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Dear Parents:

I hope you all enjoyed Holy Week and Easter Sunday. We are so blessed as a Church to continue our Easter celebration for 50 days thus, continue to greet each other with "Happy Easter!"

We begin with the celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead (Easter Sunday), this Sunday, ends the Octave of Easter and we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**. This Feast is for the lost, that they might be found, and for those struggling to grow in faith, hope, and love, that they might be refreshed and strengthened. 40 days later, the Easter celebration climaxes in His Ascension to the Father (Ascension Thursday, May 13th) and the season concludes at the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church (Pentecost, Sunday, May 23). We celebrate with joy the victory over death! Our faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14) Easter brings light, warmth, and hope, for us, enclosed, please find a coloring sheet for your family to share; let us continue to rejoice in of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. He has Risen Alleluia!

AIR CONDITIONING:

Yes, you heard correctly! Thanks to a generous memorial from the Thalice Nicklas family to the Durand campus school, air-conditioning splitter units were installed over Holy Week, in 4 classrooms: Noah Ark, Grade 4. Grade 5 and the music room. Words cannot express our gratitude for this wonderful gift and the students (and staff) have already reaped its benefits! A big thank you also to Hurlburt Plumbing and Heating, and Richardson Electric for their work, time and talent toward this project. Thank you also to St. Mary's building and grounds John Weber, Steve Spindler and Jim Whitwam for their help.

ATHLETIC NEWS:

- Reminder of the upcoming J& J BBQ Dinner on Thursday, April 22nd. Thank you to everyone for selling the tickets. We did an exceptionally good job selling, crushing our ticket sales goal! Worker schedule will be sent home next week.
- Reminder Saturday, April 10th and Sat April 17th are volleyball skills and drill from 9:00 11:00 a.m.
- The Athletic committee is happy to announce that this summer we will be opening the gym one night a week for boys entering 4th-8th grade and another night for girls entering 4th-8th grade for basketball skills, drills and fun. Dates will be released in mid-May.
- We are also excited to offer a 1-week basketball camp for Kindergarten -3^{rd} grade coming in June.
- M.S. Track will begin April 12, open for all 6-8 grade students. Sign up with Mrs. Gunderson.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT:



Our second grade students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Communion! It is such an exciting time for the students, parents, teachers, and the Church.

Their retreat will be on Saturday, April 10th at Holy Rosary from 9-noon. COMMUNION First Holy Communion is Saturday, May 1st at 2:00 @ Holy Rosary.

GRADUATION PREPARATION:

Enclosed in the envelope of families with 8th grade students is information regarding an annual tradition at Assumption involving our alumni. Thank you to Ms. Dierauer for coordinating this.

HOME AND SCHOOL:

- How are you all doing with seeking pledges for Walk for Virtues? Have you asked businesses? <u>Pledges are due May 17th.</u> This is a great fundraiser for our school.
- Winning T-shirt design will be revealed next week!

"MURDER ON THE MENU"

This year's 8th grade play; mixed comedy with a good mystery in this dinner theatre style show.

It's hard to say who did it considering everyone has a motive. Between scenes, there's plenty of time for the audience to interact and discover additional clues so they can fill out their "Whodunit?" sheet.

This year we are pleased we can perform our 8th grade play live! People in attendance will have their BBQ meal catered to the gym for their dining pleasure! Enclosed (for parents of 8th grade students) are 10 tickets for the performance.



Thank you for returning your mite boxes, what an outpouring of support to help those children less fortunate. If you had forgotten to return your box, bring it in on Monday!

OPEN HOUSE:

Thank you for spreading the word and inviting families to come to our open house. It was such an enjoyable night, meeting current and new families. Thank you to our staff for their assistance and to Ms. Dierauer for facilitating our annual Art Fair.

PARTNERS IN FAITH:

Easter Returns Each Sunday! Is a very fitting article to remember the importance of Christ's resurrection! Enjoy this and other articles of interest in this month's Partners in Faith.

SPRING PHOTOS:



If you ordered photos, your packets are enclosed. If you haven't ordered, photo samples of your child(ren) are enclosed for your viewing. Let us know if you have any questions.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

As technology needs to grow, a committee to help create a technology plan is needed. This would be a subcommittee of our Education Commission and responsible for a 5-year plan of purchasing and infusing technology and STEM into our curriculum. If you are interested in contributing your time and talent to this committee, please contact the school office.

CALENDAR REMINDERS AND UPDATES			
Saturday	04/10	First Communion Retreat @ Holy Rosary	9:00-12:00
Monday	04/12	Return Mite boxes Middle School Track grade 6-8 begins	3:45
Tuesday	04/13	Mass at St. Mary's Honor Roll follows Mass	8:30
Wednesday	04/14	Dairy Presentation Gr. 6-8 Dairy Presentation Gr.4-5	12:25-1:25 1:30-2:30
Thursday	04/15	Mass at Holy Rosary	8:30
Saturday	04/17	Volleyball Skills and Drills – Durand campus	9:00 - 11:00

PLEASE PRAY:

Rejoicing in the Resurrection of our Lord.

For our Second Grade students and their families, that they will always remember the importance of the preparation for and receiving of their First Holy Communion.

For Father Emmanuel and Father Francis, that the Holy Spirit continue to fill their hearts and souls

Thank you for choosing Assumption Catholic School! Our faculty and staff are committed to working with you to fulfill our mission of Faith • Academics • Service

With Blessings of Peace and Joy;

Mary Lansing Principal