



Theme: The theme for the school year is Unleashing the Gospel for 90 years. How have you unleashed the Gospel? How have you said YES! To Jesus?

Lent: The Season of Lent begins on March 1st and lasts until the Holy Triduum. This year we are asking each family to donate food items to be given to the homeless. Some items are small water bottles, granola bars, nutigran bars, raisins, spaghetti's with the tab top. We would like all donations in by Friday, March 3rd, but will continue to take them after that. The students also are participating in the Stations of the Cross held every Friday during Lent in the Church at 12:20. Every Monday during lent there is a simple supper of soup and bread in the church social hall from 5:30-7:00.

Registration: Registration packets are out for the 2017-2018 school year. As costs continue to escalate each year, we look at our tuition in comparison to the costs. This year in consultation with the business office, school commission, and father, tuition is increasing for both in-parish and out of parish by \$250.00 This comes out to a \$25/month increase when payments are spread over the ten-month period. If this increase is a hardship for your family, please setup a time to speak privately with Mr. Fisher. We are offering a special Families that are paid and current on their tuition, and other fees, will be able to take advantage of a special registration deal. Registration will be \$200 per family between March 1st and March 31st. After that registration fees, will return to the normal \$300.

Feasts: March we have the feasts of St. Patrick and St. Joseph.



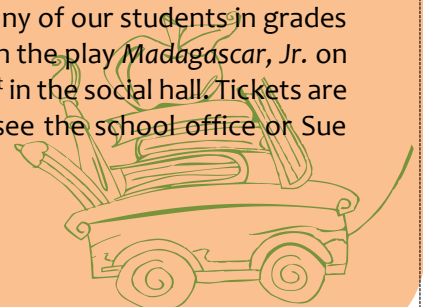
First Communion & First Reconciliation: There will be a parent-student Reconciliation Meeting from 9:00-11:30 on March 5th and March 9th. There will be a parent-student First Communion meeting from 9:00-11:30 on March 19th and March 26th.

March is reading month. We will celebrate by participating in "one book one school". The entire school will be reading *Frindle*. We will also have various celebrations of reading throughout the month. March 2nd is reading with a buddy, and foxiest socks (fun). March 9th wear red/white/black with your uniform. March 17th wear the Grinchiest Green with your uniform. March 23rd dress as your favorite book character. March 30th will be a surprise. There will also be other reading activities planned throughout the month of March.

Auction: The auction is April 29th. The theme for this year's auction is "St. Clare 90 Years Strong and Still Going." Please make sure this night is on your calendar, and please get involved. We need ads, items to be auctioned, and people. We also need workers on the night of the auction, the night before, and the day after. We need every family to help to make this auction a success. Please advertise the auction and get involved. To work on the auction, contact either the office or Sonya Zakolski at sazakolski@aol.com.

PowerSchool: Every parent has access to PowerSchool. This should be viewed by the parent to keep tabs on student's progress. If internet connection at home is an issue, the computer lab will be opened on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:00 for parents to check grades.

Madagascar, Jr.: Many of our students in grades 3-8 are participating in the play *Madagascar, Jr.* on March 31st and April 1st in the social hall. Tickets are on sale now. Please see the school office or Sue Pongratz for tickets.



Visitors: A reminder that ALL visitors, parents included, must stop in the office, check in and receive a visitor badge. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please setup a time to do so. It can be disruptive to walk in unannounced at the beginning or end of the day. If your child forgot something, leave it in the office. We will make sure that your child receives what is brought in.

Scholastic Book Fair: Everyone is excited about the book fair. St. Clare School will have the Scholastic Book Fair. There are many fantastic books for children and adults. The Fair will be Sunday-Friday, March 5-March 10. Monday's Hours are 8:30-4:00 and Monday Night is Family Night from 5:00-8:00. During family night, there will be giveaways every half hour and some games. The classroom with the highest percentage attending will receive a popcorn party. The hours for Tuesday through Thursday are 8:30-4:00, and Friday from 8:30-1:30. Please come and check out the books for sale. The proceeds will go to support St. Clare's Library.

Parish Mission: The Parish Mission celebrated by Fr. Jim Clarke, S.J., will be held at our Parish March 20-22nd. Please consider joining us for either morning or evening Mass followed by a mission talk. The morning Mass will be celebrated at 8am and the evening Mass will be celebrated at 7pm.

Financial Issues: All tuition, latchkey, and fundraising (assessment fee) should be up-to-date. The office will accept certain payments via credit card. The person paying will be responsible for the 3% fee. If finances are not up-to-date before Easter Break (April 12th) exclusions will go out after this.

8th Grade Reminders: All 8th grade fees must be paid, including the graduation fee, tuition, latchkey, etc. must be paid before they go to Cedar Point. Any student who has an outstanding account will not be allowed to go on the trip or participate in the graduation activities.

Prayer Requests: Please keep Mrs. Bellia's sister-in-law in your prayers as she recovers from an illness. Please continue to keep Mrs. McCreedy's husband in your prayers as he continues his recovery.



Service Hours: Each family has been asked to perform 15 volunteer service hours for Books sale and auction. Some have done above and beyond this number. Some have done some of these hours, while others have not done any. The auction is coming up, and this is a great opportunity both before and during the event for service hours. If you wish to inquire about helping at the auction please contact Sonya Zakolski, szakolski@aol.com.

Curriculum Fair/Open House: This will be on Tuesday, April 11th from 5:30-7:00. Students in Grades K-4 are making math games. Students in grades 5-8 are doing a STREAM Fair (science). Students in grades 5 - 8 MUST be in attendance at this event for the ENTIRE time. This is also going to be our Spring Open House. Please bring someone to the open house as we show off our academic talents, and we can show how great St. Clare is!

Track: Track will be starting for students in grades 4-8 the week of March 13th. See Mrs. Conlan for more details.

Third Quarter: The third quarter comes to an end on March 22nd. Report cards will go home on Friday, March 24th.

Honors Assembly: The honors assembly will be on Monday, March 27th at 10:40 in the church and the Honors Jeans Day will be March 28th.

Thank you: Thank you to all the people who have helped at our various events, or are helping on upcoming events. It is very much appreciated. THANK YOU!!!!

*The Mission of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School
is to be a gospel presence in our diverse community and
provide opportunities to develop each child's
God given talents.*

