

April 8, 2020

Dear St. Catharine Families,

I wanted to reach out to our families before the Easter Season to thank you for all your work and effort in helping us to offer educational programs that support our curriculum standards. We certainly know that this is not an easy job as you try to juggle your own work and family life while becoming the “teacher” who monitors their work. We continue to advise parents to set up a schedule for your children in regard to their work. Students have schedules during the school day and having a schedule at home might help to define time perimeters while learning. When we receive additional resources from the Diocese, I send out this information to teachers “teacher” who then use what works best for their grade levels. As a staff, we continue to learn and share new ways of distributing learning with each other. I am very blessed with an amazing staff who continue to work on providing the best possible avenues for learning during this difficult time. It truly does take a village to provide faith and academic learning for our school community.

Tomorrow (Holy Thursday) begins the Triduum. Please take this time to access many programs via technology or television that provides participation in the beautiful liturgies. It is certainly a totally different experience than being in church, but at least we can join together as a family to view and participate in these beautiful liturgical experiences over the next four days.

Also, I am including information on the National Moment of Prayer on Good Friday:

A National Moment of Prayer on Good Friday is being organized by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please note this link for information, and spread the word:

<http://www.usccb.org/news/2020/20-52.cfm>

Thank you to all our families in Grades 1 – 6 who picked up additional materials on Monday. It was really nice seeing our families, even though it was at a distance. I appreciate the effort of everyone to make it to school for this pick up. While we are out of the school building, construction continues with the parish building project. The only good thing about this absence from school is the hope that any of the construction that impacts the school will be finished by the time we return. We are still working on water damage on the lower level of the school (Grade 1 room, Art/ Spanish, cafeteria) during that extremely heavy rain that occurred in the area. New rugs and new classroom materials will greet our students when they return!

I will not be having my Morning Prayer with students during the Triduum (Holy Thursday through Easter Monday) but will be returning to the Morning Prayer on the Tuesday after Easter. The teachers join me in wishing all our St. Catharine Families the blessings of the Easter Season. We continue to be thankful for your on-going support. Keeping our St. Catharine families in my prayers....

Sincerely,

Mrs. Weisner