



# St. Vincent de Paul School

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Dear Families,

Our Lenten journey continues.... Pray, fast, give alms. I love the following reflection that we had for our Principal Meeting prayer this week.

### **Do we recognize Jesus when he approaches us with his grace?**

C.S. Lewis conjectured that when we meet Jesus after our own death, we might be surprised to find him appear like people we knew in our daily life. Then we will realize, to our chagrin, that it was Jesus all along, incarnate in our brothers and sisters, and yet we missed him.

Jesus is here among us this Lent, accompanying us on our 40-day pilgrimage towards Easter. He accompanies us in the disguise of our family members, friends, and colleagues. He waits for us in the distressing disguise of the poor and the marginalized. He longs for us in the tabernacles of our churches. He speaks to us in the Scriptures and in the words of the liturgy. He offers healing, just as he healed the crippled man in the Gospel.

Will we recognize him? Will our Lenten fasting attune our eyes to see his face breaking through the veil of our world?

**Jesus Christ is in our midst. Let us see and believe.**

*(Faith ND)*

### **Auction**

A big **thank you** to Tina Mancuso and all who helped with the auction. We appreciate all you do for our school. Thanks to everyone who participated. You #ignitehope!

### **Rice Bowl Update**

As we head into Holy Week and our last official week of Rice Bowl collections, we wanted to let you know that last week's total of \$132.15 combined with our remain running total has us more than halfway to a second cow!!

We are so grateful to our generous students and families, and looking forward to seeing barnyard bursting at the gates when we return from Easter Break. You can turn in Rice Bowl money through Holy Thursday, and that we will wait until mid-April to make our donation in case we receive extra donations after break. Thank you again for your support!

San Juan and Sandy Point Homeroom

### **Contracts for 2021-22**

Thank you for returning your contract and for referring your family and friends to our school. Thank you.

### **Additional Fundraising Opportunity**

In addition to purchasing scrip gift cards, you have additional fundraising opportunity. Charleston Wrap offers a spring fundraiser. You receive 40% credit for most items sold. The information on this is attached. Please check it out and send it to your family and friends.

### **Holy Week**

It's hard to believe that Lent comes to an end next week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil are my three favorite liturgies of the year. Hope you have the opportunity to attend or follow online.

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.  
With my love and prayers,

*Wanda*

(JustFaith information on page 2.)

### **Calendar Updates**

March 28	Palm Sunday
April 1	Holy Thursday
April 2	Good Friday
April 3	Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil
April 4	Easter
April 5-9	Easter Holiday Break—No School
April 12	School Resumes Hybrid Schedule
April 19-23	Spirit Week
April 22	Parent Meeting

## **Travel During Easter Break**

The Governor said we should follow the latest CDC recommendations for travel.

## **JustFaith**

Our parish is going to be starting the JustFaith Program, "Faith and Racial Healing: Embracing Truth, Justice, and Restoration." The program is open to all members of our parish. The program will start with a daylong retreat on April 17. Then we will meet every Tuesday for two and one-half hours starting on April 20 and continuing for 8 weeks. If there is a lot of interest we will offer a second time. This eight-week program guides participants in telling the truth about the history of racism in the United States, that we might work toward true reconciliation with God and restoration with one another. You will need to purchase these three books and a donation of \$20 to help offset the cost of the programs. The three books are

*Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: American's Legacy of Enduring Injury & Healing* by Dr. Joy Degruy

*The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism* by Jemar Tisby

*40 Days of Prayer* by Cheri Mills

If you have any questions or would like to join the program please let Katie Goodson know.