

HONDURAN CHILDREN'S RESCUE FUND



CAN YOU HELP?

Sociedad Amigos de los Niños (SAN), or “Society for The Friends of Children”, is one of the most known and respected private non-profit organizations in Honduras. Founded in 1966 by Sister Maria Rosa Leggol, Sociedad Amigos de los Niños aims to help the children of Honduras by focusing on the orphaned and abandoned children and young people of the country. Sociedad Amigos de los Niños works to provide clothing, shelter, food, education, training, medical services and psychological support for each and every child or teenager.

Nuevo Paraiso – Part of the Honduran Children’s Rescue Fund

Located about an hour outside of Tegucigalpa, Nuevo Paraiso is a rural community of homes, schools, and activity centers for over 100 children. Originally a small community for single mothers and their children, it has transformed into large community full of life and children. These children are abandoned or orphaned that now live in group homes with housemothers (Tias). Here, they receive schooling, computer training, skills training, healthcare, psychological counseling, and love and attention. These children are then able to grow up in a safe environment and prepare themselves to attend the university in Tegucigalpa or become a skilled worker in one of the many trades that are taught in the schools of Nuevo.



Students, parents and staff from Gilmour Academy are making one of their regular trips to Nuevo Paraiso on March 19. They have asked that we partner with them to collect the items found below. Extra suitcases are packed with as many items as possible for the children of Nuevo Paraiso. Can you help with one or two items? We will post pictures from the Gilmour trip, so you can see the actual people your donations have helped. Thank you so much in advance for your generosity!!!

Honduras Wish List - Spring 2018

For Children:

Clothing general—jeans, shirts, dresses
Boys’ Underwear for little boys and 8-10 year olds
Girls’ Underwear for little and teenage girls
Pants for little and medium-sized boys
Belts
Socks all ages
Shoes (specifically tennis shoes)
Combs and Brushes and Things for Hair
Deodorant
Shampoo and Body Wash for teenage girls
Body Cream
Vitamins
Tylenol Liquid
Tylenol Capsules

Soccer Balls
Books
Movies

For Projects:

Work Gloves
Paint Brushes

For Kitchen Staff:

Body Cream
Fragrance Spray
Umbrellas

Cash donations are
always welcome!

We only have one
week to collect! All
items must be in by
next Wednesday,
March 14.

Thank you!

ITEMS OR CASH MUST BE IN BY WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK – MARCH 14!

Falcon Flyer

MARCH 6, 2018

Dear Families:

- On March 1 and March 2, a team of five principals visited our school. Two were from Catholic schools in Cincinnati and three were from our own Cleveland Diocese. This is part of our accreditation process. Things went extremely well and the visiting team was impressed with our school. We will publish a full report along with our school improvement plan/goals, as soon as it is finalized.
- 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 ON – FRIDAY, MARCH 16
(Spring Conferences-by appointment only) AND ON MONDAY,
MARCH 19 BECAUSE OF A TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY.**

REGISTRATION – 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

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

FUNDRAISERS

Our Mrs. Fields Cookie Dough Sale has ended. Thank you for all of your support! We raised a little over \$3,000.00 net!

Malley's Easter Candy Sale will began 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 sale for paper orders ends on March 8. Malley's must have our order forms at least two weeks before delivery, so it is important that all paper orders be turned in on or by Thursday.

You can order on-line until Monday, March 26 at midnight for Easter delivery.

Delivery is free for orders over \$65.00

Thank you!

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



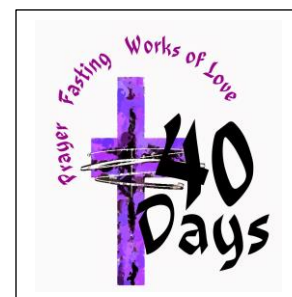
PTO UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ 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 March?

MARCH

- 8 Malley's Paper Order Sale Ends – all paper orders must be turned in—late orders not accepted
Candy delivery to school for paper orders on March 23
On-line sale continues until March 26
PTO meeting – 7:00 p.m. in the church hall
- 15 Pizza Lunch/Dress Down Day
- 16 **No School**-Spring conferences (by appointment only)
- 19 **No School** – Teacher In-Service
- 26 Malley's On-line Easter Candy Sale ends



Lent started on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 and we have once again sent 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>

**THURSDAY – MARCH 15, 2018
NO HOT LUNCH**

As a fundraiser for our Washington D.C. trip, we would like to offer the following:

**PIZZA LUNCH +
DRESS DOWN DAY!!**



Lunch will include:

\$6.00

- 2 pcs. Cheese Pizza**
- 1 Bag of Chips**
- 1 Little Hug Drink**
- Cookies**



FOR ALL!!!

(Please fill out the slip below and return to school as soon as possible, but no later than Tuesday, March 13. Thank You!)

Student Name _____

Grade _____ Room # _____

Please put a check mark by your choice.

My child wants the whole deal (lunch + dress down) for \$6.00 _____

Ala Carte orders:

No Dress down-just the lunch for \$5.00 _____

No Lunch-My child will bring a packed lunch -just the dress down for \$2.00 _____

**\$ Enclosed _____ Please put in a marked envelope – “Pizza Lunch”
(If there is any pizza left, we will sell extra slices for \$1.00)**

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!