



Dear Parents,

Today is Ash Wednesday. This marks the beginning of Lent.

Lent is the 40 days before Easter. As the ashes are placed on our foreheads, we hear the words: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel." Lent calls us to renewal and conversion. This is accomplished through our practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. However, we are also called to "be faithful to the Gospel." Each week as we hear the Sunday Scripture readings, may we be moved to change those areas of our lives, which are in need of renewal! Our students in Kindergarten through grade 8 will attend the 8 am mass one day each week during Lent. We will pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 1:15pm in church.

Congratulations to our second graders who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday! This will take place in Queen of Peace Church at 10am. We continue to pray for them as they prepare for their First Holy Communion in May.

There is no school for students on Friday, March 14th. This is a Professional Development Day for Teachers. Therefore, we will have Stations on Thursday, March 13th. Enjoy the long weekend!

As you know we are beginning our yearly standardized testing on Friday, March 21st. The standardized testing will take place in Grades 2 through 7. The students will be taking the online version of the tests March 21 – 28. The best preparation is a good night's sleep. Please do not make morning appointments during this week. Please make sure the children are on time each day. The complete schedule will be sent home next week.

Important Dates:	March 14	End of the Second Trimester
	March 17	St. Patrick's Day....Third Trimester begins
	March 20	7 th grade High School Visitation Day Report Cards
	March 27-28.	Uniform Sale

Thanks for all you do for GSC!
God Bless you!
Sister Helen

