



St. Clair Catholic District School Board

Walking together in Christ's light with parish and family, we are called to build a safe and inclusive Catholic learning community and to serve as partners in the formation of lifelong learners by:

- Living our faith
- Promoting educational achievement and innovation
- Fostering stewardship, leadership and social



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March 2018

Principal's Message

During the month of March, St. Philip School explores the Fruit of the Holy Spirit: Generosity. It is important for us to consider how we can show generosity toward each other at all times of year but deserves extra attention during this holy season of Lent.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the office by phone, e-mail or in person.

Mr. C. Kehoe

Important Dates

- Mar. 2 – Skating Party/Fitness Activity
- Mar. 7 – Chess Tournament at St. Matthew
- Mar. 7 – Pizza Day
- Mar. 12 – 16 – MARCH BREAK!
- Mar. 21 – Picture Retake Day (Grad)
- Mar. 30 – Good Friday

School Council News

Parents who are members of the School Council play a vital role in supporting many aspects of school life here at St. Philip. Their commitment of time and energy makes St. Philip Catholic School a better place for students and staff.

Please consider becoming a member of this year's council to help shape the future of St. Philip.

Our next meeting will be held June 13th at 6:30 pm in the library.

From Deacon John Lammers

Our Lenten journey continues; it's truly a journey, a journey to healing. To receive healing we first need to recognize and seek out the areas of our life that have drifted away from God's Grace. By Fasting, almsgiving and prayer we can arouse that inner hunger or thirst for healing. Jesus often says "Follow me"... but taking the opportunity this Lent to follow His journey of 40 days in the desert we open our hearts, minds and soul for his loving Grace and healing. As you journey through this lent, may God Bless you with His healing Grace.

Brother in Christ
Deacon John Lammers
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"Speak Lord... your Servant is Listening"

Our Catholic School Community

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Pizza Day Is Coming: April 4th!!!

Available for purchase through School Cash Online **ONLY**. NEXT Pizza Day is May 2nd!

Click on the following link to get started. If you need assistance, please see Mrs. Barnes at the office:
[School Cash Online](#)

From St. Patrick's High School Chaplain Joe Palko

Praised be Jesus Christ!

So we are off and running in the season of Lent. This year, Lent began with an apparent paradox. Ash Wednesday fell on the same day as Valentine's Day. Some may have thought that these two things – Love and Lent – are incompatible. Our school community, however, took another approach. I would like to share it with you.

As we saw it, Lent and Love go hand in hand. You see Lent is a time when we turn our focus on ourselves to look for things in our lives that keep us from loving God, ourselves and others better. When we identify these things we then take concrete steps to remove them from our lives so that we can love God, ourselves and others as best we can. In a very real sense, then, Lent is all about Love – it's about rededicating ourselves to the very hard work of becoming the best lovers we can be.

So what do we do when we identify things in our lives limit our ability to love? Well, the Church has typically given three answers. First, we pray. It is in prayer that we receive the grace we need to become better lovers. Second, we fast. When we unite our prayer to personal sacrifice – i.e. giving up food and drink - the grace of prayer is exponentially more abundant. And third, we give alms. We concretely practice love by providing for the needs of others.

This year, our community would like to invite you to see Lent a little bit differently. See it in terms of its invitation to become the best lover you can be. Seen in these terms, we ourselves have found that Lent isn't so much a dark and gloomy time but an exciting and uplifting one.

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Joseph Palko

Chaplaincy Leader – St. Patrick's Catholic High School

Footsteps of Faith



Every month, students from each class are recognized for living out a specific Catholic value. **In February we were focusing on Love.**

This month's recipients were:

Mrs. Vandenberg & Mrs. Soetemans

-  Daniel C
-  Corbin S
-  Abby W

Miss. Wall

-  Hazel S
-  Taylor Mae V




Miss. Boyle

-  Tino D
-  Melia S



Miss Donald

-  Suzie B




Miss. Killoran

-  Audrey S
-  Ruby S
-  Hallie W



Mr. Chiasson

-  Brooklyn B
-  Charlotte E

Mr. Vandenberg

-  Rhett J
-  Brayden K
-  Norah S

Mrs. McGrail

-  Kaelyn E
-  Travis W

Lent is Upon Us

Dear Parents,

The church season of Lent is here. It is this time of the year when we the students of St. Philip School focus on helping others. We have begun our Lenten Project with the arrival of the Wishing Well in the foyer. We ask the children to contribute spare change and enjoy the thrill of watching it roll and drop: **“Hope... is a coin in a wishing well.”**

We will also be collecting non-perishable food items at the altar which will be given to our local food bank. The Money collected in the Wishing Well and through our new fundraising “Loonies for Lent Garage Sale” will be donated to the local food bank as well.

Our mission adventure “Loonies for Lent Garage Sale” looks like this:

- After March Break, March 19 – March 28 we will be collecting garage sale items from all the students wishing to contribute.
- Donations will be collected from the office daily.
- Because this is an inner school event, these items should be things that are kid friendly such as books, toys, stuffed animals, craft materials, puzzles, etc.
- On Thursday, April 5th, we will conduct a garage sale in the gym where nothing will exceed a 3 loonie price tag (price range from .25 cents - \$3.00).

The success of this adventure depends on your response so we ask that you give generously. We sincerely thank you for your participation and supporting us as we work toward building God's Kingdom through generosity and building community this Lent.

“Lent is a call to renew a commitment grown dull, perhaps, by a life more marked by routine than by reflection.”

Joan Chittister: *The Liturgical Year*

