

April Family Newsletter

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Dear REP Families:

Seventh Grade Parents: Reminder ALL Paperwork and forms which were given in your child's red Confirmation Folder, (from the cancelled meeting on Feb. 11th) are due NO LATER than April 8th. I am missing paperwork from a few students, so PLEASE turn in all forms to the REP office ASAP. Failure to comply will the needed forms and baptismal copy will result in a "HOLD" for any service hour opportunities your child is signed up for. Please fill out completely and submit to REP in the blue envelope which was provided on the left inside pocket of the Red folder.

First Communicants 2019 A Bread Blessing Service for 2nd grade REP students and parents will be on April 15th, 5:45 PM in church. Invitations were issued a couple weeks ago by Mrs. Paquet.



Please join us in the church by 5:45 PM. The service lasts approx. 25 min., then students will remain in the church with their teacher for Stations of the cross, and will dismiss following regular dismissal at 7 PM, outside the Activity Lot. The Eucharist Meeting #2 for parents and children (Mandatory) will be on Tuesday, April 30th, 6 pm in church. We will be collecting all completed banners on this night. Information was given out at our First meeting back in September and was also sent home inside the purple parent booklet from February, when our meeting was cancelled due to the weather. These banners are NOT mandatory, but rather an added decoration for our Eucharist Celebration. There is no right or wrong way to complete a banner, so please do not add any undue worry in making one. We will be practicing for First Communion with parents/children. Information regarding the photographer and procedures for this will be given out too! This is a mandatory practice for parents/children, so please make arrangements for at least one parent to attend. Depending on how well our practice goes, we may cancel the Friday, May 3rd practice 3:30 -5 PM. I wanted to be sure the students are comfortable with the procedure before making this determination. I will let all parents know when we meet on April 30th.



Totus Tuus Team will be here June 16-21st *All registrations will be completed online, (NOT through REP anymore)* Sign up for this unique vacation bible school program. We will again join with the Cathedral of St. Raymond's and Totus Tuus will be hosted at St. Ray's this year. The day and evening programs will be held at St. Ray's. The day program is open to Grades 1-6th, 9:00AM – 2:30 PM, Monday – Friday. Junior high and High school students, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Sunday through Thursday. Sign up early if you can! **SIX** Confirmation 2020 candidates or high school students may work at Totus Tuus for Confirmation service hours.

We are looking for any volunteers to help the week of Totus Tuus by providing lunches or dinners for the team. We are in need of 5 dinners and 6 lunches for this week, we have four team members we are asked to feed, and if your schedule won't allow you to drop off lunches/dinners, perhaps a Gift Card or Monetary donation which can be used to provide their meal. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please call the REP office, if you are interested in helping support our TOTUS TUUS Team this week. We are also in need of a family who would be willing to host the team, during the week for lodging. The teams would be split in two, helping to provide lodging for the girls, and one family for the boy team. Again, this is always one of the most challenging tasks of TT, finding housing for our team members, but I can assure you, they are quite wonderful, and they are gone the entire day until 9 PM, so it's a matter of finding a place to sleep and get ready for their day. If you know of anyone who might be willing to assist us, please encourage them to call our office and prayerfully consider in helping them feel at "HOME". Thank you in advance for your support!!

REP 2019-2020: We are working on REP registration forms for the 2019-2020 REP year to distribute to all families within the next couple of weeks.

Spring Reconciliation for grades 2-7th will be held tonight, April 1st in Church.



RICE BOWLS, will be located on the table at the REP desk for families wishing to collect for our Lenten Service. All Rice Bowls will be due on April 15th, so the monies collected can be sent off to the Catholic Relief Service.

FINAL PAYMENTS for the 2018-19 REP year are due by April 30, 2019. The Business Office has been tracking and following up with any outstanding payments and balances. If you have not already made arrangements regarding your account, I ask you please reach out to Kim Krumveide in our Business Office, 815-725-1527, EXT. 203. Please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or Kim to work with you, making arrangements to bring all accounts current. We are here to help and assist ALL families!

OPEN HOUSE of NEW PARISH CENTER AND MINISTRY FAIR! Please join us Saturday, May 4th, and Sunday, May 5th after all masses for our ministry open house. We are seeking volunteer greeters who would be willing to take a 1 hour shift after a mass, to welcome and greet all our parish members and "NEW" members who are interested in joining our parish, or one of our ministries here at St. Paul's. A sign up sheet will be available at the REP office desk, to sign up and more details about our OPEN HOUSE. Please join us and bring your

families, and new friends to visit our wonderful parish and see the new parish offices.

Coming Up:

Apr. 1 REP, 5:45-7pm

April 8 REP, 5:45-7pm

April 15 REP, 5:45-7PM, second grade parents and students Bread Blessing, start time to be determined, and parents will be notified in advance of TIME and LOCATION, so please be on the lookout for note sent home (this is being changed from the family calendar date and time).

April 22 NO REP – EASTER BREAK

April 29 REP – CLOSING MASS, Last REP class for the year. Mass will begin promptly by 6:15 PM, and all students will be dismissed from the church.

Tuesday, April 30 : Parent and Child First Communion Practice, 6-7:30 pm in Church.

Friday, May 3: First Communion Practice with REP and School, 3:30-5 PM – To Be Determined based on how well parent/child practice goes on 4/30.

Saturday, May 4: First Communion Mass – All Children report to the church basement by 10:30 AM. If it is raining, children will meet in the church narthex.

God Bless,
Mrs. Jones

HAPPY SPRING!!!