



FOR THE MONTH OF MAR 2025

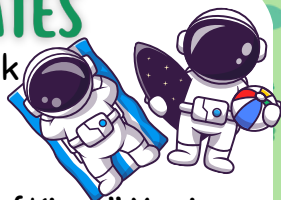


# Catechism Chronicles

A monthly newsletter chronicling Kid Ministry at Holy Spirit Parish (Grades 4K-5)

## UPCOMING DATES

- Apr 2 No KidMin—Spring Break
- Apr 9 KidMin 5–6:15pm
- Apr 16 KidMin 5–6:15pm  
G4–5 Field Trip to “King of Kings” Movie  
Flyer with movie night details attached.
- Apr 23 KidMin 5–6:15pm
- April 26 First Communion Retreat 8:30–2:30pm  
Kimberly Church
- Apr 30 KidMin 5–6:15pm  
Leah’s Virtual Office Hours 8:30–9pm



- May 7 Last Day of KidMin 2024–2025  
Pine Street Lot 5–6:15pm



## SACRAMENT PREP TO DO'S

- Donated Dress: A beautiful brand new First Communion dress has been generously donated to our parish. We'd love to pass on this blessing; free to the first caller!
- Banner supplies now available at the front desk of the PC start March 12th. Supplies are free to whomever needs them.
- Turn in your child's baptismal certificate from the parish where celebrated (non-HSP baptisms only).
- Contact family/friends to write a short letter to your FHC kiddo. Letters due to Leah by April 23.
- Complete [Mass Reflection Sheets](#) twice a month either during Mass or afterward for reflection.



## hello FROM MRS. ACKLEY

As we step into a new month, we have much to celebrate from our Lenten journey so far! We started with Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of this season of prayer, reflection, and preparation for Easter. Since then, we've had some wonderful moments of learning and growth. We've reflected on Psalm 23, explored Jesus as the Good Shepherd, learned how to live out the Beatitudes, and discovered the importance of loving our neighbor through the story of the Good Samaritan.

In addition, we've been talking about the Holy Spirit's role in our lives. The fifth graders had an inspiring time meeting a panel of speakers who shared about different vocations—everything from single life to marriage, religious life, and Holy Orders. Last week, the third through fifth graders experienced the beauty of the Lenten reconciliation ceremony. In the peaceful setting of the Kimberly Church, they took time to reflect and share their hearts with God, receiving His forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As we continue our Lenten adventure, we look to St. Joseph, whose feast day we celebrated on March 19. As the patron saint of families, St. Joseph teaches us how to live with faith, trust, and obedience to God's will. His example of quiet strength and selfless love reminds us that we are called to love and serve others, just as Jesus loves us. Let's keep opening our hearts to His love and share it with everyone we meet!

*May these final weeks of Lent allow for prayerful moments...and may the Easter baskets be ready before the kids start looking for them!*  
Leah

# Faithful Francis



**PREPARE THE WAY  
OF THE LORD.**  
-ISAIAH 40:3

It's officially baseball season, and I'm all in—just like when I'm chasing after a ball in the yard! Major Leaguers use their spring training to shed the rust, sharpen their focus, and prepare for the season. With Easter on the way, Lent is our time to spiritually train—clearing away

the distractions, strengthening our hearts, and preparing for the ultimate celebration: Christ's resurrection. In a game of fetch, I know something exciting is coming. Our faith is a win to be won with something exciting to be discovered. Now is a good time to think about how to prepare for the most important game and the ultimate victory found in Christ.



Why did the disciples carry a pencil?  
*They wanted to draw closer to Jesus.*



Why did the cookie go to confession?  
*It crumbled under temptation.*



**HOW CAN I HELP?  
LET ME KNOW!**

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (LIKE WATER AT A BAPTISM)

STILL 15 SPOTS OPEN FOR VOLUNTEERS. SIGN UP!

**VOLUNTEER SIGN UP**



FYI: The name listed on the sign-up is the one reviewed for eligibility as we assume it's the person completing the hours. Please make sure your sign-up is accurate.

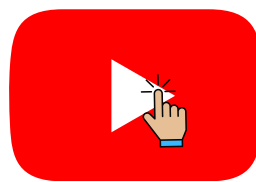
## FAITH FOCUS: SAINT JOSEPH

St. Joseph, the patron saint of families, was a man of deep faith, quiet strength, and unwavering trust in God. He lovingly cared for Mary and Jesus, providing for them with humility and devotion. Though the Bible shares little about him, his actions speak volumes—he listened to God, protected his family, and embraced his role with faith and love.

