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## Dear SMS Families,

**“Because I was small and weak, Jesus stooped down to me and in secret taught me the marvels of his love.”**

-St. Therese of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face

### **Around the School:**

- **Basketball will be for Grades 2-8 only on Friday, April 1, until 3:30pm.**
- **Daffin's Candy pick-up will be at Lateran Hall from 2:30-5:30pm on Friday, April 1.** If you are able to help with distribution, please let the office know!
- After Daffin's pick-up, **please help us fill Easter eggs for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt! This will take place in Lateran Hall from 5:30-7:30pm!** Thank you to all of the families who donated eggs and candy!!
- **GOOD SHEPHERD EASTER DISTRIBUTION BAGS** St. Michael has been asked to donate specific items for the Distribution Bags. Items needed are 15 Easter Coloring Kits; 50 boxes Dessert Cake/Brownie Mix; 50 Bags of Mini Marshmallows; 50 Cans of Mixed Fruit. **Items needed by April 1.** Please mark your bag if the items are intended for this program so they are not mixed with 40 Cans Project.
- **St. Michael Parish and School will be hosting an EASTER EGG HUNT following the 11:00am Mass on Palm Sunday, April 10. At Mass this day, Children's Liturgy will also be making a comeback! Young children are welcome!! On Palm Sunday, since it is also Passion Sunday, older children will also be needed to act out Jesus' Passion.** More information will be forthcoming!
- **On Sunday, April 10, 2022 from 12:00pm – 3:00pm, there will be a Community Free Chicken Dinner** provided by the Knights of Columbus. Free will offering to deliver much-needed aid to those in Ukraine, and to those seeking refuge in Poland. Drive Thru for Take-Out only to 3PM or gone. Menu - Grilled chicken, Parsley Potatoes, and Corn. Thank you for your support!
- **If your child wears boots to school, please send them with an extra pair of shoes. Uniform shorts may be worn in the months of April and May, with the exception of Mass days.**
- Spring is in the air and outside is calling! **We received an invitation on the Parish FB page for Greenville Area Co-Ed Church Softball. How fun would it be to have an SMS parent/teacher team?!?** I don't play softball, but I would be happy to be the water girl for the team or entertain/watch kids during games! Registration is due by April 30. Games will be on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Contact Travis Elder for more information: 724-372-1803.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GreenvilleCoedChurchSoftball/posts/1371181200062223/>

- **SCHOOL FIELD TRIP PLANNED!!** The PTO is planning an awesome field trip for the WHOLE SCHOOL to go to Keystone Safari on Monday, May 16!! More information will be coming home!
- **Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 17, at 6:00pm! On behalf of Ms. Erin Warren, I am pleased to announce that at time, we will be hosting the SMS Performing and Fine Arts Show!** The show will feature students in Choir, Band, and Strings. Fine art from ALL grades will be featured! Thanks to the PTO for also providing refreshments! We are really looking forward to this event!
- **Our parish uses Flocknote to keep members of the parish and school up on the latest events and opportunities.** I've changed my preference to receive updates to text messages rather than emails and you can too, if that is easier for you! Follow these simple directions: [How can members edit preferences without creating a login?](#)
- Thank you to the many families who have volunteered to be on the **Car Raffle Committee!** We need several more, so please keep sending in your slips. **We need AT LEAST 20 school parents to make this a reality (WE ARE HALFWAY THERE to reaching 20!). This is the BIGGEST FUNDRAISER for our school (we typically raise \$50,000+), and we REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!** Our next meeting will be after Easter.
- **Our website has some fun new things on it,** including a new banner called "Do You Wanna Buy a Planet?", a [video featuring 2 Heart Heroes from our school!](#), and a new series, featuring an alumni titled "Why I Value Catholic Education".
- **Applications for financial assistance through the diocese for the 2022-2023 school year (STAR and BTAP) were sent home with students last Monday.** These applications, along with an application fee are to be mailed to the diocese by [April 15](#). An internal financial aid packet will be coming home within the next few weeks.
- **Scholarship forms and applications for our school and community will be coming home soon.**
- **YOU and your CHILD are the best PR for SMS!** Please share positive stories with your friends, family, and neighbors: in person and on social media to help bring more students and families into our community!
- **Please bring your families to Mass! St. Michael School is a mission of and an integral part of St. Michael and St. Margaret Church! Going to Mass on Sundays, I miss seeing and praying with young families.** Our parish offers 4 Masses each weekend: 4:30pm on Saturday, 7:00am, 11:00am on Sunday (this is the Mass I always go to!) at St. Michael in Greenville and 9:00am on Sunday at St. Margaret in Jamestown.
- **The following is from Maggie Shaughnessy:**  
**Hello and welcome back, everyone!** We're up to our **Fifth Sunday in Lent** - **Hooray!** We're getting closer and closer to **Jesus**, and getting ready to celebrate Easter, when **He** rose from death!  
**Jesus** teaches us a **wonderful lesson about forgiveness** in today's gospel. A woman who has committed a grave sin is about to be killed with stones. When asked about her punishment, **Jesus** asks the people not about the woman, *but about those who are ready to stone her.* Today's story is *The Seahag's Treasure* by Melody Carlson and Helen Kleczynski.

**\*\*BIG NEWS!!** *Next Sunday* is **Palm Sunday!** *We will be back at St. Michael Church, during the 11:00 a.m. Mass, to celebrate* with all of you! **Please attend** this wonderful celebration of **The Passion of Our Lord** ('Palm Sunday'), when **we will act out the gospel during Children's Liturgy!** *See you there! \*\**



- **If your child is sick, please keep them at home!** Kindly contact the school if you or your child does develop any symptoms and also check with your child's doctor for next steps. Talk with your doctor and your child's doctor about whether the COVID vaccine is right for you and your child. **COVID vaccines are available now for children ages 5-12.** Speak with your child's pediatrician about the right decision for your child.

Thank you for partnering with us to make our students' year a great one!

St. Michael, pray for us!

Many Blessings,

*Emily Zgone* 😊

Principal

"Open wide the doors of your heart to Christ! Do not be afraid!" - St. John Paul II