

**Saint Peter
School News
February, 2022**

Dear Parents,

In February, we take a special week to celebrate our Catholic Schools. We are so blessed to have a caring and loving school community. Although we are in the process of dealing with many daily challenges as a result of this Pandemic, we always need to hang on to the hope of not only a better future but also in sharing glimpses of hope with each other in the midst of challenges. I recently re-read Pope Francis *Joy of the Gospel* and he challenges us to live as missionary disciples convinced of God's love: "The primary reason for evangelizing is the love of Jesus which we have received, the experience of salvation which urges us to ever greater love of him. What kind of love would not feel the need to speak of the beloved, to point him out, to make him known?... Jesus' whole life, his way of dealing with the poor, his actions, his integrity, his simple daily acts of generosity, and finally his complete self-giving, is precious and reveals the mystery of his divine life. Whenever we encounter this anew, we become convinced that it is exactly what others need, even though they may not recognize it. Sometimes we lose our enthusiasm for mission because we forget that the Gospel responds to our deepest needs, since we were created for what the Gospel offers us: friendship with Jesus and love of our brothers and sisters. If we succeed in expressing adequately and with beauty the essential content of the Gospel, surely this message will speak to the deepest yearnings of people's hearts... It is impossible to persevere in a fervent evangelization unless we are convinced from personal experience that it is not the same thing to have known Jesus as not to have known him, not the same thing to walk with him as to walk blindly, not the same thing to hear his word as not to know it, and not the same thing to contemplate him, to worship him, to find our peace in him, as not to. It is not the same thing to try to build the world with his Gospel as to try to do so by our own lights. We know well that with Jesus life becomes richer and that with him it is easier to find meaning in everything."

Sacramental Talk

There will be a meeting for all parents of students who will receive the Sacrament of Penance this year on Monday February 7 in St. Peter Church at 6:30p.m. Your attendance shows your commitment to share in the sacramental life with your children.

IHM Junior Companions

We look forward to another year of a group of our 5th through 8th grade students learning about our IHM charism and growing in their spiritual journey. Sister Margaret will meet monthly with these students as they journey in their faith and

social outreach:

Janelys Abreu (5)
Isabella Gonzalez (5)
Sarai Paniagua (5)
Gia Smith (5)

Alessandra Castañeda(6)
Delayla Colon (7)
Ianthe Morales (7)
Gabriela Gomez (8)
Arianna Smith (8)

Catholic Schools' Week

The Catholic Schools' Week theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." as is reflected in the logo. Catholic schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith. As communities of faith, Catholic schools instill in students their destiny to become saints. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Finally, service is fundamental to Catholic education and the core of Catholic discipleship. Service is intended to help form people who are not only witnesses to Catholic social teaching, but also active participants through social learning. The CSW logo emphasizes that the Catholic school, like the Catholic Church is not a building or an institution, but it is the people. As the people of God, we work together to bring the Kingdom of God to Earth and raise up the next generation to do the same. The image of teachers and students forming the foundation of the school shows that they are active people of faith who serve others and God. May we all strive to live in active service of Jesus and his mission as we nationally join together during Catholic Schools Week. Daily activities this year will include:

- Door Decorating contest on Disney Theme
- participating in service at Kennedy House
- 8th graders reading essays at weekend masses
- Writing Thank-You Cards to our benefactors
- Teachers switching classes
- Mission Fair for Students in Grades K-5
- Multi-Cultural Dress-Up Day/ Movie Day
- Vocations Presentation from our IHM Community
- Family Craft/ Game/ Stem Night--6:30pm on Thursday, February 3--families can move to 4 different rooms for activities
- Special Mass/ Teacher Appreciation Day

Re-Registration for 2022-2023

Please return the re-registration papers for next year. There is a link on our school website to access SIMPLE TUITION SOLUTIONS and apply for financial aid. You are also welcome, as always, to have Mrs. Labrin, meet with you and

guide you through the process. We also look forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten students. If you have a child who is 5 years old or will be 5 by September 30, 2022, please reach out to us so we can start the registration process.

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Nothing you can do will
separate you from the love
of
JESUS

