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Celebrating 87 Years

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Mission Statement

Inspired by the charism of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, the mission of St. Paul Catholic School is to provide students with a foundation for life through faith, academics, and service and to assist students in developing their gifts and talents, so that they may fulfill the plan God has for their lives.

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Eagle Update

Deeply Rooted in Knowledge, Faith, and Family
Since 1930



“ Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.”
Romans 15:7



Wednesday, February 14th, is the beginning of the church Lenten season. Jesus’ “Lent” in the desert was the beginning of a journey that led him through the pathways of Galilee to Jerusalem and his suffering, death, and resurrection. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of such a journey for each of us. The cross of ashes that we receive on Ash Wednesday is the starting line of our journey to Easter.

Fasting and abstinence have always been essential to Lent. The purpose of such practices is to open us to the Word of God, to the world around us, and to our own mortality, and to allow the Holy Spirit to work in us. The call to Lenten penance is a call to conversion—to a change of heart. A change that will best prepare us to celebrate the Easter mysteries.

In this week’s Brown Envelope you will find a Lenten reflection book, compliments of the parish. Set aside time each day to reflect with your family on the “thought” for that day. Make this Lent a special time for you and your family. Create Lenten practices and activity memories for your family.

Lenten Fasting - To assist in promoting a common observance of penance during Lent the following Lenten penitential regulations have been issued for the Diocese of St. Petersburg 2018: **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast.** On days of fast, one full meal and two lesser meals are allowed. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast.

Ash Wednesday and All of the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, are days of Abstinence. On days of abstinence, meat may not be eaten. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics fourteen years of age or older. If members of the faithful are unable to observe the fast and abstinence regulations because of ill health or other reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of penance and self-denial suitable to their condition. Please check the weekly parish bulletin for Lenten events.

REGISTRATION for 2018-2019

Registration for students entering grades 1-8 is due on February 19th. The registration packet can be found on the school website. For your convenience, and with the exception of the signature lines, the forms are in a fillable file which we encourage you to use. Completed forms along with registration fees are to be returned to the school office no later than February 16th. Once again we remind you of the tuition support grants that are available to families who meet the criteria. If your child/children are not returning to St. Paul’s please notify the office ASAP so that another child will have the opportunity to register at St. Paul’s. We have wait lists in many of the classes.

