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Dear Parents:

Governor Tony Evers' official announcement extending the "Safer at Home" health order through May 26th and declaring that all K-12 schools, public and private, remain closed through the end of the academic year, was sad news indeed. I do, however, feel fortunate to be working with parents and staff that are committed to helping to keep our students learning. We know the challenges we face at school, and also realize the difficulties you must be facing as well: many are working fulltime and teaching fulltime, some have limited internet service, some lost jobs, etc. Please know we **pray** for all of you and ask you to reach out to us if you need help or support.

GRADUATION PREPARATION:

- Discussions are starting about 8th grade Graduation and we are laying out some options. Eighth grade parents will be receiving an email within a week with ideas. In the meantime, please continue working on the medallion project and Graduation speeches.
- 3K and 4K programs and Graduation are also in discussion; stay tuned! Thank you for your patience.

HOME AND SCHOOL:



Plans are being made for a "**Virtual Walk for Virtues**". Enclosed please find the details! Students will still be seeking pledges for this annual event, so if you are able, please help support this annual event! Pledges are due May 12th.

HOT LUNCH STATEMENTS:

Since we won't be back to school, please settle up on your lunch account. Thank you.

MASS:

Don't forget to tune into Father Emmanuel's Mass. He says Mass each day at 10:00 a.m. Except Sundays, which he celebrates at 11:30 a.m. He truly misses the students and teachers; he gives a shout out almost daily to your children. No need to have a Facebook account, just go to our website.

REGISTRATION:



We are continuing our enrollment process and coming up with creative ways to reach out to new families in lieu of not having our Open House. Please help us by seeking out 2, 3, 4, and 5 year-olds or any new family who may be at all interested – we would love to reach out to them.

THITION

Oops...statements didn't get packed last week, so they are enclosed today (if you still have a balance). Please note balances are needed and <u>due May 15th</u>.

VIRTUAL LEARNING:

Virtual learning and online meetings are new to many of us. As with most things new, things come up that need clarification.

- 1. Enclosed is a schedule of all Google classroom and Zoom meetings. I know your teachers contact you with reminders, but thought this chart may be helpful to post as another reminder, especially for families with multiple grade levels in their household.
- 2. Protocol for a virtual meeting is similar to a regular class meeting time.
 - A. Dress appropriately as if you were at school
 - B. Focus on the meeting just as you would when you are in class
 - C. Participate...ask questions, share your knowledge or concerns.
 - D. **Do not** be in your pajamas or be playing video games, watching TV or performing other duties during this instructional (checking in) time.



PLEASE PRAY:

Prayer for Healing of Coronavirus/COVID19, Daily Scripture verses from Mass along with Prayer reflections:

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.

DAILY SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER PROMPTS

APRIL 22-28

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22:

- **Read: John 3:16-21** "God so loved the world..." So how did God love the world?
 - o *He gave* without reservations
 - His only son most precious to His heart
 - o So that everyone who believes includes all believers
 - o Might not perish- His love is merciful
 - o But might have eternal life: He want to be united with us.
- **Pray:** Lord, help me to receive all the love you have for me.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23:

- Read: Acts 5:27-33 "We must obey God rather than men."
 - o Don't let fear, or failure or lack of confidence hold you back from sharing your faith.
- Pray: Come, Holy Spirit, fill me with love and courage to share about Jesus with the people I meet.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24:

- Read: John: 6:1-15 "He himself knew what he was going to do..."
 - Jesus already knew that he would feed 5000 people with a loaf of bread and two fish, so why did
 He ask His disciples to solve the problem? Because He wanted them to be part of what He was
 planning.
- Pray: Lord help me trust that you know what you are doing; I want to be part of your plan for this world.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25:

- Read: Mark: 16:15-20 "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel..."
 - O Today is the Feast Day of St. Mark. He serves as a good role model for us. Like Mark, we have heard the 'Good News' how are you sharing it?
- **Pray**: Lord let me find an opportunity to stop a moment, look around and see if there is someone who could use a word of encouragement.

MONDAY, APRIL 27:

- Read: Acts 6:8-15 "His face was like the face of an angel..."
 - St. Stephen trained his whole life for the spiritual challenge to remain joyful and peaceful in every hard situation.
- **Pray:** Lord make me more like Stephen, help me know you are with me always.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28:

- Read: Acts 7:51-8:1 "Lord, do not hold this sin against them..."
 - o Forgiveness is the heart and soul of Christianity, God actually commands us to forgive those who have sinned against us.
- **Pray**: Jesus, help me to forgive anyone who has wronged me.