

SCHOOL NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus’ thirst...Repent and believe what Jesus’ tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor-- He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you.” *Mother Teresa*

The Diocese has changed the Safe Environment Policy for 2021-2022 school year. This policy will now require **all parents and volunteers** to take the Safe Environment training. This training is required for attendance in our school. As a stewardship diocese, we ask our school parents to make a commitment of their time, talent and treasure to the parish and the school. If you haven’t already taken it, please register for this online training at virtus.org.

This year as we honor St. Joseph. Dr. Vader, the superintendent of the Diocese of Jefferson City, gave the principals a prayer card that I want to share with you:

St. Joseph, Protector and Consoler

While asleep, St. Joseph received messages from God, who warned him about the danger posed by King Herod and entrusted him with loving and protecting Mary and the Baby Jesus. It was in a dream when Joseph accepted his role as guardian of Jesus and of all mankind. Joseph is the attentive and tender guardian of the Family; a just man who accepts and guards the mysteries of God, as he willingly chose to accept and protect Mary and her Son...An invitation to “sleep on it.” Pope Francis has the habit of placing under the statue of the saint a list containing the problems, petitions, and prayers of the faithful. It’s as if he were inviting Saint Joseph to “sleep on it,” and perhaps to put in a good word before God to solve difficult situations and to help those in need. Please use a statue of St. Joseph as a reminder to allow God, through the intercession of St. Joseph, to work on the problems that you face this coming year. Allow Our Lord to guide you, even as you reset. And trust Him in all things.

ST. GEORGE VIRTUAL SPRING FLING

St. George will be holding our annual Spring Fling virtually this year on Saturday, April 10. There will be no dinner, but more prizes were added to the drawing for a total of \$15, 000 in prize winnings available. Donate \$100 for a ticket for your chance to win. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office, scrip table, and from parish council members. The drawing will begin at 7:30pm on the St. George Facebook page. ***There will be early bird drawings for three tickets on March 24, two tickets on March 31, and one ticket on April 7. Get your ticket early for more chances to win!***

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS, ADORATION, AND CONFESSION

Fridays during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross and Adoration 7 - 8pm at St. George in Linn & Our Lady, Help of Christians in Frankenstein. Confession will be available during adoration on the dates at the locations listed below:

Frankenstein - March 19

Linn - March 26

CEMETERY NEWS

The St. George Cemetery board is working on getting the cemetery ready for the mowing season. It is imperative that all flowers & decorations including items sitting on the ground & not in the monument vase or attached to the monument be removed by **Thursday, April 1st**. Any flowers & decorations present on April 1 will be removed by the cemetery board.

The cemetery board will be having their annual election for board members. If you would like to serve on the cemetery board please call the parish office.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at St. George Church on Tuesdays during Lent at 3pm. All are welcome in person with social distancing precautions or to view the live-stream on the St. George Facebook page. There will be a Facebook event for the Divine Mercy Novena that begins on Good Friday through Divine Mercy Sunday. Each day of the Novena a different group of souls is brought to the Lord to immerse them in His ocean of mercy. There are pamphlets on the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Novena available in the back of church.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY WITH DONNA CORI

Join us at St. George Parish to celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 11 at 5pm in the church with Catholic recording artist, Donna Cori. This is a free presentation and open to the public. Donna Cori will provide music, Rosary Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Reflection on the 5 points of devotion to Divine Mercy. There is limited seating to maintain social distance, and masks must be worn when moving around the church and where social distance of 6’ is not maintained.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Encounter Jesus under the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe, with Guadalupe Missions. Cathedral of St. Joseph, Saturday, March 20 beginning with opening Mass at 8am. Veneration 8am-5:30pm, Adoration 8:30am-5:15pm, Confessions 8:30am-5pm, Reflections at 10am and 2pm, and Tilma Workshops 10:30am and 2:30pm, with closing Mass at 5:30pm.

LIFE OF THE SAINTS - ST. ABBAN

Abbot and Irish missionary. An Irish prince, Abban was the son of King Cormac of Leinster. He is listed as the nephew of St. Ibar. Abban founded many churches in the old district of Ui Cennselaigh, in modern County Wexford and Ferns. His main monastery is Magheranoidhe, in Adamstown, Ireland. This monastery's fame is attributed in some records to another Abban, that of New Ross. Abban is also associated with Kill-Abban Abbey in Leinster, serving as abbot there until March 16, 620. He is revered in Adamstown, which was once called Abbanstown.