# Religious Education



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## "LOVE YOUR ENEMIES."



Love your neighbor as yourself. These are words we associate so clearly with the teaching of Jesus and the way of life the Gospel calls us to. But it may be a surprise to some people to hear that these words come first from the Old Testament, in the mouth of Moses himself. Moses was speaking the Lord God's instruction for the community the community of the people of Israel in flight from Egypt in their long sojourn in the wilderness. God's instructions were about how that community had to work without grudges, resentment or vengeance, but with love and forgiveness and tolerance. When Jesus comes with the message of the Kingdom of heaven, it is the same instruction for a perfect, God-guided society, which depends on how each of us lives with others. The wisdom of this world, which Saint Paul mentions in the Second Reading, will not teach us this: the world will believe in vengeance, and friendship only for your friends. Each of us must ask how we can embrace the apparent folly of Jesus teaching: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

## "CONFIRMATION"

## "FIRST COMMUNION"



Parents, students we need you to return the registration/medial form this Sunday, February 23rd. Please feel free to email the forms if you need too. Students who cannot make this retreat must locate another retreat to fulfill their obligation and move onto the C II class or to

receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please call the RE Office if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to help!

Students will continue to memorize their basic prayers in preparation for Sunday, May 3rd, when they will receive for the first time; the Precious Body of Christ. Parents, please continue to say your prayers at home together as a family. Students will remember them easily if you say prayers together and throughout the day. The key to success is repeating these prayers!

# Mardi Gras

Don't forget that we will be celebrating Mardi Gras at Religious Edu this week! We have a great day planned and some surprises too!

The Knights of Columbus will be serving up their famous Pancake breakfast and the Catholic Daughters have the Kings Cake!!!!

Parents, please stay with your kids and join the FUN!



# February 2020 Calendar

23 Religion 10:45 ~ 12:00 MARDI GRAS

26 ASH WEDNESDAY Mass: 8/5:30

# March 2020 Calendar

Religion 10:45 ~ 12:00

8 Religion 10:45 ~ 12:00

15 Religion 10:45 ~ 12:00

22 Religion 10:45 ~ 12:00

28 CONFIRMATION RETREAT

29 Religion 10:45 ~ 12:00

No Religion for Confirmation Students who attend THIS Retreat

# "Vocations"

The Lord calls us to be merciful as our God is merciful. The Lord calls us to do God's will. Pray for vocations to priesthood, diaconate and religious

life. If God is calling you talk to Fr. Alan at 518-643-6759 or Fr. Christopher Carera at (315) 386-2543/ccarera@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315)393-2920, ext. 1450/crussell@rcdony.org. See us also on Facebook or at www.myvocation.net.

### ~~~Creating a Culture of Vocation~~~

**IN A WORLD** waging war on poverty, choose to live as Jesus did — simply. As part of our call to be holy, we are called to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us. How do you use your gifts?