

Families,

It seems like we just took down all the Christmas decorations and here we are already preparing for Easter. Looking at things from the perspective of children who may not know the whole story of Jesus, they're probably still thinking about the little baby in the manger and next thing they know, the baby has grown up and is dying on the cross. This can be confusing and disconcerting for young children, so it is important that we offer them a simple, yet honest, account of Christ's sacrifice. I recommend keeping the primary emphasis on His endless, and unconditional love; a love that, in the end, conquers death. For this Lenten season, we have enhanced our prayer practice. Each day one of the children leads our mealtime prayer. Some have made it a practice to ask if there is anyone who might need our prayers and then we make those special intentions. We read through the Stations of the Cross and some of the children visited the stations mounted in the parish courtyard. Catholic Icing is a great online resource for Lenten activities: <a href="https://www.catholicicing.com">https://www.catholicicing.com</a>

The next several weeks will consist of the following themes: Easter; Springtime; Gardening; Insects; & Growth and Change. Several parents had indicated that they enjoyed gardening, and I will be leaning on you heavily to assist us in getting our playground garden area up and going. Details TBA

Thank you for the wonderful job you have been doing with regards to providing healthy snacks – each child's snack should contain 2 of the food groups. Keep up the great work!

Blessings, Sheri Miles

Please mark your calendars for these important events:

Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	No School for Parent – Teacher Conversations
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Day – children wear their school uniforms.
Mar 15	Preschool Bake Sale at the Fish Fry – We need your baked goods
	donations. Sign up outside of our classroom.
Mar 19th	Family Mass
Mar 28	Holy Thursday – NO SCHOOL
Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
Mar 30 – Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Break
Apr 11	Easter Egg Hunt - Details TBA - Each child will need 12 filled plastic eggs
	and an egg carton that holds a dozen eggs NO CHOCOLATE – IT MELTS!