



March 9, 2017

Dear Parents,

How's your Lenten journey progressing? As a teacher, I had a classroom poster with 3 Beagle puppies sitting perfectly in a row. The words on the poster: "It's hard to be good." Lent reminds us of our ability to discipline ourselves, our ability to break the old habits that make us less than what God wants us to be. So, let's acknowledge that doing the right thing is tough, accept that God's grace will give us strength, and strive each day to be a better Catholic Christian. (Check out the Bible emergency numbers for Lent on the back of this letter.)

Parents and parishioners continue to ask about the total amount that was realized through our Save our School efforts. While many, but not all, of our bills have been paid, we have netted \$309,527.66 as of today. The generosity of others continues to bless our parish school on a daily basis, so the net profit will continue to change on a daily basis.

The generosity of so many has spilled into our school. There were so many raffle baskets for the Save our School Night, that the committee donated 10 baskets to the school. Student names were chosen today, and the baskets are coming home with the lucky winners.

Report cards have been issued to our students today. Please review the report card with your child(ren). Education is one of the most important ways to ensure future success in the lives of your children. While the grades in the academic areas are important, please note the teacher's comments and the Student Learning Traits. Our mutual goal is to help develop well-rounded children. Please sign and return the Parent Acknowledgment of the report card by next Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**We're looking for walkers this Sunday!** If you intend to walk in the Southside Irish Parade this Sunday and want to ride the bus that's being provided to the parade site, please get your reservation in by tomorrow, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Hopefully, each of our families is making an effort to help with our last fundraising drive – World's Finest Chocolate sale. Orders and payment are not due until March 29<sup>th</sup>. Every item sold can help your family and our parish school.

Just one reminder: Students will have a Green & Jeans Day on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Blessings on your week! Love your family enough to worship with us this weekend!

Peace and all good!  
*Ms. Stephanie*

# **Bible Emergency Numbers for Lent**

*When in sorrow, call John 14*

*When others fail you, call Psalm 27*

*When you have sinned, call Psalm 51*

*When you worry, call Matthew 6: 19-34*

*When you are in danger, call Psalm 91*

*When God seems far away, call Psalm 139*

*When your faith needs stirring, call Hebrews 11*

*When you are lonely and fearful, call Psalm 23*

*When you are bitter and critical, call 1 Cor. 13*

*When you feel down and out, call Romans 8:31-39*

*When you want peace and rest, call Matthew 11: 25-30*

*When the world seems bigger than God, call Psalm 90*

*When you leave home for labor or travel, call Psalm 121*

*When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, call Psalm 67*

*When you need courage for a task, call Joshua 1*

*When you need to get along with others, call Romans 12*

*When you are depressed, call Psalm 27*

*When you want to be fruitful, call John 15*

*When your pockets are empty, call Psalm 37*

*When you lose confidence in others, call 1 Cor. 13*

*When others seem unfair or unkind, call John 15*

*When you are discouraged about work, call Psalm 126*

*When you seek the secret of happiness, call 1 Cor.3: 12-17*

*When you need to feel appreciated, call 1 Thes. 1:1-7*