



St. Christopher RELIGIOUS EDUCATION March Newsletter 2019

Mass Times:

M-F 8:30AM SUN: 7:30am, 9:30am & 11am
SAT: 4:30pm

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MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

March 3

-9:30am K, 1st, & 3rd grade Family Mass

March 5

-Choir Practice 3:10pm-4:10pm

-Classes All Grades

-6:15PM Palm Burning Prayer Service (Lot)

-7PM 1st Communion Parent Meeting

March 6

-Ash Wednesday (see times on pg 2)

March 10

-Daylight Savings Time. Spring ahead!

-9:30am Family Mass/Children's Liturgy

-Girl Scout Sunday

March 12

- Choir Practice 3:10pm-4:10pm

-Classes All Grades

March 17

-9:30AM Family Mass/Children's Liturgy

March 19

-Choir Practice 3:10pm-4:10pm

-Class Grade 1 4:30pm-5:45pm

-Gr 2-8 & Sacraments classes ,

Reconciliation service 6PM in Church

March 24

-11am Confirmation Sponsor Blessing Mass

- St. Joseph's Table 12PM-3PM

March 26

-NO CHOIR or RE CLASSES



This month we enter the Church season of Lent—a 40-day period of penance and prayer that helps us to deepen our faith and focus on God's call to be the best versions of ourselves.

Throughout Lent, we take a closer look at our relationships with God and others. How can we pray more? How can we give more fully to God and those around us? What needs to be removed from our lives to make room for God's presence to increase?

During Lent we hear of Jesus being led to the desert for 40 days. Could devote you 40 days to God? 40 hours a week? 40 minutes a week? How about 40 seconds? That's where our Lenten journey will start this year...
40 seconds.

Every day from now until the end of Lent (Holy Thursday/April 18), in addition to whatever Lenten penance you normally perform, we challenge you to pray for 40 seconds a day, fast for 40 seconds a day, and give for 40 seconds a day. This may seem like such an insignificant amount of time, but we all know...lives can change in a matter of seconds.

These 40 seconds of giving, fasting, and praying, only add up to 2 minutes a day. Can you join us in creating these little holy moments of mercy and kindness in our homes, community and parish?

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING 3/5

School and RE parents/guardians of First Communion children, please join us in Church on March 5th at 7pm. Important information will be discussed regarding the retreat and ceremony.

Tuition due date extended to March 26th. Please contact the RE office as soon as possible if you are having difficulty meeting this deadline. Thank You!

Palm Burning Ceremony

March 5 @ 6:15PM

Did you know the ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from last year's Palms? Be a part of the tradition! Bring your dried palms from last year and join us for this prayer service held in the parking lot between RE classes. Refreshments in unit-D to follow.

Ash Wednesday Services

Families are encouraged to attend Mass or prayer services this

Ash Wednesday, March 6th.

8:30AM (Mass)

12pm (Prayer Service)

4:00PM (Prayer Service)

7PM (Mass)

Stations of the Cross

(6:30PM every Friday during Lent)

*3/8 3/15

3/22 3/29

*4/5 4/12

*Featuring child friendly prayers and devotions

St. Christopher Parish

Feast Day Celebration

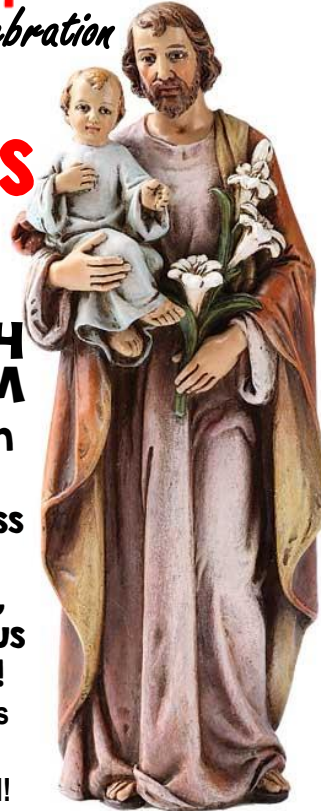
SAINT JOSEPH'S TABLE
SUNDAY MARCH 24
NOON-3PM

St. Chris Gym
Join us for

Salad, meatless spaghetti, garlic bread, and our famous sweets table!

Free will donations gladly accepted.
Volunteers needed!

Contact Sr. Laurinda 708.388.0072



Confirmation Corner

Please note the following important dates:

March 12- All Confirmation Assignments Due

March 24, 11AM Mass - Sponsors are invited to attend Mass with their candidates and families for a special blessing from our church community. Please stay for a quick sponsor update. We welcome all to attend the St. Joseph's table after the Mass.

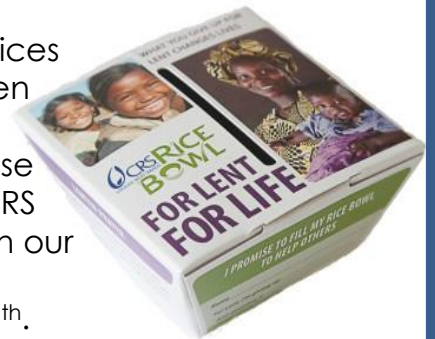
April 2, 7PM Parent & Candidate Meeting -

Confirmation students and their parents & sponsor(if able) meet in Church. We will go over Candidate books and Retreat details.

CRS Rice Bowls Lenten Almsgiving

St. Christopher Parish will once again be participating in Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowls program. All RE children will receive a rice bowl and Lenten calendar on March 5. If able, please use it to collect spare change to support CRS missions around the country and here in our local community.

Rice Bowls will be collected on April 16th.



Travel through



the

Triduum

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Travel back in time and see how the events of Holy Week came to be, what they mean to our church today, and how we can fully celebrate these days with our family and church community. Guided "tours" will take place in "Unit D" (door 210) every 15 minutes after all Palm Sunday Masses. Snacks, palm folding instruction, and other craft projects will also be offered.

ALL FAMILIES are WELCOME at this FREE event!

JESUS BE WITH ME TODAY, IN EVERYTHING I DO AND SAY!