

St. Christopher Religious Education

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Dear Parents,

March appears to be the month of waiting. We are waiting for the weather to break and the snow to be gone. We are waiting for the first buds of Spring to appear. During this season of Lent we are waiting for our Risen Lord! As we continue to wait, it is a good time for us to recommit our Lenten observance and remove the distractions that keep us from the presence of God. When the journey of Lent comes to an end; hopefully we will have changed our hearts.

On Ash Wednesday our students received from their catechist a cardboard bowl from *Operation Rice Bowl*. Attached to the bowl was a brochure that contained a calendar and stories of children who received assistance through *Catholic Relief Services*. In the wake of the disasters that have hit Haiti and Chile, the rice bowl is an excellent example of how your family can directly impact the needs of children throughout the world. It is a tangible example of how children can make a difference in other children's lives.

March is also a time of planning. Our First Communion class is planning to share that most intimate of experiences of Jesus' true presence. They are working and praying, eagerly awaiting this sacred moment in their young lives. Our Journey In Faith families have been preparing to be united with Christ through the reception of Baptism and Eucharist. Our 3rd to 7th grade students are planning to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 8th and 10th. They will once again affirm their relationship with God through prayer and repentance. Please continue to pray for all our students as they work to unfold their understanding of a healthy relationship with Jesus.

We are also planning for the upcoming school year. There is a panel of parents who will be meeting this month to discuss plans for the school year 2010-2011. If you would like to be part of the parent group please call the office.

Lastly, I mentioned in the February letter that our tuition payments were down. Many of you have responded by catching up with your tuition and/or paying off your balance. Thank you for that. Our parish is in the process of setting the budget needs for next year and our commitment to running a quality Religious Education Program, depends on your prompt payment.

Yours in Christ,

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