

HAPPENINGS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

(For days of Feb. 28, 2022 through March 4, 2022)

Manuel "Chip" Hernandez, Gr. K, was recognized for his improvement in class. He comes to school with so much enthusiasm to learn. He is a wonderful example to our class. Keep up the great work, Chip!

Giada Lawrence, Gr. 3, was recognized for working hard these past few week and completing her work on time. Keep up the fantastic effort Giada!

Arwen Kelley, Gr. 6, was recognized for an outstanding job volunteering after school tutoring students at daycare. She has also shown improvement in her Math assignments. Awesome job —keep up the great work Arwen!

WELL DONE!



Move-a-Thon "Free Dress" Day!

All students will enjoy a "Free Dress" Day tomorrow, March 16th, to cele-

brate a great "Move-a-Thon" Day last week! Remember to follow the school's guidelines for free dress on that day!

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

JOIN US...

Throughout the Lenten Season until Holy Week, our classes will be saying the Stations of the Cross in the Church. We invite you to join us on the following days:

Tomorrow, March 16th, at 2:00 pm - 6th Grade Friday, March 25th, at 1:15 pm— 3rd Grade Wednesday, March 30th, at 2:00 pm— 5th Grade Friday, April 8th, at 1:15 pm— 4th Grade

Holy Thursday, April 14th, at 9:30 am in the Church 8th Grade will present the "Living Stations" (TK/K will attend on this day ONLY).

Come pray with us during this time of reflection & renewal in preparation for the death & resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Special Dates of Interest:

- •Thurs., March 17th Parent Club "Pizza" Lunch Fundraiser
- Fri., March 18th NO SCHOOL (Teacher's In Service)
- Fri., March 25th 2022-2023 Re-Registration Ends
- Mon., March 28th "Imagination Machine" Presentation
- Thurs., March 31st 22-23 Paperwork &
 "Service Hours Sign Up" Night
 5:30 pm—7:00 pm—Msgr. Pierce Hall
- Tues., April 5th—3rd Trimester Deficiency Notices Go Home Today
- Holy Thursday, April 14th NOON DISMISSAL
- Good Friday, April 15th, thru Fri., April 22nd— NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)

Important Information...

BATHROOM USAGE POLICY...

For the safety of all of our students, ONLY students are allowed to use school restrooms. If you need to use a restroom, please use the church restrooms.

ATTENDING MASS IN-PERSON

Students Returning to In-Person Mass Attendance...

Grades 1–8 will be returning to Mass in person beginning the week of March 7th. They will be attending Mass in smaller groups on the following days:

Mondays - Grades 1-3 Tuesday - Grades 4-5 Thursday, - Grades 6-8

Please be sure that your child(ren) is/are wearing their Mass uniform attire on their designated day.



2022-2023 Financial Aid Applications

The Financial Aid applications for the 2022-2023 school year for the Catholic Education Foundation financial aid grants and St. Louise de Marillac financial aid is now up on the school website!

In order to be considered for St. Louise financial aid, you must apply for CEF financial aid. In addition to the completed CEF application, St. Louise requires a complete set of your taxes and a detailed letter stating why you are requesting aid.

All of this documentation must be submitted **no** later than Thursday, March 24, 2022. Completed applications & documentation must be turned in to the Finance Office at the Parish Center. The School Office will not be accepting applications.

Applications not completely filled out and/or are missing necessary documentation will not be accepted. Please note that necessary documentation is different for each application.

FEAST OF ST. LOUISE

Today, March 15th, is the feast of St. Louise de Marillac, our patron saint.

St. Louise de Marillac was a servant of the poor who did great works of Christian charity. She treated the poor with great gentleness, respect



& courtesy, for the poor are the members of Jesus Christ.

Be sure to say a prayer for her continued guidance for our parish school!

Words of the Week:

Lord, open my eyes
To my sin and give me
A repentant heart

2 Corinthians 7:9-10



LOOKING AHEAD...

The following is a list of upcoming Important dates to place on your calendar:

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WE ARE CALLED...

Join our school community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States-in a lifechanging Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl.

During the 40 days of Lent, reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

All of our students are receiving a Rice Bowl box this week. Talk to your child(ren) about how Our Lord would like to see us help those less fortunate and decide how they can do their part.

Students are asked to turn their rice bowls in no later than Monday, April 11th.



NO SCHOOL DAYS...