During Lent, reflecting on St. Joseph reminds us to trust in God's plan, even when the path is uncertain. His example encourages families to grow in patience, service, and love for one another, just as he did for the Holy Family. As we prepare for Easter, may we follow his lead—choosing faith over fear and love over worry.



**ST. JOSEPH (K-2)**



**ST. JOSEPH (3-5)**

## KIDMIN WISHLIST



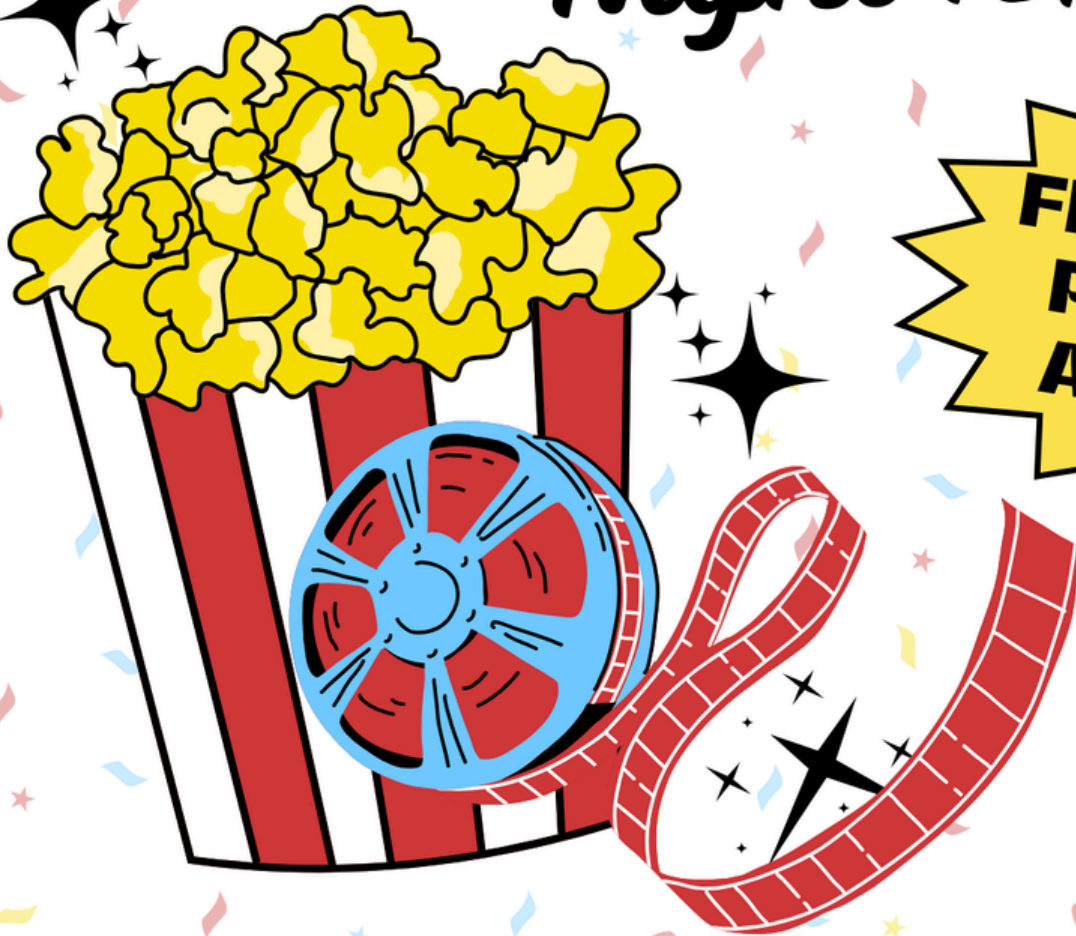
The faith formation year may be wrapping up, but KidMin never stops! Grab something from our Amazon Wishlist to help us keep the fun going—thank you for your support!



KIDMIN PRESENTS

# MOVIE

## *Night for G4-5*



**FREE ENTRY,  
POPCORN,  
AND SODA**

*now due April 7<sup>th</sup>*

**PERMISSION SLIP AND LIABILITY FORM ARE DUE BY APRIL ~~14TH~~ AT 12PM.**

Space is limited to the first 45 children for our private showing of "The King of Kings". Each child gets a movie ticket, popcorn, and caffeine-free soda.

