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BULLETIN DEADLINE

If you have an article for the Bulletin—please email it to salatham@rcda.org at least two weeks prior to the weekend.

USHERS NEEDED

Ushers are the key ministry in ensuring everyone feels welcomed as they enter our Catholic community for Mass. They also help elderly individuals- and families with small children- find seats, take up the collection, and wish us well as we leave Mass. If you are interested, please stop an usher after Mass.

PARISH SUPPORT

Deepest thanks for your continued and generous support for our parish. Your gifts enable so much to be done in so many ways.

March 15, 2020	\$ 9,689.49
March 17, 2019	\$ 15,474.12

EGIVING AVAILABLE!

<https://stambroselatham.com/egiving>

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9:00 am—6:00 pm
Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am—noon

Easter Bag Project

Please remember to bring back your Easter Basket by next Sunday, March 29th!

Thank You AGAIN for your generosity, and God Bless You!

SCHOOL UPDATE



Pre k 3.2 has been having a very busy and fun year. This year so far we have all conquered to write our own names. They have all been working and practicing very hard, and when they all got it down they were so proud!

We have recently been working on learning about our bodies, and bones. Each day we chose a different part of our bodies to learn about. The class favorite to learn about was the lungs. We also made replica lungs that were working, they had a blast doing that. We also labeled the organs in the human body. We learned how many bones we have in our bodies as well!

We have also been learning and mapping out the path of lent, they seem to really be enjoying learning each week why it is so special. Next we will start learning and doing crafts and projects about St. Patrick's day, and starting to learn more about Easter.

Each week we have been practicing and learning a new prayer. So far we are working on the school's kindness prayer, the glory be and we are working on the Hail Mary. They have been asking more and more questions about Jesus and who he was, we learn and read stories about Jesus and our religion each week!

FOLLOW OUR SCHOOL ON SOCIAL MEDIA

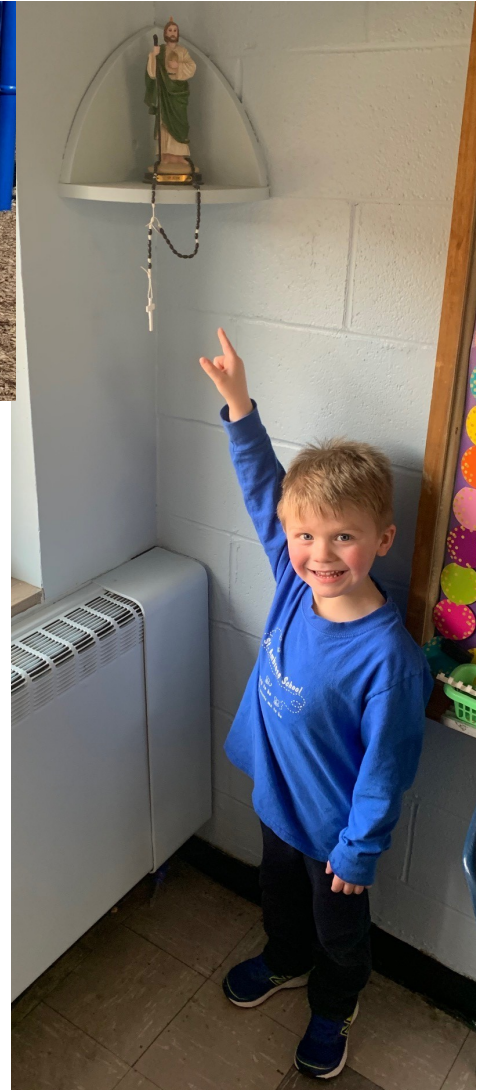
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Lily Spera, Principal



GOSPEL & HOMILY FOR 3/22/20

JOHN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.
 He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva,
 and smeared the clay on his eyes,
 and said to him,
 "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —.
 So he went and washed, and came back able to see.
 His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said,
 "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"
 Some said, "It is,"
 but others said, "No, he just looks like him."
 He said, "I am."
 They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.
 Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.
 So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.
 He said to them,
 "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."
 So some of the Pharisees said,
 "This man is not from God,
 because he does not keep the sabbath."
 But others said,
 "How can a sinful man do such signs?"
 And there was a division among them.
 So they said to the blind man again,
 "What do you have to say about him,
 since he opened your eyes?"
 He said, "He is a prophet."
 They answered and said to him,
 "You were born totally in sin,
 and are you trying to teach us?"
 Then they threw him out.
 When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
 he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
 He answered and said,
 "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"
 Jesus said to him,
 "You have seen him, and
 the one speaking with you is he."
 He said,
 "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

HOMILY

These are certainly challenging times for us. Of course a lot of us are stuck at home, unable to attend mass in our regular way. Before the gospel, I used the words "Alleluia, Alleluia" which we normally do not use during Lent, but I did it for a specific reason. Those words translate to "rejoice, rejoice". It's just a reminder, that in these difficult times we're going through during this Lent, there IS going to be the moment for us to rejoice. There is the moment for us to have faith and the hope to be able to sit there and sing Alleluia on that Easter day. In our gospel today, Jesus cures the blind man, and I think that is especially important for us right now because we can relate to that man in a particular way. Especially when it comes to our faith. Jesus is simply reminding us during this difficult time of all the areas that we have been blinded in a particular way. Though we have things in our minds and in our eyes and right before us that have taken us away from Him, I think that it's a great thing for us to reflect upon as we are stuck at home, or unable to be able to see family and friends and go about our daily lives. We need to remind ourselves to hold on to our hope and hold on to our faith that we will say "Rejoice, Alleluia, Alleluia" again. This is time for us to spend with the Lord, to be able to recapture that relationship that we had with Him that maybe we have lost inside of our busy daily lives. So though we normally don't say the word, we WILL say it once again. It's time for us to just take the time to put our full faith, hope and trust in the Lord, to be able to sit there and say "We know that in the end he will bring us back full of hope, full of faith and to be able to truly rejoice".

-Fr Kelly

PRAYING AT HOME

O Mary, you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

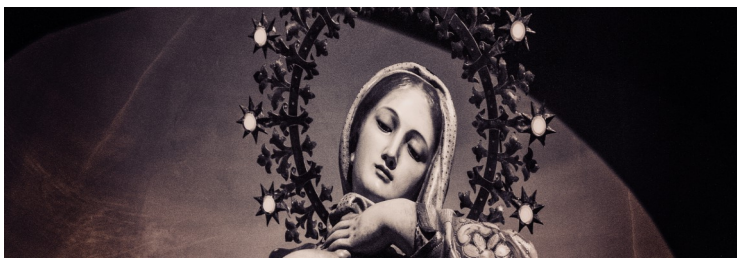
O loving Mother, you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen
ill, for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with protecting
the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.
Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.

In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who came out to support
our Panera Fundraiser! 58 transactions were
made, along with multiple independent
donations, totaling \$349.49. This money will
go toward sending our youth to Catholic
Summer Camps.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart
-Robyn Spateholts, Youth Minister



Call Robyn in the
parish office for
more information

Bereavement Support Group Facilitator Training

UPCOMING EVENT



STEUBENVILLE NYC

Sins?
Questions?
Doubts?

You're not alone!

Attention High Schoolers:
St Ambrose Youth Ministry invites you to this year's Steubenville Conference in NYC.

July 24-26, 2020

If you're interested in going and want more info, contact Robyn at robyn.spateholts@rcda.org by MAY 1st



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More details can be found
www.campveritas.com