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Principal's Thoughts

Lent has begun and the journey to Calvary begins. In Pope Francis' Lenten message he states: "Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom during which Christians seek to rediscover God's call and promise. It is time to act, and in Lent, to act also means to pause. To pause in prayer, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister.

The Pope Francis is challenging us to change our ways to make a difference in ourselves and in the world. What will you do?

Loving God Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day.



St. Agnes School Mission Statement

St. Agnes School, in partnership with the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Oakland educate children in the Catholic faith and nurture their minds, bodies, and souls, inspiring them to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, achieve their highest academic and creative potential, and actively serve and enrich the community.



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Lenten Season Offerings

Resources for you:

- Daily reflections:
 - Matthew Kelley <u>https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html</u>
 - Mark Wahlberg <u>https://hallow.com/</u>
 - Trailer for a Lenten Journey: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3RXg4BO8_fU
- You Don't Want to Miss This! "COME AND SEE"
 - This Lent, the Altar Server Ministry is inviting parents to do something special this year. The Sana's will host a viewing of "The Catholicism Series" every Wednesday @ 6:30pm in the Ministry Center from Feb 21st - March 20th. One episode per session.
 - View the trailer (link below) and join us! Rsvp to <u>StAgnesAltarServerMinistry@gmail.com</u>.
 - o <u>https://www.wofdigital.org/videos/catholicism-trailer-short</u>
- Family Resources:
- <u>https://images.magnetmail.net/images/clients/NCEA1//attach/21_NCEA_Family_News_FEB.pdf</u>
- <u>https://www.dmdiocese.org/filesimages/Catechetical Services/Lent 2022/My Lenten</u> <u>Plan.pdf</u>
- 40 Cans for 40 Days
 - We will be supporting the Knights of Columbus Lenten Food Drive and ask that children bring one can a day to their classroom during Lent.
 - Have your children shop with you, buy the cans in advance and make it part of your morning routine to have your child include a can in their backpack.
- Rice Bowls
 - Each year we partner with Catholic Relief Services and provide a rice bowl to each student.
 - The goal is to have your child do service projects (chores) and fill the bowl with coins.
 - Once the bowl has been filled, you can count the money and then donate the amount directly to CRS. The donation information will be sent in a newsletter at a later date.
- Thursday Soup Suppers
 - Delicious soup will be served in the church hall each Thursday during Lent. A guest speaker will follow at 6:30pm.
 - o A flyer with additional details and topics for the presentations has been included in your



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envelope.

BREAKING NEWS Are You Finished? • Volunteer statements through February 13, 2024 have been included in your family envelope today. • Two and a half months remain for you to fulfill your volunteer commitment of 30 hours. • Please see the Family Handbook regarding the fee for not reaching this goal. Mark Your Calendars o Jesse Manibusan is coming to St. Agnes! GREAT for all ages! Fr. Luke invites you to attend a Lenten Retreat: Come & See March 10-12th 0 Come one day or all three to see this wonderful songwriter and storyteller! 0 **Spring Fundraisers** • See's Candy Get your Easter treats by shopping online through March 15th! Free Shipping on orders of \$70 or more! A flyer with a QR code is in your envelope today! Flower Power 0 Spread some Spring cheer by ordering your holidays bulbs and plants online now until May 15th! Shipping begins April 1st. The QR code has been included on a flyer in your family envelope. 1st Time Ever! • Join the St. Agnes Read-a-Thon during the Read Across American Week March 2nd-8th. • A Reading Log and flyer describing the prizes along with a QR code for donations, has been included in your envelope today!



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We pray for the Ziegenbusch Family (Alex 8th & Oliver 2nd) as they mourn the loss of their paternal grandfather. May they feel our love and prayers and may perpetual light shine upon him.

Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 2.2 – A conscientious student individual in a diverse society who is able to take responsibility for personal actions.

| | IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS |
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| 2/21 | • 3 rd Gr. Leaves for Camp! |
| | Catholicism Series Begins 6:30pm – |
| | Ministry Center |
| 2/22 | Lenten Soup Supper 6pm - Church |
| | Hall |
| | School Board Meeting 6:30pm - |
| | Ministry Center |
| 2/23 | Coffee Social 7:45am |
| | • Stations of the Cross 2:15pm (Formal) |
| | • 3 rd Gr. Returns from Camp! |
| 2/24 | Work Party 9-1 |
| 2/25 | • 2 nd Sunday of Lent |
| 2/26 | STAR Testing Continues |
| 2/27 | Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday |
| 2/29 | New Student Letters Mailed |