very careful is well worth it.
- Packets for re-registration will be coming home next week. The deadline for re-registration is March 15, 2018.

**REMINDER: THERE IS NO SCHOOL TOMORROW – FRIDAY BECAUSE OF A TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY AND THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY BECAUSE OF PRESIDENT’S DAY.**

## REGISTRATION – 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

**THE REGISTRATION PROCESS BEGINS SHORTLY!  
ALL FEES MUST BE CURRENT  
IN ORDER TO RE-REGISTER  
FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR**

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### FUNDRAISERS

**Our Mrs. Fields Cookie Dough Sale has ended. Thank you for all of your support! We will let you know how we did!**

**Because Easter is so early this year, our Malley's Easter Candy Sale will begin on February 20. As always, please do only what you can do. We understand that fundraisers can become overwhelming. These two sales are good because the products are very good and many people (family members and friends) look for these items around this time of year. Thank you as always for your support.**

**The Malley's Candy Sale proceeds will be directed to our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington D.C.**



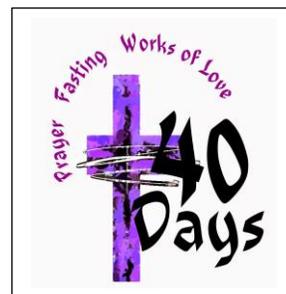
### PTO UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Thurs, Feb 15th: Kalahari Indoor Water Park**
- ✓ **Fri, Feb 23rd: Father Daughter Dance, Church Hall, 6:30-8:30pm \$20/couple; \$25/3+ people, money due Feb 9.**
- ✓ **Tues, Feb 27th: Skating Party Fundraiser, United Skates of America, 6-8:30pm**
- ✓ **Friday, Mar 2nd: Mother Son Monster's Game, Q Arena, 7:00pm \$11/per person, first 50 to sign up get to hold the American Flag on ice for the National Anthem, money due Feb 2.**
- ✓ **Thurs, Mar 8th: PTO meeting in Church Hall: Open call for nominations for President of the Board**
- ✓ **Thurs, Apr 12th: COSI Exploring Ecology**
- ✓ **Fri, Apr 13th: Skating Party Fundraiser, United Skates of America, 6-8:30pm**
- ✓ **Weds, May 2nd: Walk-a-Thon**
- ✓ **Thurs, May 17: PTO meeting in Church Hall: Elections for President of the Board**

What is happening in February?

## FEBRUARY

- 15 Pizza Lunch/Dress Down Day  
Kalahari
- 16 **No School** – Teacher In-service Day
- 19 **No School** – President’s Day
- 20 Malley’s Easter Candy Sale begins
- 23 PTO Father/Daughter Dance
- 27 PTO Skating Party



**Lent started yesterday**, Wednesday, February 14, 2018. We will once again be sending home the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls with the children. Catholic Relief Services does a wonderful job helping people all over the world. We encourage the children to put the Rice Bowl somewhere in your house where it will be seen. Drop coins or bills into it when you are able. Before our Easter break begins, turn the Rice Bowl into school or take it to church for one of our Holy Week services starting on Palm Sunday. It is always appreciated if you can count the coins and dollars, write a check for the total amount and then turn that in. This is a wonderful family activity. You can go to the Catholic Relief Services website and check out some of their work. Also, in the Rice Bowl, you will find a flyer with activities. It is especially meaningful to make some of the recipes that are included. These dishes show how frugal others are in their diets. It is very different than how we are used to eating.

Be sure to pray together as a family and attend the many beautiful church services that will be available during these 40 days of Lent and of course during Holy Week.

Please be sure to read over the last pages of this Flyer. There are some wonderful suggestions for family Lenten prayer and some ideas for ways to keep Lent in your home.

Check out this link from Catholic Relief Services. There is some wonderful information, articles and ideas:

<https://www.crsricebowl.org/about/how-to-practice-lent>

## Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union

Greetings from Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union:

The 5th Annual Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union Catholic Education Scholarship Giveaway application is now open! We are respectfully asking that you share the following information with the families and students at your schools.

In keeping with our commitment to support Catholic education, Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union will be awarding \$40,000 in Catholic elementary and high school scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year! Scholarships will be based primarily on financial need and awarded in \$500 increments.

In order to apply for a scholarship, applicants must be a member of Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union, currently attend a Catholic elementary school or high school in Ohio, and be willing to provide proof of income if chosen as a finalist. Families may only apply once during the application period.

Online applications can be accessed at <http://www.ohiocatholicfcu.com> beginning Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 28, 2018, until Friday, March 2, 2018. Not currently a member? Not a problem. You can also apply for membership for Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union online at <http://ohiocatholicfcu.com> or by calling 1-888-MyOhioCatholic (696-4462).

Thank you for sharing this information with members of your school community. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Shepard at [dshepard@ohiocatholicfcu.com](mailto:dshepard@ohiocatholicfcu.com) or call 216-478-0091. Have a wonderful and blessed Catholic Schools Week! Thank you for all that you do for the ministry of Catholic education.

Yours in Christ,

Dan Shepard  
Marketing Specialist  
Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union

**We IMPACT the Catholic community by focusing on faith, financial solutions, and education.**

## Family Prayer in the Time of Lent

One of the real challenges that we too often find in our contemporary, busy lives is finding time to be together as a family. It is especially difficult to find opportunities to pray together. And, if prayer, other than going to church on Sunday, hasn't been a family tradition, it can seem very "unnatural" to introduce it as something we might do together as family. Here are a few possibilities - call them dreams - for ways we might pray as a family, during Lent, or at any time of the year.

