



THE Cardinal's Corner



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LENT

Dear Saint Peter's Catholic School Families and Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are already about to enter the penitential season of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, *March 6th*, and will conclude on Holy Saturday, *April 20th*, the day before Easter.

WHAT IS LENT:

"Lent is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism.

In this year's [*Lenten message*](#), Pope Francis is calling on the faithful not to let the Lenten season of grace pass in vain, and to live as children of God acknowledging and obeying His law, in particular in regard to our brothers and sisters and to creation. The Pope invites believers to prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed, warning that "Sin leads man to consider himself the god of creation, to see himself as its absolute master and to use it, not for the purpose willed by the Creator but for his own interests".

"Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them".

Some Ideas for Lent:

- Throw Away 40 things for 40 days.
- Conduct 40 days of home organization.
- No Gossiping.
- No eating after dinner.
- Give up **Soda** for Lent.
- Say 3 nice things to your spouse & kids daily.
- Don't **eat** out for 40 days.
- Replace 30 minutes of TV time with 30 extra minutes of devotion/prayer time.

Please click on these links for some beautiful Lenten resources:

<https://www.csricebowl.org/families>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/activities-and-resources>

<https://www.yourmodernfamily.com/10-lent-ideas/>

<https://lifeteen.com/blog/what-to-give-up-25-creative-ideas-for-lent/>

<https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/25-great-things-you-can-do-for-lent>

I pray that Lent will be a time through which we all experience God's abundant mercy poured into our souls.

God bless,
Ann M Feltner, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

- 3/4 - Chick-Fil-A Dress Down Day
- 3/5 - Soccer vs Riverview - 4:00 - Home
- 3/6 - Ash Wednesday - Noon Mass
- 3/7-3/8 - NO SCHOOL
- 3/20 - Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
- 3/20 - Soccer vs Holy Trinity - Home
- 3/21 - Soccer vs Cross Schools - Home
- 3/25 - End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/26 - Soccer vs JP2 - Away



January's Character Trait

Dependability

Luke 12:42 "And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time?'"

Congratulations to the students we recognize for exceptional Dependability in January! Pictured above: Cesar E., Cece M., Zoe D., Emma M., Tommy R., Angie P., Alexander R., Joseph F., Keira F., Gabby S., Naomi H., Richard C.,



Our 5th and 6th grade students did an amazing job on their Science Fair projects! Our Winners are:

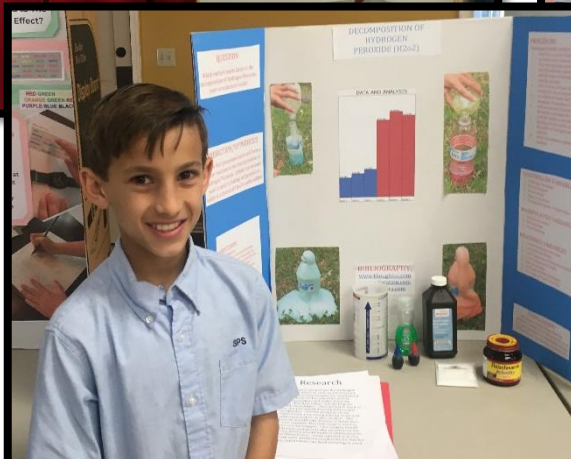
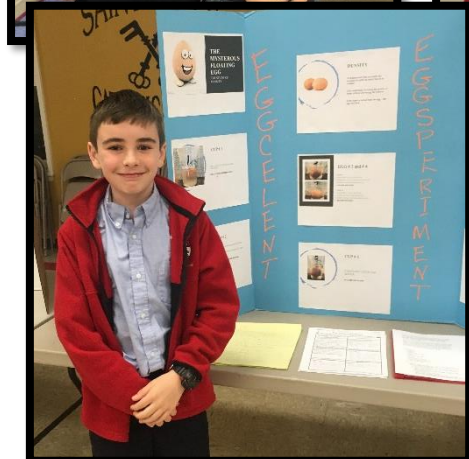
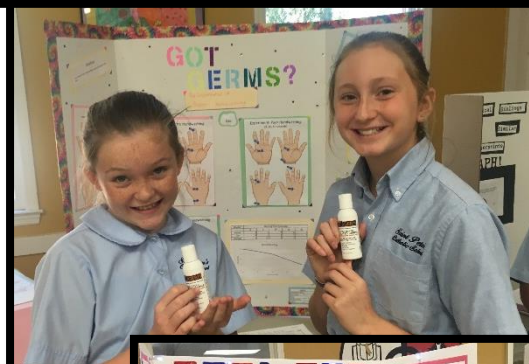
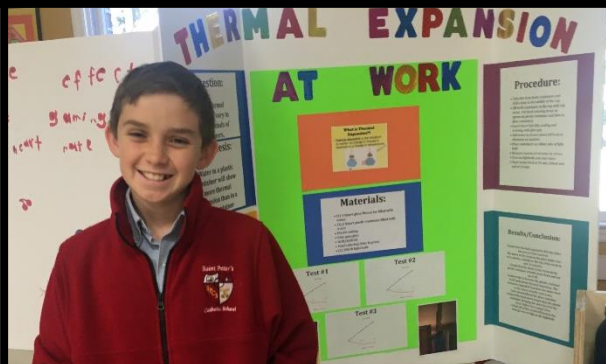
5th Grade:

