

St. Aloysius Happy House Learning Center

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Dear Parents,

May the peace of the Lord be with you and your families! Wednesday, March 2nd, marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent invites us to open our hearts, minds and bodies to the grace of rebirth; to put aside those things that keep us away from God.

This year for Lent, our School will be 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 gives 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 Wednesday, March 2nd, the beginning of Lent, the children will take home a cardboard CRS Rice Bowl for collecting their Lenten alms. We will collect your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent.

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 17th, and Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church on March 19th. The children have been learning a prayer and a song to Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. On Wednesday, March 16th, 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

The Pre-K children will receive their next report card on Thursday, March 31st. If any parent needs to see the teacher, please do not hesitate to make an appointment as soon as you can. We teachers appreciate the interest that you show in cooperating with the School and its policies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 13	Easter Party
April 14-22	Spring Break
April 29	Second School Fund Raiser (Obstacle Course)
May 11	Planting Festival
May 25	Crowning of Mother Mary
June 8	End of the School Year Picnic
June 17	Nursery and Pre-K Graduation Ceremonies

(Please note: the Nursery graduation ceremony will not be held on June 16th, as it appears in the School calendar, but on the 17th. Weather permitting, the graduation ceremonies will take place outside.)

Let us place ourselves and our children under the protection of Saint Patrick, Patron of the Archdiocese of New York and of Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church whose solemnities we celebrate during this month of March.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sister Madeline Soto, OBT

LENT
WALKING WITH CHRIST