

From the Desk of
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St. Joseph Feast Day – March 19

Saint Joseph, you were obedient to the will of the Father in Heaven as it was revealed to you by an angel. You took Mary as your wife and Jesus as your Son. You raised Him, protected Him, and exercised a fatherly authority over Him. Please exercise that same fatherly authority, given to you by the Father in Heaven, over my life. I entrust myself to your intercession and authority and pray that you protect me always, guiding me to your Son in Heaven. Saint Joseph, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Greetings Saint Pius Tenth School Families

*** We have a **lot of information** to bring to your attention this week. We ask that you take the time to read each item carefully, as this is our main source of communication, and many common questions are answered utilizing this medium. Thank you!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Please see the following announcement from our Department of Catholic Schools:

In light of recognizing the importance of the Easter holiday and...with the support of Bishop Matano and our Catholic Schools Office - [we will be adding] Easter Monday as a holiday for students and staff with classes resuming on Tuesday, 4/11. This is to allow our students and staff more time to celebrate our most important holiday with their families.

The **St. Pius Tenth School Service Club** is collecting items through March 31 for the House of Mercy for our school-wide Lenten Service Project. Please see the enclosed flyer for items they are always in need of, **especially socks and t-shirts**, and we Thank You for your support!

Our **Spring Fundraiser items** arrived this morning. We will begin sending orders home with students on Monday, March 27, if it is a small order. **Please reach out to the main office if you do NOT want the order to be sent home with your student(s).** We can also distribute through the afternoon car line, if you pick up your students. If the order is not something that can be easily carried on the school bus, we will reach out to you to make arrangements for pick up.



We are seeking anyone interested in serving on the committee for this year's **St. Pius Tenth School Golf Tournament**. This is a major fundraiser for our school, and our students benefit greatly from

the proceeds generated by the tournament. We currently have five members on the committee and would love the help of a few more. There are many roles from soliciting sponsors and donations to selling raffle tickets at the event. You may contact me at maria.cahill@dor.org or 585-247-5650. Your help would be most welcome!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR EASTER

Attention children in grades 3-8 (but if you feel that your child is ready, they are more than welcome). Amanda Varrone and Jim Tauzel are assembling a children's choir for the 9:30 Easter Sunday mass, which is on April 9th. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30PM in the church on March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, tentatively April 3rd and then April 9th for Easter. If you are interested, please email amanda.varrone@gmail.com

Box Tops for Education:

Download app and scan receipt. It's that easy!

Congratulations to our 1st Grade class for winning the Winter Challenge. Their dress down day will be announced soon.

Our Spring Challenge starts tomorrow.

Our next school liturgy is Friday, April 14. Please be sure that all students are dressed in full uniform and please consider joining us, if possible. It is so wonderful to see family and friends at our school Masses.

April 3 – April 7 is our **Easter/Spring Recess**.



Save the Date! The Diocese of Rochester will again be celebrating Catholic Schools Day at Innovative Field (formerly Frontier Field) for a **Rochester Red Wings Game** on June 4, 2023, at 1:05 PM. Tickets will be available only online this year, and the link will be sent when we return from our Easter Recess.

Have a Blessed and Wonderful Rest of the Week!

Words, Words, Words!

Mrs. Cathy Graves

Have you ever heard of an abecedarian? According to the dictionary, one definition of an abecedarian is a beginner in any field of learning. Abecedarians are found everywhere, and are especially prevalent in our schools.

In our school, abecedarians are busy learning to read, write, spell, conduct science experiments, read maps, solve equations, and much more. A key to learning any new skill or subject is to know and understand the vocabulary that relates to the topic being studied.

How can we best prepare our children for their success as students? One way of doing so is to enhance their prior knowledge of as many topics as possible, and to expose them to the words that will help them explain, tell, describe, and even write about what they know.