- 3rd Place - Morgan (Heartbeat)
- 2nd Place - Thomas (Eggs)
- 1st Place - Lily and Emma (Germs)

6th Grade:

- 3rd Place - Trenton (H2O2)
- 2nd Place - Cape and Cece (Stroop)
- 1st Place - Jackson (Thermo)

And our over-all winner was Jackson
Great job, everyone!



March is Filled with Many Wonderful Saints and Their Feast Days



[Saint David Of Wales](#)

March 1. Saint David of Wales was by legend the nephew of King Arthur. He was educated under the tutelage of Saint Paulinus, whose sight he allegedly restored. He was known as the "Water Drinker," because he drank only water, and was a vegetarian. He founded 12 monasteries of very strict observance. He lived over 100 years.



[Saint Agnes Of Bohemia](#)

March 2. Saint Agnes of Bohemia, also known as Saint Agnes of Prague, never married, but had a number of nobles interested in her as a possible wife. Preferring the religious life, Saint Agnes joined the Poor Clares, but not until after she had built a hospital and a friary for the local Friars. She lived the Poor Clare life for 45 years.



[Saint Katharine Drexel](#)

March 3. Saint Katharine Drexel founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to minister primarily to Native and African Americans in the United States. She used much of her inherited wealth to support both the sisters and the ministry. She entered religious life as a Sister of Mercy before founding her new community which opened its first foundation in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in 1894.



[Saint Casimir](#)

March 4. While Saint Casimir was born into a noble family, and was himself in line to be king, he opted instead for a life of prayer, and as a youth vowed perpetual chastity. Opposed by his family, Saint Casimir held fast to his ideals until his early death at the age of 25. In his native land and elsewhere, he is considered an example of perseverance.



[Saint John Joseph Of The Cross](#)

March 5. Saint John Joseph of the Cross entered the Franciscan community at the age of 16. A humble man, he was asked to serve his community in a number of leadership roles, including provincial minister. Yet he retained his simplicity throughout and retired to the quiet service of confessor.



[Saint Mary Ann Of Jesus Of Paredes](#)

March 6. Saint Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes was a Secular Franciscan who lived a life of quiet prayer and penance. She established a clinic where she helped to nurse plague patients but seems to have succumbed to the disease herself.





[Saints Perpetua And Felicity](#)

March 7. The Church faced persecutions early on in its history. Saints Perpetua and Felicity are two well-known names among the martyrs. While we don't know much about them, we do have Saint Perpetua's diary that gives a few facts about their last days.



[Saint John Of God](#)

March 8. Saint John of God's life story is proof of the possibility of conversion and change with the grace of our merciful God. The first part of his life was not very praiseworthy, but once he turned to God and asked for mercy, he became the saint that we know.



[Saint Frances Of Rome](#)

March 9. Saint Frances of Rome is a good example of what Vatican II hoped for—an active laity who take their baptismal call seriously. Although she lived centuries before the Council, her life shows that the call for an active, dedicated laity has been a part of the Church all along. Saint Frances is a good example of what are all called to today—and always.



[Saint Dominic Savio](#)

March 10. A student of Saint John Bosco, Saint Dominic Savio organized a group of students to minister to boys who needed guidance and help. Due to illness, however, Dominic never fulfilled his dream of becoming a priest. He died at the age of 14.



[Saint John Ogilvie](#)

March 11. A convert from Calvinism, Saint John Ogilvie joined the Jesuits and was ordained to the priesthood. Doing secret ministry in Scotland, Saint John was arrested and tortured for a number of days before being martyred on March 10, 1615. He became the first Scottish saint post-Reformation.



[Saint Maximilian](#)

March 14. Saint Maximilian, not to be confused with Saint Maximilian Kolbe who lived centuries later, refused military service and was martyred as a result. While other Christians did serve in the military, Saint Maximilian's conscience said that he could not without compromising his faith. He set a high standard for all to follow.



[Saint Patrick](#)

March 17. We probably know more legends about Saint Patrick than facts. But from the amount of work he did, and by the after-effects of that work, we can understand what type of man he was. He tirelessly toiled to spread the Gospel, at times against formidable odds. But as often happens, the legends prove more interesting than the facts.

