

# St. John Brebeuf Religious Education Newsletter

February, 2010

## CALENDAR UPDATE

### FEBRUARY

- 17:** Ash Wednesday  
**17 & 18:** NO CLASSES  
**20:** 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation Retreat  
– All day in PMC  
**24 & 25:** Gr. 8 Confirmation Interviews  
**28:** 10:45 a.m. Family Mass

### MARCH

- 2:** Confirmation Rehearsal  
**7:** 3:00 p.m. Confirmation  
**10 & 11:** Lenten Reconciliation  
**17 & 18:** Stations of the Cross  
**24 & 25 & 31:** NO CLASSES

### APRIL

- 1 & 7 & 8:** NO CLASSES  
**4:** HAPPY EASTER

## *Take a Meaningful Walk Through Lent*

Dear Parents,

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Even though it's not a holy day of obligation, attending Mass and being marked with ashes is the best way to begin Lent. This special time gives us the opportunity to examine our relationship with God and with others in a deeper and more profound way. We are called to be more reflective, to work at self discipline, and to do good works so that we can help make the world a place of greater love, justice and peace.

One way we express our love for God is by caring for our brothers and sisters. Through our Lenten fasting and almsgiving, we live more simply so that we can help those in need. This Lent, each classroom will be collecting money which will be used by the Catholic Relief Services for the people living in Haiti. We are asking the children to give up one thing each week during Lent, and to donate that money to this very worthwhile cause. As we live more simply, doing without some extras, we can make sure that others have the necessities of life.

Please be sure and join us as we pray the Stations of the Cross on March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Lenten Prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,  
You have made the sun to light the day  
and the moon and stars  
to light the night.  
Help us walk in your light.  
During this season of Lent,  
renew us through the gift  
of your Holy Spirit. Help us grow  
in faith, hope and love. Amen.

### CONFIRMATION 2010

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are very busy with the final preparations for Confirmation. The students have written their reports about their Saint names and are completing all of their service projects for St. John Brebeuf Parish. On Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, they will participate in an all day retreat conducted by Net Ministries. The students will have an interview with a Parish Staff member the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Please keep these students in your prayers as they continue their journey toward the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.