



March 26, 2018

St. Catherine's Viking Newsletter

Dear St. Catherine families,

Heavenly Father,

As I enter the last week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you.

Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins.

As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you.

Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment.

Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort,

solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you.

Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving,

and come closer to you through prayer this Lent.

In your name I pray,

Amen.

Happy Holy Week! As we ready ourselves for the great celebration of Easter, we have two special events this week. On Wednesday at 1:15pm, we will have an all school Stations of the Cross. You are welcome to join us in the church. On Thursday, we will have a play about the story of Moses and why they were looking for a Savior, then a Christian Seder as we celebrate Holy Thursday Thanks to the parents who signed up to prepare the food and those of you contributing to the feast. Dismissal is at noon and there is no afternoon Extended Care.

6th, 7th and 8th Grade students did a fabulous job on their Science Fair Projects. Thank you to all our guest judges. A special thank you to Mrs. Anderson for all your hard work putting on the fair. Very impressive!!!

We thank the first and sixth grade families and our staff for their participation in the soup and Stations last Friday. Your soup was wonderful and the Stations were most meaningful. It was great to share our wonderful school community with the parish.

I have to apologize to the fourth through eighth grade parents for sending home the permission slips without an explanation. I was waiting until after Easter to share the exciting news but the permission slips are due in March. St. Catherine's has been chosen by Shell Oil to be the elementary school representing Martinez for the National Shell Eco-Marathon on Friday April 20th. High School and college students from all over the country will be bring their vehicles. We will be observers and learners at the raceway. All students from grades 4-8 and their teachers and 3 parents are invited to attend. Shell is providing the buses and we will leave at 8:00 AM and returning around 1 PM. We will provide more details as we learn them.

Sonoma Raceway 29355 Arnold Drive, Sonoma, CA 95476

Buses should arrive at 9:30 AM

Lunch will be served at 10:45 AM

Buses should depart at 12:15 PM

What a wonderful privilege and opportunity for our students. Teachers are also invited to a STEM workshop on the Wednesday before.

We will begin the search for our new principal on the week following Easter break. Please pray for our school as we look for a leader with the gifts that will enhance our school.

Save the date: April 23 for a parent meeting in the Parish Hall from 6-8pm. I will be sharing the State of the School and Father Anthony will be sharing the State of the Parish. Light refreshments will be provided.

Special thank you to those parents who help with face painting and promoting our school this past Saturday at Mini Motorland.

Our prayers and blessing for you and your family to have a joyous Easter and a safe break.

Working together in the spirit of Jesus,

Mrs. Mary Pult, Interim Principal

PARISH EVENTS:

- **Parish Bulletin** – See attached
- **Knights of Columbus** – Family Style Pasta Dinner on April 21st from 6-9pm

SCHOOL EVENTS:

3/28 Stations of the Cross 1:15pm

3/29 Student Seder

SCHOOL NOTES:

KINDERGARTEN – 8th Grade

APPLICATIONS - We are currently assessing incoming Kindergarteners and all new students applying for the 2018-2019 school year. Please turn in your applications ASAP. If you have any questions, please call the front office.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR REMINDER –

Throughout the remaining of the school year dismissal on Wednesdays will be at 2:15pm and extended care will begin at 2:30pm.

4/13 Full day of school

AUCTION FUN NIGHT WITH THE

TEACHERS - Due to extremely low attendance, this event has been cancelled. Please contact the office to either obtain a refund, or request that your purchase be credited to your scrip/fundraising obligation. Thank you.

Prayer Intentions –

For all those who are sick,
For those undergoing surgery,
For new life
For those battling cancer
For those who have died and their families

CALENDAR REMINDERS:

3/26 Rice Bowls due to the office

3/27 March Birthday Free Dress
Pre-School Eye Testing

3/28 Stations of the Cross 1:15pm

3/29 Student Seder Meal for Holy Thursday
School and Pre-School Noon Dismissal –
NO PM Day Care
Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt

3/30-4/8 EASTER BREAK

4/9 School Resumes

4/10 Board Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm

4/11 Easter Egg Hunt

4/17 Spring Pictures - Free Dress - Please follow Handbook guidelines

4/20 4th-8th Grade Sonoma Raceway Fieldtrip

4/23 State of the School & State of the Parish
6-8pm

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (925) 228-4140