



# Lent



**begins this year on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.** Easter will be on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Have you given any thought to how you will prepare yourself and your family during the six weeks preceding Easter? Lent is a time for prayer, alms giving, and fasting. Make a plan with your family and figure out how you will implement it. Giving up sweets is wonderful but how about sharing the money you save on these sweets with a group who supports the homeless or downtrodden. What about going through your closets and finding clothes that are in good condition but don't fit or you no longer want to wear. These could be donated to a charity that helps immigrants and refugees. How about making time to pray as a family? There are many ways and things that you can do as a family. Try googling ways to prepare during Lent or call me for more ideas. Either way, Lent is meant as a time of growing in your and your family's faith. You should never finish Lent the same as when you started!

**Upcoming classes:** Saturdays: February 10<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. Due to Winter Break, in the schools, we will not have class on February 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.



**God's Little Angels: We Need You!** Thank you to those who have been able to help in the past. Sad to say, our numbers have gone down. There are only a few dedicated people who continue to show up and work hard to make beautiful gifts for the elderly in our area. I hate to have to discontinue this wonderful activity so please plan on coming **Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM in Ebner Hall.** If you can't stay the whole one and a half hours, then come and stay as long as you can.



**The month of February will be a busy one for our third graders –**

**On February 7<sup>th</sup>** we will meet at Fourteen Holy Helpers Church at 5:50 PM. We will be doing a Church Tour, scavenger hunt, and teaching Mass. We ask that the child be accompanied by at least one parent. We will be together until around 8:00 PM.

**Saturday, February, 10<sup>th</sup> is another important day for our First Communion candidates.** On that day we will be holding our retreat from 10:30 AM until 1:00 PM. Third graders who are in Religious Education must come to class at 9:00 AM as usual and then will stay until 1:00 PM. We will have a couple of snack times so they will not be hungry. At least one parent should plan on being with their child.

# Confirmation

**Our Confirmation Candidates will be gathering for Mass at 12:00 PM on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> in the church.** They will take part in the "Rite of Choice" and fully become participants in the Confirmation Preparation program. Afterwards, we will walk over to Ebner Hall and enjoy a "Potluck Brunch" with the Pastor. Fr. David will teach a lesson on choice.

**Confirmation candidates will be meeting in the school cafeteria on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** for a gathering meeting/ice cream social. We will meet at 6:30 PM.



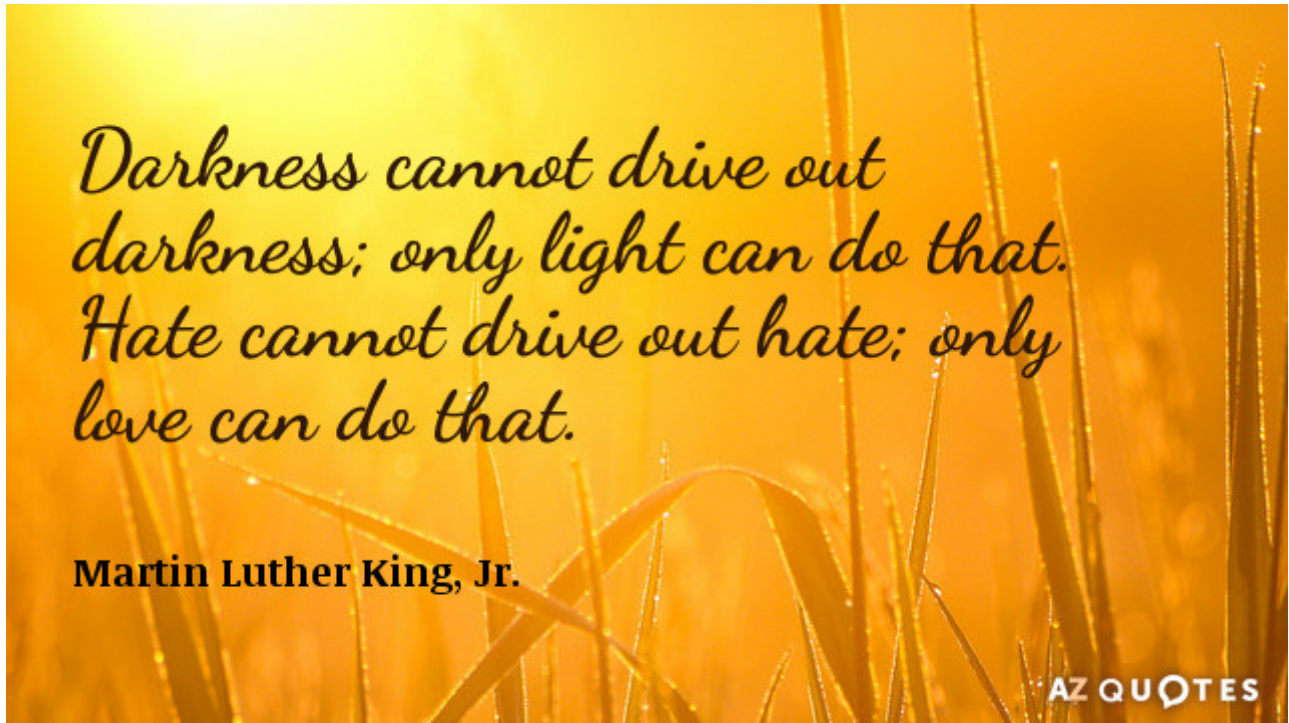
**Our last family workshop of the year will be held on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 AM until approximately 10:30 AM in Ebner Hall.** The theme of this workshop, will be "Lent; a Time for Families". Please plan on attending with your children in grades first through fifth.

**Please also plan on staying for God's Little Angels which will begin immediately after the workshop. We will be making Easter crafts for**

**Meals on Wheels.**



**Save The Date!!!!** The Easter Bunny will be visiting Fourteen Holy Helpers on **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 until 1:30 PM.** He will be hiding eggs for an Easter Egg Hunt and will be available to visit with the children. A lunch will be provided. Further details will be forthcoming.



Remembering our family workshop, please keep this quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in your hearts and minds.

*May you have a wonderful month  
And a great start to Lent!*