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WEDNESDAY EVENING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THE EVENING NEWS

W.E.R.E. E-NEWSLETTER

Lots of Good Things Coming Up

February 15, 2012

We've made changes to our annual Ash Wednesday Service, so please make sure to read the article below for more information. There will be one service this year, starting promptly at 7:20 pm.

Please pray for our 8th graders who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday night at 7 pm in church.

The First Communion Parent Meeting will be in church on Wednesday, February 29, at 7 pm. Please make plans to attend if you have a second grader. Peace - Gretchen and Jenn

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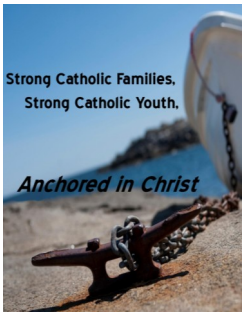

A challenge for many families is to see our daily events, activities, and situations through the lens of our Catholic faith. Often in times of crisis we're able to do that, but what about when something good happens? Or we have a so-so day? Last year we talked about Transforming Our Community, but often the transformation begins at home with our own family. As Lent nears, consider how your family can transform lives by seeing life through their faith. Our family discussion Scriptures: Matthew 4:2-4 & Genesis 9:16-17.

Newsletter Spotlight

8th grade Families:

Confirmation candidates and sponsors need to be in the undercroft no later than 6 pm on Monday night (Feb. 20). Mass will begin at 7 pm. The Bishop will speak to the candidates prior to the Liturgy beginning. If you have any questions, please contact Jenn at 859-991-2171 or jenn@saintmaryparishyouth.com.

WERE's Ash Wednesday Service - A Special Tradition

Each year we celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent as a WERE family. We gather in the gym to pray, sing and receive the ashes that remind us that we are called "to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel."

Our program is changing this year to **one** service beginning **promptly at 7:20 pm** in the gym. Students will be assigned spots on the floor while parents, teachers and faith mentors sit on the bleachers.

This is a special time of prayer together, not just because of the beginning of Lent, but it is a time when our recently confirmed 8th graders join together to participate in the WERE family in this special prayer service. Each year our 8th graders not only participate in the prayer service but also distribute ashes as one of their first parish activities as full members of the church (since they have completed the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation).

During the past few years our alums have gone on to become Peer Leaders, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and participate in youth ministry programs through St. Mary Parish, CCHS and BBHS. We're grateful to their families who faith lives have shaped these youth in amazing ways. Thanks also to all their teachers, assistants and faith mentors (past and present) for their dedication as disciples sharing God's Word to the students at WERE. We look forward to seeing what this year's 8th grade class does in the future!

Check out these websites!

Prayer for Each Day:
www.taize.fr/en_article1000.html

Values - Pass It On:
values.com

Online Retreat:
onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/cmo-retreat.html