### Prayer Before Meals

One of the most natural times to pray, is as we sit down to eat. We can begin, or "break the ice," by simply saying, Let's pray or Let's just pause for a minute to give thanks. One of the challenges of doing this prayer well, is that we don't want our food to get cold. This leads us to do the prayer quickly. Brief prayer doesn't have to be without substance or power. And, it doesn't always have to be after the food is on the table. For a change of pattern, we could gather everyone to the table for prayer, and then bring the food to the table. We begin with a prayer of thanksgiving:

Lord, we thank you for the blessings of this day and for this time together as family. Bless us as a family. Help us to grow in love and care for each other.

OR

We thank you for this wonderful meal and for this time in which we can share it. Help us to remember those who have so much less than we do.

OR

Bless us O Lord and these, your gifts, which of your goodness we are about to receive through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We always begin with thanksgiving. The "reasons" we give for our gratitude can be very specific, and draw us into this prayer from our "real" place we are in this day. So, we can say that we are grateful for this Lenten journey, which offers us renewal and prepares us to celebrate Easter with greater freedom. We might say, We thank you for being with us each of us today, while we were apart, and for being with us tonight. Perhaps we will thank God for some special grace that has occurred today. We may want to take time to let each person name one or two things for which he or she is grateful.

### Prayer at Other Times

There are many other times or occasions when we can develop the habit of praying together. These examples might inspire our own creative or spontaneous prayer.

In the Morning:

It can be quite transformative of our family bonds, in faith, to pause very briefly to pray together.

This might be a spontaneous prayer, while we are laying in bed with our spouse,

Lord, be with us in every moment of today.

OR

N....., I ask the Lord to give you strength and peace today at your meeting.

Perhaps we are rushing around each other in the kitchen, grabbing breakfast. It can be wonderful to pause to pray, simply asking the Lord to be with each of us in what we are about to do.

Jesus, be with us and guide us during this day. Amen.

Jesus, thank you for another day. Help me to show your love to others. Amen.

Jesus, today will be a challenging day for me. Please give me your comfort and love always. Amen

### In the Car:

So many of us spend a fair amount of time in the car, often with other members of our family. These can be nice times to begin or end the trip, with a very brief prayer.

Bless our shopping tonight. Help us be grateful for the gifts you give us. May this food/these clothes help us be mindful of those who have so much less than we do.

OR

Bless N..... at practice today. Give him/her gratitude and delight in the gifts you give him/her. Help N..... to do his/her best, to encourage others, and to learn what you offer him/her today.

OR

Lord, as we go to our friends for dinner, we thank you for our friendship with them, and we ask you to bless this night with all the graces you might offer us in the care we have for one another. Amen.

OR

Lord, as we drive to church, we thank you for our faith and for this chance to be together with our faith community; please allow us to hear your Word, to give you thanks and praise, and to be messengers of your good news to those we meet in the coming week.

### Praying for Each Other:

The most important part of family prayer is perhaps the easiest to overlook - how we hold each other up to the Lord. Even when we are not physically together, as a praying family, we want to pray for each other. In reality this means that I have a pattern of talking with the Lord about the people I love most dearly, each and every day. They become part of my very relationship with God. Whether we are a married couple with young children, or I am a single parent, or if my children have grown up and begun lives of their own, this aspect of family prayer is so important. My spouse and I may not share our faith; perhaps my spouse doesn't pray at all; but I can talk with the Lord about my spouse every day - sometimes asking for help, sometimes just expressing my gratitude, sometimes begging for the gift of faith for my spouse.

May our Lord bless our praying, in the community of our family, these days of Lent.

Adapted from Lenten Family Prayer

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/familyprayer.html>

### Symbols in Our Home

We need to choose to let our homes be a place full of the holy – things that help raise our minds and hearts to God. Our world is full of so many images that lure our minds and hearts elsewhere. Here are some symbols that will carry the ongoing meaning we give them, for us and for our families and loved ones.

#### A Crucifix

We probably all have a crucifix in our home. If not, Lent might be a wonderful time to buy one and place it in a central place. Even a child's drawing of Jesus' death for us can be a powerful, stirring reminder of God's love.

#### A Candle

Imagine having a candle in a central place in our home. Imagine praying over it together as we begin Lent. "Lord thank you for the gift of your Light in the midst of all darkness. Let this candle be a symbol of our faith in your presence among us."

And imagine if we light this candle whenever we feel tempted away from the Light of Jesus, when we are experiencing tensions in our home, whenever we need special graces. Imagine how powerful experiencing the lighting of the New Fire will be at the Easter Vigil.

Perhaps we have Baptismal candles that were given to us or our children at Baptism. It might be very meaningful to bring them out and lay them near our central candle. We can remember the words that were spoken when we received this candle: "Receive the Light of Christ. ... Keep this flame burning brightly."

### A Bible

The Word of God is so important for us during Lent. Perhaps the prominent presence of a Bible in our home can represent for us our desire for God's Word in our lives. Imagine the experience that could be ours if - when we feel a new inspiration or a softening of our heart, or just a sense of God's love - we pick up that Bible and simply, reverently kiss it.

### Water

A simple bowl of water, in a central place, can be transformed into an ongoing reminder of our journey to the font of baptism for the renewal of commitment and life in Christ. Perhaps we can pray over it. "Lord, may this water remind us of our baptism and be a blessing for our home, where our dying and rising in you is lived each day. Bless us, as we sign ourselves with it each day."

### Sand

Perhaps a bowl of sand can help us remember our journey. God led the people in their journey in the desert. Jesus himself re-enacted that journey to face his own temptations. The desert can be a place of retreat, where there is a freedom from distractions. It can be a good place to be led and to face our temptations.

### Rice Bowls

And again, don't forget your Rice Bowls. They are powerful symbols that represent the poor and those in need. It reminds us that we are all connected.

Happy Lent!