

It's the season of Lent and we are eager to reflect on God's many blessings and acknowledge our shortcomings. We began our celebration this week with an Ash Wednesday service led by our sixth grade students. To help us be mindful of Christ's love for us, we will also be performing the stations of the cross over four weeks during Lent and we invite all of you to join us in this reflection. Stations will take place every Monday morning at 8:20 at the church starting on Monday, March 14th with each week being performed by a different class from St. Peter School. Our Lenten reflection will conclude with our 6th grade students performing our famous shadow stations at a date and time to be determined. Also during the season of Lent, we will be holding our annual benefit auction which helps support our families and students with tuition assistance. In the spirit of giving, we encourage all of our families, parishioners, and supporters to consider giving to this great event. If you have any questions about this event, please contact the school office or Kristy Gottfried at WMS. You can register to bid online, purchase tickets, and browse the many great items that have already been donated at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/pzE/>. As always, we want to express our gratitude for all of the support you have shown for our school and our parish mission. We pray that you all take time during the Lenten season to reflect and remember God's love for all of us. May God continue to shine his blessings on our community and light our path.

In Case You Missed It...

- We are still in need of volunteers for lunch and recess. It can be moms, dads, sisters, uncles, grandmas, we accept them all. Any way you can help out goes a long way and the kids love seeing our volunteers. We are extremely grateful for all of the help we get. Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping during lunch and/or recess.
- The March church bulletin board was decorated by our 3rd grade students. Be sure to check it out!
- Our annual St. Peter School Auction event will take place on Saturday, March 19th in the St. Peter School gymnasium. We are also still looking for help with this event (food and drink committee, raffle ticket sales, and music and video committee) so if you are willing to help or donate auction items, please contact the school office or Kristy Gottfried at WMS. This is our school's largest fundraising event so please help spread the word or volunteer to help.
- **ATTENTION:** Kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year is ongoing. In order to be eligible, a child must be five years old by August 1st. Our screening date is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 19th** and we will be reaching out to our registered students soon to sign-up for preferred screening times. Please remember that you **DO NOT** need to be Catholic to join our family. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our St. Peter School family, please call our office to request information or share on Facebook and other social media outlets.
- PK registration is also open for the 2022-2023 school year. Children who will be four years old by August 1st are eligible to register. Classes are Monday-Friday from 8:00-11:00 AM with an extended day option available for families who need it. Please call the school office at 419-294-1395 for more information. Please remember that you **DO NOT** have to be Catholic to join our St. Peter School Family.
- Just a reminder that milk is included with the federal lunch provided by the school. If your child is packing a lunch and needs milk, the cost is \$.50. You may also purchase a milk ticket with five punches for \$2.50. Thank you.

Just Thought You Should Know...

- The 6th grade class will be leading our liturgy service this Wednesday at 8:15. This is also Ash Wednesday and a teaching Mass as well so please prepare for a longer service. There are no longer any seating restrictions for these services so parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. These services will also be live streamed on our school Facebook page for those who are unable to attend.
- Spring picture day will be March 8th. We will be taking classroom photos during this session so please dress nicely even if you do not plan on purchasing Spring pictures. Order forms were sent home last week but if you need an additional one, please let us know.
- We are still selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a beautiful king size quilt handcrafted by Pat Smith. Tickets are \$1.00 a piece, 6 for \$5.00, or 13 for \$10.00. We are asking each family to sell 13 tickets and return them to the school so they can be entered into the drawing which will take place at our St. Peter School Benefit Auction on March 19th. Please contact the office with any questions you might have.
- **Scholarship Opportunity:** The 2022 EdChoice Expansion Scholarship application window is now open for any family that is interested in tuition assistance. The EdChoice Expansion Scholarship provides vouchers for students with household income levels at 250% or below the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The EdChoice Expansion Scholarship amount is typically around \$4650 per student in grades K – 8. For more information about the EdChoice Scholarship Expansion Program please visit education.ohio.gov/edchoice. We encourage any family who might qualify for this scholarship to apply. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.
- **Scholarship Opportunity:** The application window for the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund is now open for any family wishing to apply for tuition assistance. We strongly encourage any family who is interested in tuition assistance, to please apply. Please visit the website <https://nosf.org/> or contact the school office for more information.
- The Knights of Columbus will again be hosting Friday fish fries starting March 4th and running through Lent. Doors open at 6:00 at the K of C Hall.
- Mark your calendars. Our annual St. Peter School Bike Ride will take place on Friday, May 13th. More information will be upcoming so please stay tuned
- As part of our annual Diocesan requirement, we will be conducting our Teaching Safety lessons in the near future. These lessons teach our students about the importance of safe touching, boundaries, and being respectful of others. If you would like to opt-out of these lessons, you may do so. Information and opt-out forms will be sent home soon so please be sure to check for them.
- Our next For the Love of Pete drawing will take place on March 1st. There are still tickets available to get entered into next month's drawing. Please contact the school if you would like to purchase a ticket. Ticket price is \$100. Thanks so much to all who have participated so far.
- This is just a friendly reminder that when dropping off students in the morning, please refrain from parking in the designated bus drop off zone beside the school. Please utilize the parking area beside the drop off zone or use the drive-through drop-off. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Happy Birthday this week to: Sophia C. (5) and Aniston V. (1)
- Please check the school website at www.stpeterupper.com for latest updates, schedules, or changes.

Quote of the Week: “Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.” ~
Robert Louis Stevenson