



March 2020 Newsletter

Notre Dame Catholic School

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St Pius News



Stations of the Cross & Lenten Masses

The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. During the season of Lent, consider joining us for the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:00pm in the church. In addition to our regularly scheduled 8:00am weekday masses, we will also be offering an evening mass on Thursdays during Lent at 6:00pm in the Chapel, with confessions available from 5:30pm to 6:00pm. All are welcome!

Lenten Penance Celebration

Mark your calendars now - there will be a communal celebration of Reconciliation held at St Pius X Parish on Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00pm. All are encouraged to attend and prepare themselves for our celebration of Easter. Communal celebrations of confession will also take place at St Mary's and St Basil during the Lenten season.

Youth Ministry: Raptors 905 Trip

For the first time ever, our Youth Ministry program has scheduled a trip to see the Raptors 905 team play the Westchester Knicks on Saturday, March 21st. The cost is \$10 for anyone 17 or younger and \$20 for those 18 or over and includes a ticket to the game as well as transportation. Please contact Andrew Beach at pastoralassociatesp@gmail.com for more info.

Upcoming Youth Programming

April 3: Stations of the Cross. The young people of St Pius X Parish will be hosting the Stations of the Cross. We would love to have your help if you'd be interested in sharing your gift as a reader, actor, or just to help lead prayer.

June 13th: C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf Youth Day. There will be an incredible "Youth Day" offered at C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf for the first time this year. The day will include a variety of games and activities including archery, high ropes, and more. We are currently seeing if there is sufficient interest to take a group. If you'd like to learn more or think you might like to come, please contact Andrew Beach at St Pius X Parish.

Easter Schedule at St Pius X Church

Holy Thursday (April 9th) - Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer to follow.

Good Friday (April 10th) - Family Liturgy @ 11:00am

This Liturgy will include a more youth/child-friendly format and participation.

Good Friday (April 10th) - Solemn Liturgy @ 3:00pm

This Liturgy is slightly longer than the Family Liturgy and is more similar to weekly mass.

Good Friday (April 10th) - Stations of the Cross @ 7:00pm

A prayer walk through Jesus' final journey to the cross.

Holy Saturday (April 11th) - Eater Vigil @ 8:00pm

The Easter Vigil includes a number of additional readings, and the Baptism and Confirmation of a number of adults entering the church. Incense will be used. This mass will likely be around 2 hours long.

Easter Sunday (April 12th) - Masses @ 7:30am; 9:00am; 11:00am

Please note that there are no late afternoon or evening masses in the Diocese on Easter.

Vacation Bible School

Our extremely popular summer Vacation Bible School will be held the week of August 10th to 14th this year.

Registrations for children ages five to eleven will open on Tuesday, April 7th. Leadership Applications for those aged twelve and above will also open on April 7th. Please contact Andrew Beach at

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Snack Program

We have a fabulous snack program here at Notre Dame School. We have snack 4 days a week. Tuesday to Friday. **ALL** students have the option of having a snack first thing in the morning. All snacks are nutritious and meet the healthy eating guidelines.

Thank you to the EA team for all their hard work and dedication to manage this for us.



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Dismissal Time

The end of the day is a very busy time. We are asking for your help in making this time as smooth as possible. Please try to make arrangements for your child's home time pick up before 2:30. We understand that emergencies happen and can't be helped. But having to call down to the classrooms on a regular basis, several times at the end of the day, causes some disruption and could be confusing. We want to make sure that your child is where they are supposed to be. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.



Have you heard of the term "physical literacy"?

Physical literacy means that a child:

- Has the physical skills to participate in different activities, such as skipping, throwing, running, and kicking.
- Has the motivation and confidence to want to participate in physical activity.
- Has the knowledge and understanding to recognize the benefits of being active, and how to be active safely in different ways.
- Engages in physical activity regularly.

Physical skills are developed through practice. Give your child opportunities to try out different movements through structured and unstructured play, games, and sports.

Motivation is developed when children have fun with their movement. If your child enjoys the time they spend being active, they will be more likely to continue to have an interest in movement. As a role model, help build your child's self-confidence by being positive and providing encouragement.

Below are some things a child can do if they have physical literacy.

- Throw a ball.
- Strike an object, such as a puck with a hockey stick or a ball with a racquet.
- Stand on one foot without losing their balance.
- Land on their feet after jumping from a low height.
- Have the confidence to try new activities.

How can you help develop the physical literacy of your child?





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Simply Symmetrical

What you'll need

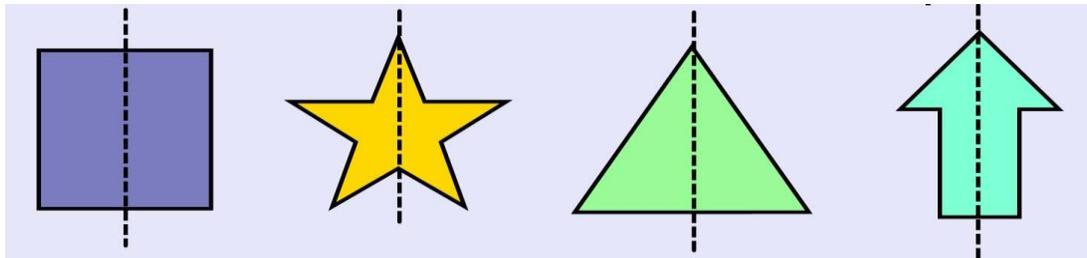
Paper, pencil, marker or crayon, magazine pictures, scissors, and glue

What to do

Explore your house for symmetrical designs. See how many your child can find. Look at wallpaper, floor tiles, pictures, bedspreads, and appliances.

Cut out a magazine picture that is symmetrical. Cut it along the line of symmetry. Paste one half of the picture on the paper. Have your child draw the missing half.

Write your child's name in big block letters, then write your name. Which name has more letters with lines of symmetry? How many letters have one line of symmetry? How many of each letter have two? (a B has one line, an H has two). Does anyone have a name with all symmetrical letters? (BOB is one.) Can any letter be turned upside down and still look the same? (Yes H, I, O, S, and X are symmetrical around a center point.) Go through the alphabet, making a list of the letters that look the same on both sides and those that look different.



Important Dates

March 4th – Pizza
March 6th – Sour Keys
March 10th – Grad and sibling photos
March 11th - Pasta
March 16th – 20th – March Break
March 25th – Pizza