

# **St. Aloysius Happy House Learning Center**

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## **MARCH NEWS 2024**

Dear Parents,

May the peace of the Lord be with you and your families! Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> marked the beginning of the Lenten season, a time for the grace of rebirth; to put aside those things that keep us away from God. Lent invites us to open our hearts, minds, and bodies. to the Word of God; and to His abundance Grace. It is important that we go to the church on Sundays as a family and listen to God's Message.

This year for Lent, we remind you, 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 Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, the beginning of Lent, the children took home a cardboard CRS Rice Bowl for collecting their Lenten alms. We will collect your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent. This is an excellent opportunity to teach our children the value of sharing and caring for our brothers and sisters in most need.

### **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 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. The children have been learning a prayer and a song to Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. On Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 second report card on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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

March 25 – April 5	Spring Break
April 10	*Easter Party
April 26	Second School Fund Raiser (Obstacle Course)
April 30	* End of Registration Period
May 8	Planting Festival (half day)
May 9	Ascension Thursday (Closed)
May 27	Memorial Day (closed)
May 29	Crowning of Mother Mary (half day)
June 5	End of the School Year Picnic
June 14	Nursery and Pre-K Graduation Ceremonies

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 Marta Gonzalez, OBT