**SHOW APRIL 16**

**DROP OFF AT 5PM. PICK UP AT 6:45PM.**

**VALLEY GRAND CINEMA**

**W3091 VAN ROY ROAD, APPLETON, WI**

**FAMILIES MUST ARRANGE THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION**

# LENT FOR FAMILIES

[noun]: A sacred season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—celebrated in the midst of last-minute arrivals, toddler meltdowns (and the occasional grown up one), teen eye rolls, endless snack requests, and the chaos of family life.



Fun, faithful  
& FREE activities  
for ages 5-12 for  
every day in Lent.  
Scroll down to learn  
more and sign up.  
Did I mention it's  
FREE?!



JOIN US FOR DINNER OR VOLUNTEER.  
FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED!!

## Jesus on the Journey: Lenten Edition

Kid Friendly Stations of the Cross for Families



Join us for Stations of the Cross designed specially for kids and families! Guided through simple reflections and prayers, we'll walk with Jesus in a way that engages all ages.

**Tuesday, April 1st**  
**6-6:30pm**  
**Darboy Church**

**TOMORROW**

**Click each image for details and to sign up for family fun!**



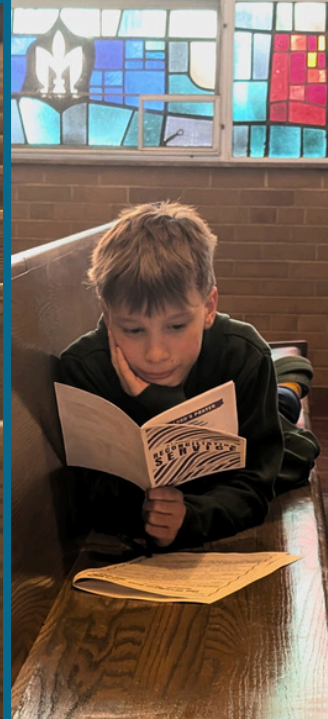


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# BRITTANY RIETVELD

## FAVORITE HOLIDAY

Christmas

## FAVORITE ANIMAL FOR A PET

Cat

## FAVORITE MOVIE

Beauty and the Beast

## FAVORITE BOOK TO READ TO KIDS

Very Hungry Caterpillar



## FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL

Social Studies

## FAVORITE CANDY

Peanut butter  
M&M's

## FAVORITE YARD GAME

Corn hole

## FAVORITE SEASON

Fall



## GRADE 3

St. Sebastian

Patron Saint of  
Archers & Athletes

Feast Day: January 20



## THIS OR THAT



White Milk or Chocolate Milk

Sports or Academics

Scary Movies or Comedies

Tacos or Nachos

Crayons or Colored Pencils

Roses or Sunflowers

Outer Space or Deep Sea

Planting Flowers or Planting Veggies

Baking Pies or Decorating Cakes

Studying or Studying

Earthquakes or Tornadoes

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF...

### YOU COULD CHANGE ONE EVENT IN HISTORY?

Prevent WWII and the Holocaust

### YOU WOKE UP AS A CHARACTER IN YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOW?

Vanna White from Wheel of Fortune

### YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF SOME ADVICE?

Try new things, don't worry about failure or what others think of you

## 3 TRUTHS AND A LIE: CAN YOU GUESS WHICH ONE?

I'll listen to anything  
Meghan Trainor

My favorite color is white

My favorite flower is tulips

Combos are my favorite snack



# SHARON DEPAOLI

## FAVORITE HOLIDAY

Christmas

## FAVORITE ANIMAL FOR A PET

none

## FAVORITE MOVIE

Christmas with the Kranks

## FAVORITE BOOK TO READ TO KIDS

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom



## FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL

Art

## FAVORITE CANDY

Skittles

## FAVORITE COLOR

Turquoise

## FAVORITE SNACK

Popcorn



## GRADE 3

St. Katharine Drexel

Patron Saint of Racial Justice & Philanthropists

Feast Day: March 3



## THIS OR THAT



White Milk or Chocolate Milk

Sports or Academics

Scary Movies or Comedies

Tacos or Nachos

Crayons or Colored Pencils

Roses or Sunflowers

Neither! Outer Space or Deep Sea

Planting Flowers or Planting Veggies

Baking Pies or Decorating Cakes

Studying Earthquakes or Studying Tornadoes

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF...

