

# St. Aloysius Happy House Learning Center

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Dear Parents,

May the peace and joy of the Lord be with you and your families! Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of the Lenten season, a time for the grace of our Spiritual Renewal; to put aside those things that keep us away from God. Lent invites us to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God, and to His abundant Grace. It is important that we go to the Church on Sundays as a family to worship, adore, thank God and listen to His Message.

This year for Lent, we remind you that our School is participating in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger and our responsibility to respond to the needs of our global human family. Through our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving, we can respond to the call to ensure that all our brothers and sisters are fed good, nutritious food that give them what they need to fulfill their God-given potential.

### **WHAT IS CRS RICE BOWL?**

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program for families and faith communities in the United States who want to put their faith into action. Through CRS Rice Bowl, participants are invited to hear stories about their brothers and sisters in need around the world, and devote their Lenten prayers, fasting and alms to change the lives of those who suffer in poverty.

On Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, as we begin the Lent, the children are going to bring home a cardboard CRS Rice Bowl for collecting their Lenten alms. We will collect your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of the Lent. This is an excellent opportunity to teach our children the value of sharing and caring for our brothers and sisters most in need as well as to make progress in their self-development. Every time they do a good listening, kind deeds to the sibling, give respect to others, being patient, and showing good manners...please, encourage them by giving some money to put in the Rice Bowl.

## CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

The month of March brings the celebration of two great Saints of the Church: Saint Patrick, Patron of the Archdiocese of New York on March 17<sup>th</sup>, and Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. Our children have been learning a prayer and a song to Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary and the Foster Father of Jesus. On this day we will consecrate our School and our students to this great Saint and will have a celebration in his honor. The children will be asked to bring a small bouquet of flowers to offer to Saint Joseph on this day. You will get a reminder as the day approaches.

## REPORT CARDS

Our children in Pre-K will receive their second report card on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. If any parent needs to see the teacher, please do not hesitate to make an appointment as soon as you can. We appreciate the interest that you show in cooperating with the School and its policies.

## UPCOMING EVENTS **(Please, notice that there are some changes in the dates that are given in the School Calendar)**

April 14-22	Easter Recess
April 23	*Easter Party (full day)
April 30	* End of Registration Period
May 7	Planting Festival (half day)
May 23-26	Memorial Weekend (closed)
May 21	Crowning of Mother Mary (half day) *Rain Date is May 28 <sup>th</sup> .
May 29	Ascension Thursday (Closed)
June 4	Second School Fund Raiser (Olympics Day)
June 11	End of the School Year Picnic
June 18	Nursery and Pre-K Graduation Ceremonies

Weather permitting, the graduation ceremonies will take place in the School grounds.

May God continue to bless you abundantly!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sister Shyne Mathai, OBT