



Dear Parents,

Happy Lent! Today, Ash Wednesday, as the ashes were placed on our foreheads, we heard the words: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." Lent calls us to renewal and conversion.

Turning away from sin leads 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 reading, may we be moved to change those areas of our lives which are in need of renewal. Attached you will find the reading and a reflection for Ash Wednesday and the First Sunday of Lent. Each week you will receive a Lenten Reflection.

The students received a Lenten calendar to help them during this holy season. We will also be having Stations of the Cross during Lent. An adult Lenten Calendar was available in the back of Church this past weekend. If you did not get one, there are some available as you enter the Church. In addition to the Lenten activities, the Lenten rules and Holy Week Schedule are on the back of this calendar.

The second trimester ends on Friday, March 10th. Report Cards will be available on My Students Progress on Tuesday, March 21st. More detailed information will be sent home closer to Report Cards.

Terra Nova Testing will be later this month. This has been on the calendar since last year. **Please do not make morning appointments during this testing.** The In View part of the test is Monday, March 20th; the Terra Nova is March 21 through March 27th. As usual, **only grades 3 to 7 will be tested.**

The Home and School Association is a vital part of our school. I would like to thank our Board Members and the various chairpersons for their commitment to our children. A special thanks to Mrs. Pat Cogan and the members of the committees for our Spring Fundraiser: Monte Carlo Night. This year the event is being held at Ludwig's Corner Fire House on March 11th. We hope this will be a great success

Thank you for all you do for SSPJ and Thank You for supporting Catholic Education!
We are beginning re-registration and registration during March. If you know someone interested in our school, please have them call the office for a tour.



Important Dates to Remember:

- March 1 Ash Wednesday First Day of Lent
- March 3 First Friday: Mass at 8:30am
- March 5 Third Grade Family Mass 9AM
- March 10 End of Second Trimester
- March 11 Home and School Spring Fundraiser: Monte Carlo Night
- March 16 Confirmation Practices 5:00PM and 6:16PM
- March 18 Confirmation at 10AM and 1PM (Bishop Fitzgerald)
- March 20 In View Test Grades 3 – 7
- March 20 – 27 Terra Nova Testing with In View
- March 21 Report Cards
- March 29 7th grade Visitation Day at Bishop Shanahan High School

God Bless you and your family!

Sister Helen