A reminder, there will be NO SCHOOL this Friday, March **18th** (due to a teacher's In-Service for the Rel. Ed. Congress).

BE ON TIME! DON'T BE TARDY!

Beginning this trimester, we are implementing the new detention process for students who have three tardies or more. If your child(ren) arrives at school after the 8:00 bell (second bell) in the morning, they are considered late.

It is important that students are on time for school everyday. When arriving late, every student must come to the school office for a late slip in order to be admitted to class.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY **FREE DRESS!**

This Thursday, March 17th, to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, our students may wear an appropriate green shirt with uniform bottoms for the day! Please remember - All clothing should be age appropriate and in compliance with school guidelines! Green accessories (i.e. socks, headbands, hats, etc.) are also allowed.



NEED TO RENEW YOUR VIRTUS CERTIFICATE?

Our Faith Formation Office is offering a VIRTUS 3hr training session on Saturday, March 26th, from 9AM to 12noon in the Parish Center Conference Room.



If you need to update your certificate, take advantage of this session here on campus. Not sure if you need to update it? Contact Ms. Sue in the school office.

To sign up for the upcoming session, please contact Cecilia Luna in the Faith Formation Office at 626-332-5822, ext. 401 ASAP as space is limited. Her office hours are MONDAY - THURSDAY: 9AM TO 6PM and FRIDAY: 9AM TO 5PM.

Sick Child(ren) Reminder

As per COVID health guidelines, if your child(ren) is(are) not feeling well before they come to school (headache, coughing, sneezing, sore throat, fever of 100.4 or above, body aches, throwing up, upset stomach, etc.), please do not send them to school - keep them comfortable at home.

If they are presenting any of these symptoms, they will need to have a negative COVID-19 test result before returning to school.

This will allow us to keep all the other students, staff, and faculty well!



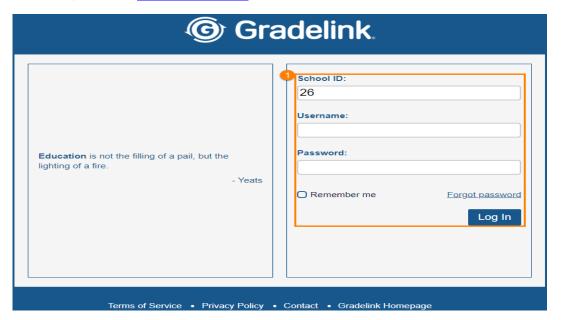
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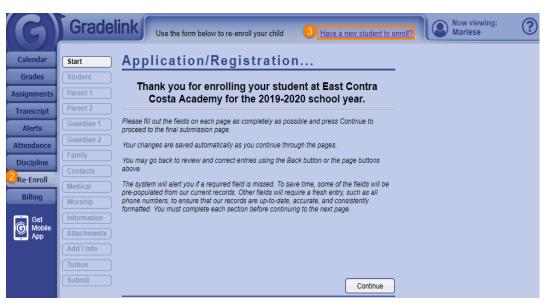
Are you enrolling a child in your family as a new student for next year?

Enrolling a Brand New Student With An Existing Student In the School

Existing families that have children already in the school can add other children not currently enrolled. Because you are enrolling a new student, you will need to create a temporary registration account for registering the new student as the information for the new student is not yet in Gradelink. This is the same process that prospective families go through when enrolling their children. Keep in mind that the login credentials used to log into your Parent Portal will not work here.

- 1. Parents will log-in to their Parent Portal using their Gradelink login username and password.
- 2. They will then click the **Re-Enroll** tab on the left sidebar.
- 3. They will click the *Have a new student to enroll?* link at the top right of the page.
- 4. They will then follow the steps outlined in Enrolling a New Student.





Note: The new enrollment registration account is separate from Gradelink parent portal accounts for existing families. This is because not all prospective students enrolled to the school will be accepted into the school.

Gradelink Online Registration For the 2022-2023 School Year

Online
REGISTRATION
https://www.ccsdl.org/apps/pages/index_jsp?uREC_ID=1201855&

The online re-registration process through Gradelink begins on Tuesday, March 8th, and ends on Friday, March 25th.

Re-Enrolling An Existing Student

Existing families will see the **Re-Enroll** tab on the left sidebar in their **Parent Portal** when they log in. From there, they can begin the process of re-enrolling their student. Below is what will appear when you first enter the EnrollMe section: Because information for each child in your family may be slightly different (i.e. health information), you will need to complete the process for each child before completing the online portion of your 2022-2023 re-registration.