Here are some suggestions:

- Provide a language-rich home environment. Strong language skills help children become better readers, writers, and all-around students.
- Build these skills by simply talking to children. Narrate everyday chores and activities such as driving or setting the table. As your child hears unfamiliar words in conversation, help convey an understanding of the words (Did you notice the crosswalk sign for the pedestrians?) If the word is unknown, explain: "Pedestrians are people who are walking."
- Encourage your child to join family conversations and ask questions to help expand answers. ("What else happened?") The goal is to teach your child to talk about events and give opinions.



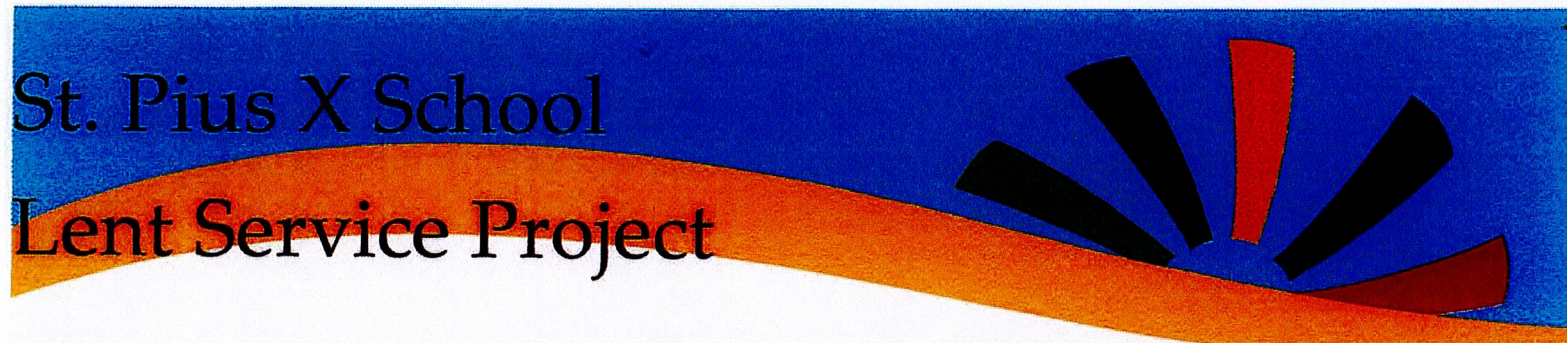
- Increase vocabulary with "Words of the Day." Start with familiar words and add a synonym for that word. For example, to introduce abecedarian, start with the word, beginner. Perhaps your child is a beginner bowler or a beginner gymnast. Next time, call him an abecedarian, a novice, or an apprentice. You might say, "Wow, for a novice bowler, you certainly have a high average."

Fun With Words:

- Find words everywhere. Use newspapers and magazines. Have your child look at captions for pictures. Can he read the captions to reveal the importance of the photos ?
- Introduce your child to crossword puzzles and word jumbles. Play Hangman or Scrabble together.

Using words in everyday writing:

- Create opportunities for real writing tasks. Encourage your child to make a grocery list of foods he would like purchased on the next trip to the grocery store (provide food categories so that the list has a variety of foods rather than all sweets).
- Have your child choose a cherished toy or animal and write a few sentences describing it.
- Try a partner journal activity. Keep a journal and encourage a daily entry describing one event from each day. Try writing about the most amazing thing that you saw or heard during the day. Have your child do the same thing. Maybe you will write about the flock of geese you saw go overhead, and your child will write about the student who vomited in the lunchroom. You never know what conversation may soon develop from an activity like this! Enjoy!



St. Pius X School

Lent Service Project

We are also collecting items for the House of Mercy to support community service too. The House of Mercy is a homeless shelter that provides hope, healing, and love for the poorest of the poor in our community. They are always in need of the following items (all sizes):

- **New Socks/Underwear (Men's and Women's)**
- **Winter hats, gloves, boots**
- **Personal Care items: Shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, blankets, towels, etc.**
- **Unisex sweat pants**
- **Short and long sleeved T-shirts**

Please bring in any items that you want to donate. We will have collection boxes at the school.

