



ASSUMPTION Catholic School

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Dear Families:

I was given solace this week as I was listening to a Christian radio station, encouraging us to keep God's Word first during these unusual times. How often are you listening to the news? The more you listen to the media's word (news or social media) the more focused you become with their message. Don't forget to read and or listen to God's Word for His is the Word that will see you through all of the anxiety and uncertainties you are feeling. *So do not fear, for I am with you; I am your God, let nothing terrify you! I will strengthen you and help you; I will protect you and save you.* - Isaiah 41:10

Faith:

1. Bishop Callahan has asked: *to send him your personal prayer intentions* @ www.diolc.org/pray
2. **Keep God First.**, we urge you to watch Mass with Father Emmanuel, every day at 10:00 a.m., look on our webpage <https://www.catholictriparish.org> and click on Live Mass. Palm Sunday at 11:30AM, 7:00PM Holy Thursday Mass, 1:00PM Good Friday service, 7:00PM Easter Vigil, and 11:30AM Easter Sunday Mass.
3. **Holy Communion:** The best way to receive Christ is in Holy Communion at Mass. Yet for those times you can't make Mass (like now) you can still reach out to Him by making a Spiritual Communion in prayer! Father Emmanuel references it in all of His online Masses, here is the prayer:
*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*
O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine! (3x)
4. **St. Mary's and Holy Rosary Churches will be open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**
Maybe you can find time as a family to just sit with the Lord, pray and feel comforted.
5. **FORMED** it's been called NetFlix for Catholics. In an effort to assist they are opening their doors to make the FORMED platform free to everyone for the next 40 days. "*Sign up today and get immediate access to the best Catholic movies, faith formation videos, audio talks, and great children's videos*". As we are gathered together in our homes, this can be a tremendous opportunity to watch something as a family that will inspire hope and remind us all that the Lord will provide for us even through these difficult times.
6. **Pray: Prayer for Healing of Coronavirus/COVID19**

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Corona virus COVID - 19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them, for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success, for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease in to moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your mercy. Amen.

Academics:

1. Student learning will continue as directed by their teachers. This will continue until, as of today, through April 24. Weekly drop off/ pick up times will be on **Tuesdays** (except Holy Week) and reminders, along with expectations, will be emailed and posted each week as well on our webpage <https://www.catholictriparish.org/acs-homework>.
2. Families can drop off and pick up their child's work on the following dates and times:

▪ Tuesday, April 14th from 3:00- 5:30
▪ Tuesday, April 21st from 3:00- 5:30
3. **Attendance:** To establish a consistent manner to account for a present or not present student, attendance will be based through the students' daily work. When teachers are assigning work, it is gauged on recommendations of what constitutes a day's worth of assigned work. **So it is important that you hand all items due on its scheduled due date.**
4. By now, your homeroom teachers have set up times to call you and your child to check in and answer any questions you may have. They will be calling from the following recognizable Assumption Catholic **School phone lines:** 715-672-5617; 715-672-4693, 715-672-4668; 715-672-4276 or 715-672-4277
5. Reports cards will be mailed on **Friday, April 3.**



Service:

As a family, think of ways you can reach out to your friends and neighbors to bring a sense of community to those isolated.



For your family: All families are eligible to receive free breakfasts and lunches through the **Hot Lunch program**. We are urging everyone to take advantage of this service. Meals are delivered to your homes via our regular bus stops, if you are not on the route, you can pick up at Caddie, but should remember to practice social distancing.

Finally, we want to continue our ministry and education here at Assumption Catholic School and the Tri-Parishes have the obligation to support our staff who give generously in working for us. We appreciate the uncertainty and worry affecting many of you. *If you are able*, please continue to provide your financial support to our parish. Since you cannot attend Mass, you may want to consider making a gift electronically if you do not already. You can contact the office for assistance or simply mail in your contribution. Contributions can also be dropped off in the drop/pick up bags going home.

Enclosed and updates: *Lois Bauer Memorial Scholarship deadline is extended to April 14th.*

- **HOT LUNCH STATEMENTS:** You need to keep a zero or positive balance, if you have a negative balance, send a check today!
- **PARTNERS IN FAITH:** Read the article titled: Jesus hides in plain sight – challenge your children to seek Jesus in the people around them, especially since close quarters with the same people for a month could become trying.
- **PRAYER PROMPTS:** Enclosed please find a list of prayer prompts, to help you keep your children in the daily routine of silent prayer and reflection.
- **SCRIP-** SCRIP is still available, fill out the form, return or call and we will arrange for pick up

We will keep you updated the best we can through <https://www.catholictriparish.org/acs-covid-updates> our webpage and know we are praying for all of you. God Bless.

With Blessings of Peace and Joy;
Mary Lansing
Principal