Once you have completed and submitted the online portion, please go to your Blackbaud Tuition Management account at **parent.blackbaud.school** to pay your registration fee (\$425 per child). Once your fee has been paid, you will receive the paperwork packet to complete and return on Thursday, March 31st, at the "Service Hours" Sign Up Night from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in Msgr. Pierce Hall.

If you are having difficulties accessing the "Re-Enroll" tab in Gradelink, please give the school office a call at 626-966-2317.

MOVE-A-THON THANK YOU

Though we don't have final figures yet, it seems our first ever Move-a-Thon was a success! We enjoyed special guests—two of the LA RAMS cheerleaders—that morning who began the day for the kids with some "warm-up" routines and then stayed to cheer or TK and Kindergarten students! Our students hula hooped, jump roped, and had fun with other active stations. They all worked up a sweat and had fun! Below are just a few of the pictures taken that day!

We wish to thank all the parents volunteers who came that day and helped man the different stations—they encouraged the students as they participated and hopefully enjoyed the day too!

Our special thanks to Darlene McCollough-Martinez for taking this major fundraiser on last minute and getting everything in place for the day. Even with the last minute date change, she created a fun, healthy way for our students to raise funds for the school! Lastly, we thank all who donated towards this fundraiser—who truly are appreciated! Next week, we will announce the prize winners and hopefully have final figures!





























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"Parent Club" PIZZA LUNCH FUNDRAISER—Thursday, March 17th

The Parent Club will be having a pizza lunch fundraiser on Thursday, March 17th. Profits from this pizza lunch will go towards the 8th grade's "graduation" scholarships and other Parent Club events. The cost for each pizza lunch is \$7.00 (includes pizza, drink, chips and a treat!) You will be ordering and paying for your pizza lunch ONLY through your SMART Tuition account. Please follow the steps below to access the ordering process. If you have any questions regarding the ordering process, please contact Denise Wold in the finance department - denisew@stlouisedm.org or 626-915-7873, ext. 211.The deadline to order is TODAY, March 15th, NO LATER THAN 12 midnight. Please note: there are no refunds or credits for pizza lunch. To place your order follow the "PURCHASE OPTIONAL ITEMS" (SHOPPING CART) instructions below:

- Log into your SMART Tuition account parent.smarttuition.com (if you need help logging into your Blackbaud Tuition account, please contact Blackbaud at 1-888-868-8828.
- Select "purchase optional items" at the top of the screen
- "Select student(s)" in the middle of the screen then check the name of all students you wish to order for and select "go"
- Check all of the items you wish to order for each student
- Choose the quantity you wish to order for each student (please note your total amount below) then select "save"
- Consent to the agreement (this is a description of the shopping cart items you have purchased)
- Check "I have read the description of this item and agree to purchase" (you will have to do this for each item)
- Check "I understand that all purchases are final and non-refundable" (you will have to do this for each item)
- Select "agree" then select "continue"
- Click "pay now" (all shopping cart items are pay now items they cannot be added to your SMART invoice)
- Choose account to be used for payment you may use an existing saved payment method or add a new one (remember, convenience fees are added to credit card or debit card transactions)
- Select "checkout" You can choose to print a receipt. This is the only opportunity to print the receipt.

SLS Weekly Sports Schedule

March 15th thru March 20th

Tuesday, March 15th

Boys Soccer - Practice 2:45 - 4:30

Girls Soccer - Practice 2:45 - 4:30

Track - Practice 2:45 - 4:30

Wednesday, March 16th

Boys Soccer - Practice 2:45 - 4:30

Track - Practice 2:45 - 4:30

Thursday, March 17th

Boys Soccer - Practice 2:45 - 4:30

Girls Soccer – Practice 2:45 – 4:30

Track - Practice 2:45 - 4:30

Friday, March 18th

Track - Practice 2:15 - 4:00

Saturday, March 19th

Girls Soccer – Game day vs Holy Name at St Louise 9:00am

Please arrive at 8:30am

Sunday, March 20th

Girls Soccer - Game day vs OLA at Damien HS 1:00pm

Please arrive at 12:30pm

GO VIKINGS!

Nature visits St. Louise School In a Special Way...

Many of our students and parents probably noticed many caterpillars yesterday around our campus. It seems we are going to be the "chyrsalis" staging area for them! Where yesterday we saw caterpillars, today we have cocoons!

