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2019-2020 Theme: Go and Set the World on Fire: Increase our Faith
"The apostles said to the Lord: 'Increase our Faith'" Luke 17:5

NEWSLETTER: APRIL-SUMMER 2020

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Olaine Okroger

- ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN! Happy Easter to each of you. We hope your family enjoyed a joyous celebration for our Lord's Resurrection.
- This is an unusual time in our world, with COVID-19 keeping us homebound and forcing us into a new normal. The PSR staff and I pray that your families are well, and that you stay that way! Please know that we are praying for you all, and we miss seeing you each Sunday!
- THANK YOU so much for allowing us the opportunity this year to help you educate your children in the faith! We know the new at-home method is not ideal, but **you are doing such a wonderful job** of staying on top of the assignments and working with our teachers to finish out the year strong.
- An end of the year packet will be mailed to each family during the first week in May. Please watch for it, as it will have something for your child from their teacher.
- Registration for next year will be available online in May. A link will be sent to you via email when it goes live. Online payment will also be available. If you would prefer a paper form, please contact me.
- A draft of next year's calendar will be sent electronically to you when the registration link is sent. Updates will be made to the Google calendar at that time, as well. As is everything right now, all dates and activities are subject to change, as the state Health Department mandates change.
- You will notice in the *Looking ahead* section of this newsletter that Totus Tuus and VBS are both marked with question marks. Our ministry leaders are working to find ways to continue these programs for our parish youth, but at the time of this publication, the dates and plans are awaiting updated state mandates in order to proceed. As these ministries are updated, I will forward that information onto you.
- There are lots of virtual opportunities for your family to share in the Mass or special devotions during this time. Father Earl is livestreaming daily Mass at 3:15 pm (including Sunday) and different devotional prayers at 3 pm daily. You can also access these as videos after the livestream times, should those times not be convenient for your family. He is also providing a daily reflection on the Gospel via our new YouTube channel. All of these opportunities can be accessed from our website, sainti.org. For the latest, and most up to date communications from the parish, use this link to sign up for Flocknote and the information will be delivered right to your inbox!

May God continue to bless your family with good health! If there is anything that our parish can do for you, please reach out to us!

Coordinator of Religious Education, PSR Director

What's been happening?

ACRE testing for 5th grade took place in early February. We used a new online format.

Our **Lenten prayer service** was on Sunday, March 8. Special thanks to the student volunteers, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Menke, and Deacon Tim who helped to make our service so meaningful.

What's coming up?

Please pray for our students who are anxiously awaiting the reception of the Sacraments that they have prepared for this year!

First Holy Communion has been rescheduled for June.

Confirmation for current 7th grade students has been rescheduled for November.

Information for next year's Confirmation class (current 6th graders) will be coming via email as soon as it is available.

IMPORTANT DATES:

April	5 Class via email PALM SUNDAY	12 NO CLASS EASTER SUNDAY	19 Class via email	26 Class via email	Thursday, Apr. 9-Saturday, Apr. 11: Triduum
May	3 Closing Mass cancelled	SUNDAT			Sunday, May 31: Pentecost Sunday

Looking ahead:

June- Totus Tuus?? July- VBS?? August- Parish Festival; PSR Family picnic

September- on campus classes begin

REMINDERS:

• If you have any changes to your contact information, please notify the Religious Education Office at 661-6565 x2725 or psr@sainti.org

<u>PARISH EVENTS:</u> Most events are currently postponed. Stay up to date with the latest news by signing up for Flocknote! Live stream of daily devotionals and Mass begin at 3pm daily.



Have an awesome summer! Stay safe! We will be praying for you all.