

# The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



## MARCH EVENTS

- 2 ASH WEDNESDAY/  
LENTEN RETREAT
- 4 END OF QUARTER 3
- 11 SOUP SUPPER
- 14-17 P/T CONFER-  
ENCES
- 18 1:00 PM DISMIS-  
SAL
- 21-25 SPRING BREAK
- 27 FIRST COMMUN-  
ION CLASS
- 28 CONFESSIONS 3RD  
-8TH GRADE



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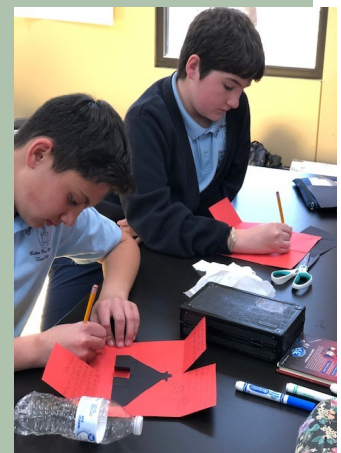
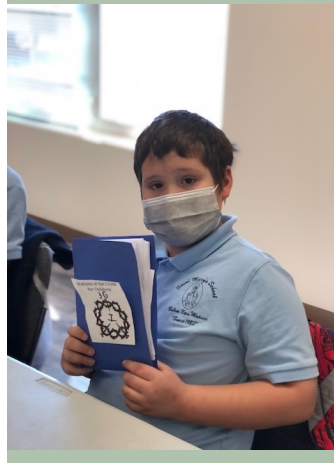


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## ASH WEDNESDAY AND OUR LENTEN RETREAT

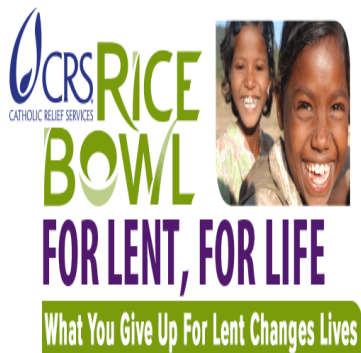
On Wednesday, March 2, St. Mary's students and staff attended Mass and received ashes. After Mass, the students returned to their classes where they attended a full day Lenten retreat. The day was spent in prayer and participating in activities to help provide our students with an opportunity for spiritual renewal as they participated in the reflections and exercises.



## This Month's Class Saint and Fruit of the Holy Spirit

Second grade's assigned Fruit of the Holy Spirit was PEACE. Peace appears 329 times in the bible with the highest occurrence of 30 in the book of Isaiah. After His death and resurrection, Jesus used this greeting three times when He met with His disciples (John 20:19-29). The first thing to notice is that Jesus used this greeting of peace after His resurrection. Second grade chose St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta as their class saint. St. Mother Teresa was the founder of the Order of the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic congregation of women dedicated to helping the poor. Considered one of the 20th Century's greatest humanitarians, she was canonized as Saint Teresa of Calcutta in 2016.





**RICE BOWLS**  
 Rice bowls were sent home this week. Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Parent/Teacher conferences were held the week of March 14 through March 17. Teachers met with parents in the gym and Parish Center.

**Pi Day**

March 14 was Pi Day and St. Mary's students celebrated it by measuring the radius, diameter, and circumferences of several items, including their own pie! They also compared the ratio of the circumference to the diameter to verify that it always comes out to 3.14.

**MAKERSPACE FUN**

Makerspace classes tried hard this year to catch a leprechaun. Kindergartners made traps in their Makerspace classes and fourth graders made leprechaun swings. Neither class caught a leprechaun, but the leprechaun did leave a small treat for the students!



**A BIG THANK YOU!**

The students and staff of St. Mary's want to thank the Friends & Alumni of Catholic Schools for donating 20 benches to our school. The students enjoy eating their lunch outside and having class outside now that we have these wonderful benches that turn into tables.

We also want to thank the families and businesses who generously donated money towards our new playground equipment. Our students LOVE playing on it!

Thank you to all the families who gave up their Spring Break to install our new playground equipment. St. Mary's families are truly the best and are always looking for ways to better our school.