We have them in different areas of the school—attached to the roofs, classrooms doors, and even one under the bulletin board by the front office!

Please remind your child(ren) to not touch them as we think this is a wonderful chance for them to experience the life cycle of butterflies! Our TK & Kindergarteners especially are eagerly waiting to see what happens! We will be keeping an eye on them and hope to be able to give you updates as we see them emerge!









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HOLY SATURDAY HIKE

Holy Saturday is the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It is a quiet day of sorrow, yet joyful anticipation of the Resurrection. It is the day Jesus descended into the depths of the dead to raise them up into Eternal Life. On this Holy Saturday, join the Young Knights of Frassati club on a hike to reflect upon the events of the day. The hike is about 3 miles and we will stop periodically to reflect. While the club is only open to boys in 6th-8th grade, this hike is open to all St. Louise boys and their dads. Dads must chaperone their son or coordinate with another family who is attending.

Please RSVP to Mr. Ebiner-Gavit at markg@stlouisedm.org to receive more information.



DATE: Saturday, April 16, 2022

TIME: 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Marshall Canyon Regional Park park and meet at: 6516 Stephens Ranch Rd. La Verne, CA 91750

GET YOUR SERVICE HOURS FOR NEXT YEAR DONE EARLY!



Looking to get more involved in our St. Louise De Marillac Community?

Look no further....consider volunteering on a

Frontier Days Carnival Committee!

June 3rd, 4th & 5th 2022

Frontier Days Carnival is our School and Parish's largest and most profitable fundraiser. It is anticipated and enjoyed by all that attend. By working carnival you will not only have fun and meet new people, you will also earn your 40 mandatory school service hours.

Due to the pandemic we have not been able to have a full fledged carnival for the last two years. This year we are excited to get back to normal and plan the best yet! There is something for everyone. Take a look:

\boxtimes	Food	Booth

☑ Game Booth

Bingo

■ Boutique

■ Security

Please contact Ways and Means, Larry and Celeste Benavidez for more information at frontierdays@stlouisedm.org or 626-422-5749



St. Louise de Marillac Frontier Days Carnival

1720 E. Covina Boulevard • Covina, California 91724 Phone: 626.915.7873 • Email: frontierdays@stlouisedm.org

Dear Community Supporter:

St. Louise de Marillac Church and School will host our annual **Frontier Days Carnival** on June 3rd, 4th, & 5th 2022. The Frontier Days Carnival has been a traditional family event that has attracted families from throughout the San Gabriel Valley for more than 50 years.

The Carnival Committee kindly invites your business / organization to become an event sponsor and help ensure the success of this year's event. As a sponsor, we offer a variety of event benefits:

YOUR BUSINESS IS HIGHLY VISIBLE

Frontier Days Carnival is advertised throughout the Covina area in publications, banners, storefront windows, flyers, community functions, as well as our weekly church bulletin, which serves more than 4,900 local families.

YOU CAN TARGET AN AUDIENCE OF THOUSANDS

More than 20,000 people attend Frontier Days Carnival each year and the carnival is a great way to increase your business' visibility in the community! Sponsorship packages are economical and **TAX DEDUCTIBLE**.

YOUR INVESTMENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

St. Louise serves more than 4,900 parish families and also provides education from Transitional - Kindergarten to 8th grade. The parish additionally supports an active Youth Group and many outreach programs to assist those in need. Your support is essential to keep these services available to the community.

Along with this letter, you will find the Carnival Sponsorship Evnvelope that allows you to select a sponsor level that fits your budget. We would greatly appreciate your tax-deductible sponsorship, donation of goods, services and/or gift certificates.

Frontier Days raises money to fund a variety of school and church activities each year. On behalf of the St. Louise Church community, we thank you for your consideration and generosity.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (818) 422-5232 or email us at: frontierdays@stlouisedm.org

Siincerely,

Celeste Benavidez & Larry Benavidez, Committee Co-Chairs

St. Louise's Federal I.D. Number is 95-2400887



SPONSOR FORM

"Frontier Days" Premier Sponsor \$6,000+

- 8' x 6' banner displayed in premium location during Carnival weekend.
- 4' x 6' banner displayed for 6 months on St. Louise property.
- Company name/logo on grand raffle tickets
 Year-round acknowledgement and link to company
 website on Frontier Days Carnival home page.
- Listed in the church bulletin as a "Frontier Days" Premier Sponsor.
- Announced periodically throughout Carnival weekend.
- Name or logo receives priority position on commemorative T-shirt.
- Link to sponsor home page on St. Louise School website.
- Exhibitor booth at carnival event.
- 2 VIP parking spots for entire carnival weekend