### YOU WOKE UP AS A CHARACTER IN YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOW

I'd want to be Bob Barker on "The Price is Right!"

### YOU COULD TRAVEL IN A TIME MACHINE, BUT ONLY ONCE

Meet Jesus!

### YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF SOME ADVICE

Take time for skincare!

## 3 TRUTHS AND A LIE: CAN YOU GUESS WHICH ONE?

My favorite flower is tulips

My favorite season is fall

My favorite ice cream is cookies 'n' cream

My favorite flower is begonias



# DEB HORN

## FAVORITE HOLIDAY

Easter

## FAVORITE ANIMAL FOR A PET

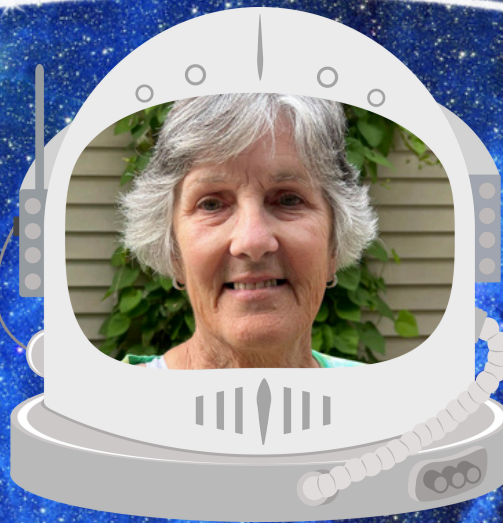
Dog

## FAVORITE MOVIE

White Christmas

## FAVORITE BOOK TO READ TO KIDS

The Night Before Christmas



## FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL

Cooking

## FAVORITE CANDY

Jelly Beans

## FAVORITE YARD GAME

Volley Ball

## FAVORITE SONG

Celebrate



## GRADE 4

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Patron Saint of  
Indigenous Peoples &  
Ecology

Feast Day: July 14



## THIS OR THAT



White Milk or Chocolate Milk

Sports or Academics

Scary Movies or Comedies

Tacos or Nachos

Crayons or Colored Pencils

Roses or Sunflowers

Outer Space or Deep Sea

Planting Flowers or Planting Veggies

Baking Pies or Decorating Cakes

Studying Earthquakes or Studying Tornadoes

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF...

### YOU HEARD A SONG THAT MADE YOU LOL?

I'd lol

### YOU COULD ASK JESUS ONE QUESTION?

What did you mean when you said you were "doing your Father's work?"

### YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF SOME ADVICE?

Practice the piano more

## 3 TRUTHS AND A LIE:

### CAN YOU GUESS WHICH ONE?

I've flown in a helicopter

My favorite food is soup

My favorite color is green

Daffodils are my favorite flowers



# EMILY VERBRUGGEN

## FAVORITE HOLIDAY

Christmas

## FAVORITE ANIMAL FOR A PET

Dog

## FAVORITE COLOR

Red

## FAVORITE ICE CREAM

Chocolate



## FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL

Reading

## FAVORITE CANDY

Dark chocolate

## FAVORITE YARD GAME

Bags

## FAVORITE FLOWER

Daisy



## GRADE 5

Mary, Mother of God

Patron Saint of Women in Childbirth & Nuns

Feast Day: January 1



## THIS OR THAT



White Milk or Chocolate Milk

Sports or Academics *Both!*

Scary Movies or Comedies

Tacos or Nachos

Crayons or Colored Pencils

Roses or Sunflowers

*Neither!* Outer Space or Deep Sea

Planting Flowers or Planting Veggies

Baking Pies or Decorating Cakes

Studying Earthquakes or Studying Tornadoes

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF...

### YOU COULD CHANGE ONE EVENT IN HISTORY?

Prevent the events of 9/11

### YOU COULD TRAVEL IN A TIME MACHINE, BUT ONLY ONCE?

I'd love to relive my wedding day or see my babies be born again

### YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF SOME ADVICE?

You'll be okay and you should spend more time with your friends

## 3 TRUTHS AND A LIE: CAN YOU GUESS WHICH ONE?

I've gone to see a space shuttle

I prefer markers over crayons

I've seen the sun and moon at the same time

I've flown in a helicopter