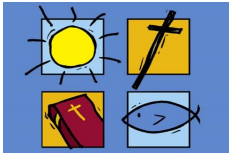


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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM END DATE

This year's program will end the week of April 3rd to April 6th for grades 1 and 3 through 8.

The last class for children in the grade 2 sacramental preparation program is the week of April 23rd.

March 3, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian;

With the month of February now behind us, the final months of the 2016-17 religious education program are here. The church seasons of Lent and Easter bring a large number of parish events, I hope you and your family will join us as we prepare to celebrate this, *the holiest time of the liturgical year*. Please take a moment to read through this letter and the attached March/April calendars..

Wishing you and your family a prayerful and faith building Lent and a happy and Holy Easter.

Peace,
Cathy Bowes

LENTEN FUND RAISER

For several years now, the children of this parish's faith formation program are asked to concentrate on "giving to" instead of "giving up" during the season of Lent in order to help the people of Haiti. Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish is again supporting the **Dufresney Haiti Foundation**, this is a 501c3 foundation.

The children by giving you their time and hard work to do extra chores can raise funds for this program. Each child will be sent home with a box (**grades 1-5**), these are to be used to collect the funds they raise. I ask that **all donations raised be returned the week of March 27th**, a reminder will be sent home with the children the week of March 20th.

The grade that raises the most money for this worthy organization will have an ice cream party the last week of this year's program.

"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU"

Every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00PM during the season of Lent, parishes across the archdiocese will be offering confessions/reconciliation. *The Light Is On For You* is an effort to highlight the importance of the sacrament of reconciliation in the life of Catholics. The website, www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org has some great materials to read, please check it out.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK FOR GRADES 6 TO 8 ON FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH

As the Lenten season comes to a close, the middle school grade 6 to 8 students are invited to participate in a 4 mile Good Friday Walk with Jesus. The solemn journey will begin at the Glastonbury Abbey and end at Saint Ann Church. This spiritual exercise is designed to connect our children this Lent with Jesus's walk to Calvary. Their journey will benefit through sponsorship, our brothers and sisters of **Dufresney Haiti Foundation**. More information will be forwarded to middle school families.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS APRIL 14TH, 3:00PM

Children in grades 4 to 8 are invited to participate in leading the annual Good Friday Family Stations of the Cross held on Friday, April 14th at 3:00PM. This is a wonderful way for children to gain a deeper understanding of the Passion of Jesus Christ. There is a brief meeting on Friday, March 31st at 4:30 to 5:00PM for children (grades 4-8) interested in participating. Needed are narrators, readers, a cross bearer (non-speaking), and 2 candle bearers (non-speaking).

Two rehearsals will be held on: Friday, April 7th 4:00-5:30PM
Friday, April 14th 10:00AM-11:30PM (dress rehearsal)