"Rodeo" Sponsor \$1,500+

- 3' x 5' banner displayed in premium location during Carnival weekend.
- Listed in the church bulletin as a "Rodeo" Sponsor.
- Announced periodically throughout Carnival weekend.
- Name or logowillappear on the commemorative T-shirt

"Lone Star" Sponsor \$3,000+

- 4' x 6' banner displayed in premium location during Carnival weekend.
- Listed in the church bulletin as a "Lone Star" Sponsor.
- Announced periodically throughout Carnival weekend.
- Name or logo will appear on commemorative T-shirt.
- Link to sponsor home page on St. Louise School website.
- 2 VIP parking spots for entire carnival weekend

"Center Stage" Entertainment Sponsor \$550+

- 8.5" x 11" acknowledgement displayed in the entertainment area during Carnival weekend.
- Listed in the church bulletin as a "Center Stage" Entertainment Sponsor.
- Announced periodically throughout Carnival weekend.
- Name or logo will appear on commemorativeT-shirt.

"Cantina" Sponsor \$250+

- 8.5" x 11" acknowledgement in the food area during Carnival weekend.
- Listed in the church bulletin as a "Cantina" Sponsor.
- Announced periodically throughout Carnival weekend.

PASTOR'S CORNER



War and Peace Part 1

[Note: This article mentions the Ukrainian/Russian War. It is written one week before publication, so most recent developments will not be reflected.]

I don't believe any topic is more difficult for Catholics, Americans, or any people who believe in peace. It is painful to watch the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. We feel so helpless. So, I will be taking this week's and the following week's column to talk about the Catholic positions on War and Peace and a few suggestions on what we CAN do.

The place where we must always start is believing in the peace that is the legacy of Jesus. And that kind of peace that he wants us to follow, is much larger than armed conflict. True peace is of God, so it involves the harmony of all people. This type of peace reflects the Kingdom of God. Paul VI proclaimed in Pacem in Terris, "that peace cannot exist where there is injustice, inequality between people and nations (economic or otherwise), thirst for power, pursuit of endless profit as an end in itself, nor when there is an arms race." He wrote this 60 years ago and it is as true today as it was then. More recently, Pope Francis reminds us that caring for Creation and cruelly destroying the resources of poorer nations and communities also stands in the way of true peace. We were told to love our neighbor and if we don't strive towards the peace Jesus wants for us, we breach that command.

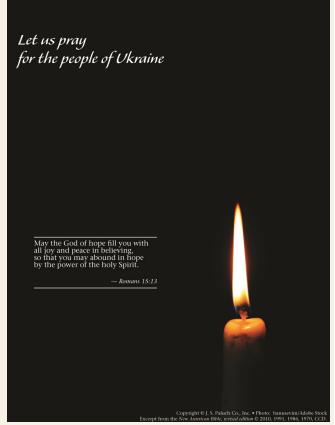
This idea of holistic peace is where we must start when we consider responding to violence and war. When we look at how we engage in an armed conflict the doctrine of "jus in bello", translated as justice in war, we need to consider the following: 1) It is universally agreed that civilians should not be intentionally targeted and all efforts to protect the life of non-combatants must be made. 2) the use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated.

Finally, theologians and scholars are looking at the principle of returning to Christian traditions of restoring peace after conflict. We

are called to active peacemaking and working for a just peace. This could be during a war or after a war. At no time in this current war should we give up on diplomacy as a way to stop the war.

Today, in the current situation there are a few things you and I can do to help the Ukrainian people and end this war. Always first is prayer. Never doubt the power of prayer. Pope Francis has asked us to fast and pray for peace. Since we are in Lent, these prayers and practices can be included in our Lenten observances. Second, give generously to aid organizations like the Catholic Relief Services. The people of Ukraine need almost everything. Money that you donate to a charity can go towards buying food, medical supplies, clothing, etc. International charities are best suited to evaluate what is needed.

We also need to take care of each other. Even the mention of nuclear weapons sends a chill down our spines. It is a terrifying thought. Don't let it paralyze you. Find family and friends who can help you turn those thoughts to action and prayer. Trust in God. God is always with us, even when things seem most dire.



