



Greetings!

**Candles to be blessed – From Fr. Lou Thomas:** Forty days after Christmas, we come to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. On this day, we celebrate when Jesus was presented to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate Him to the Lord as prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is at this time that the light of the world, Christ Jesus, was brought into the Temple of the LORD for the first time. Because of this, the tradition of the Church has been to bless the candles to be used at the liturgy on this day, which is why we also call this day Candlemas. We will be blessing candles on this day (Friday, February 2 at the 8:30am Mass with the school), and we invite everyone to bring in any **devotional candles** they would like to have blessed as well. A devotional candle is one that is used during prayer. It can be any candle so long as its purpose will be for prayer. They can be placed with the other candles before Mass, and they will be blessed at the beginning of Mass. After Mass, you may pick them up to take with you. Students can bring this candle to school or parents are welcome (as always) to join us at Mass. I think this is a wonderful opportunity to remind ourselves of the light of Christ in our lives. May it illumine our way so that we may all come to the glory of the heavenly kingdom.

**The Padua Elementary Art Show** – is today, January 14 beginning at 1pm with the awards. The show lasts until 3pm. I hear we have a few artists who have placed.

**There is no school on Monday, January 15** in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**How about a Friday “date night” with your spouse?** Post Cana, a ministry for married couples, presents the Diocese of Cleveland's, Bill Boomer, covering "Pope Francis' Tips, Tricks and Techniques" for marriage on January 19 from 6:30-8:30pm at Saint Charles. There is free babysitting in the school building (registration is required), just BYOB and an appetizer for four to share. **Babysitting registration deadline is tomorrow - Monday, 1/15/18.** Register here:  
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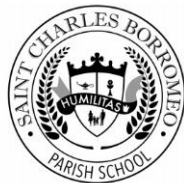
**Re-registration forms will be coming home this week!** – The form will not be available electronically because your chosen tuition plan will be listed for your family on the back of your form. Re-registration forms and the very low fee of \$25/child with a max of \$75 (other schools have re-registration fees of \$80-\$120 per student) are due back on February 14. An e-mail will be sent on the day that the re-registration is coming home so you can look for it in your child's folder.

**MAP Testing** continues this week. A good night of sleep and eating breakfast go a long way to doing well on assessments.

**It is Catholic High School application week** – and decisions need to be made by Friday, January 19. Pray for our eighth graders and families as they choose their new “homes” for the next four years.

**NO band practice or after school rehearsal on Tuesday.**

**Kindness Adventure Tour** – will be at Saint Charles on Tuesday for an assembly from 1:30-2:15pm in the gym. Want to know more, check out their website and/or see the attachment. We will sell the items for a week and the funds raised will provide income for artisans in Kenya and help clean water for kids in Kenya.



**Second Grade Lego Club** – meets on Wednesday from 2:40-3:30pm.

**Report cards** – will be sent home on Friday, January 19.

**And they're off...** no, not another snow day, but the horses at the annual Saint Charles Sports Booster's Night at the Races. Get some friends together for a night of fun starting at 6pm on Saturday, January 20 in Corrigan gym.

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest** - is open to all youngsters between the ages of 9 and 14. The contest will be held on Sunday, January 21st from 5:30 to 6:30 in Corrigan Gym. Winners advance to the "district" which will have competitors from Mary Queen of Peace and St. Anthony's at a later date. You can just come to the gym at 5:30 and sign up. No pre-registration is needed. Good luck!

**Hey there moms...how about giving dads a "time out"?** - On Sunday, January 28, from Noon Mass until 5pm there is an opportunity for all men ages 25-45 -- Time-Out! for Relaxation, Inspiration, Great Food, and God to take place at The Playground Sports Bar & Grill on Day Drive, Parma. Only \$20/person. Register in Parish Office; space is limited. Questions? Please contact Brian Pelcin in the Parish Office.

**Ready for another dose of gratitude from the children whom WE helped in Africa during Lent last year. Read the attached thank you letters!**

**Looking to the future** –

**Deadline for Fish Fry Raffle Basket items is February 1.**

**PTU Clothing Drive will be Saturday April 14** – save those clothes that you no longer wear or that will be too big once you lose those winter pounds. PTU will earn twenty cents a pound. Clothes, blankets, sheets, purses, shoes, etc. will be donated to SAVERS. More info as the date gets closer.

Peace and Joy –

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