Pastor

Fr. Robet Fullow

Parish News...

LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for Stations of the Cross which will be offered every Friday throughout Lent at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us.

March 18th Catholic Men's Fellowship

Benediction: Deacon Omar Uriarte

March 25th RCIA

Benediction: Fr. Emmanuel Francis

April 1st Women's Bible Study

Benediction: Deacon Alan Holderness

April 8th Elementary Faith Formation

Benediction: Deacon Daniel Vega

LENTEN SOUP AND SCRIPTURE

If you are looking for a way to spend time with your parish family while discovering the word of God, we have just the thing! Faith Formation invites you to participate in Soup and Scripture and Stations of the Cross. The evening begins at 5:45 pm with fellowship followed by soup at 6:00 pm in the St. Louise Conference Room; then the Sunday reading along with a reflection will be presented at 6:15 pm. Immediately following the Soup and Scripture is Stations of the Cross in the Church. We hope you will join us for a faith filled Lenten journey!

SOUP AND SCRIPTURE SCHEDULE

March 18th

March 25th

Presenter: Dcn. Omar Soup: Filipino Ministry

Presenter: Fr. Emmanuel Soup: St. Vincent de Paul

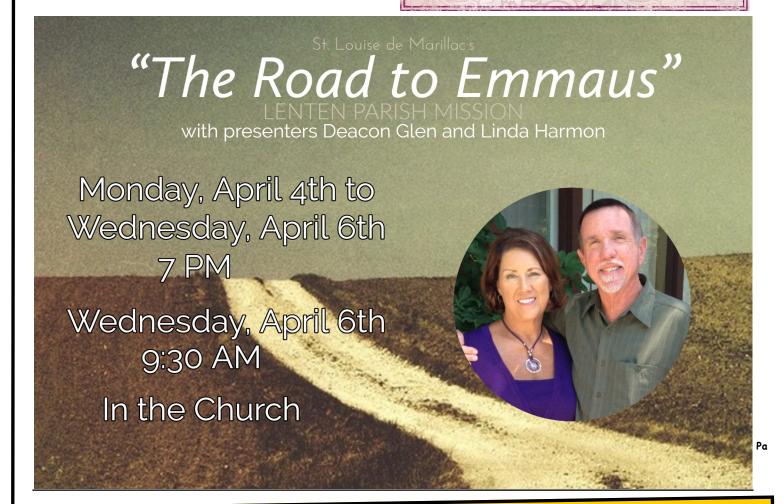
April 1st

April 8th

Presenter: Dcn. Alan

Presenter: Dcn. Daniel Soup: Girl Scouts

Soup: Legion of Mary Soup



PARISH NEWS...

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

BUNDLE SUNDAY

SUNDAY MARCH 20 8 AM TO 2 PM

PLEASE BRING YOUR GENTLY USED CLOTHING AND SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS ON THIS DAY. THE SVDP WILL BE HERE AT ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC. PLEASE HELP THEM WITH THEIR ENDLESS EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE NEEDY. PLEASE PHONE (323) 224-6280 OR (800) 974-3571 FOR FREE PICK UP OF LARGE ITEMS, SUCH AS GENTLY USED FURNITURE AND FUNCTIONING LARGE APPLIANCES. PLEASE DO NOT BRING LARGE ITEMS ON BUINDLE SUINDAY.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Come visit with Our Blessed Mother every Wednesday evening at 6:45 PM in the Church.

We pray her rosary, her litany, and the "Our Mother of Perpetual Help" Novena. We need her now more than

ever before, as we seek her powerful intercession and by doing so bring others to her love.

Confessions will be heard before devotions from 4 PM to 5:15 PM.





DID YOU KNOW?

The importance of boundaries in ministry

Good ministry occurs when a person establishes and respects healthy boundaries with the people he or she is trying to serve. Those who work in ministry have to be aware of healthy boundaries and what is and is not appropriate for these scenarios, because the risk of violation can cause serious harm. Good boundaries yield healthy relationships.

For more on how to establish boundaries in ministry, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Preserving boundaries in ministry" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/

For more information on other ways to keep kids safe, contact Linda Filkins, the Parish Safeguard Committee Chairperson at (626) 214-7846 or the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office at (213) 637-7227. For particular help, call the Victims Assistance Office at (213) 637-7650.

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