

# St. Therese Catholic School

## March 2023

### STS Newsletter

Go Crusaders!



*Mission Statement: To provide Faith, Service and Learning opportunities for students, families and communities in a Christ-like environment.*

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## CRS Rice Bowls

### Here is information from Archbishop Wester on Rice Bowls and CRS information

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## Education on the Faith

### Catholic Bible Studies And Online Retreats For Lent

#### Focus Lenten Bible Study with Curtis Martin and Dr. Edward Sri

This Lent, join Curtis Martin and Dr. Edward Sri for a twelve-week walk through "the big picture" of the Bible. This Bible study is perfect for small groups or self-study.

#### **Participants will...**

- Come away with the "Big Picture" of the Bible
- See the Catholic Faith in Scripture
- Discover the role they play in the story
- Learn how to share the story with others

Receive the word. Share it with others. This is *our call*.

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we begin this holy season of Lent, we give thanks to God for this time of reflection and prayer when we can prepare to renew our baptismal promises and celebrate the great solemnity of Easter.

Part of our preparation involves engaging in penitential practices, namely, prayer, fasting, and works of charity. To this end, the Bishops of the United States have preserved in our dioceses the tradition of abstinence from meat on each of the Fridays of Lent, "confident that no Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from this penitential practice" (National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Statement, November 18, 1966, n. 13). The law of abstinence binds those Catholics who have completed the fourteenth year of their age (can. 1252).

From time to time, certain feasts occur during the Lenten season that suggest a more festive celebration (USCCB Statement, n. 16). This year, the Memorial of Saint Patrick falls on Friday, March 17. It is well known that Saint Patrick's Day is a day of convivial celebration for many American Catholics.

I, therefore, decree that on Friday, March 17, 2023, all Catholics of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico, no matter where they may be, and all other Catholics present in the Archdiocese on that day, are, by my authority, dispensed from the obligation (can. 87 §1). It is not required that anyone make use of this dispensation. Those who do wish to make use of it are encouraged to abstain from meat on some other day as part of their penitential practices during Lent.

Given this twenty-first day of February, two thousand twenty-three, in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Most Reverend John C. Wester  
Archbishop of Santa Fe



## MARCH LITURGY

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<b>3</b>	<b>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FIRST FRIDAY ST. KATHERINE DREXEL DAY OF ABSTINENCE</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>ST. CASIMIR</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>STS. PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>ST. JOHN OF GOD</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>ST. FRANCES OF ROME</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>DAY OF ABSTINENCE</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>3D SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>ST. PATRICK DAY OF ABSTINENCE (SEE LETTER ABOVE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP)</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>DAY OF ABSTINENCE</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>DAY OF ABSTINENCE</b>

## SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE – MARCH

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2	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade hosts the Thursday Mass
5	Sunday Mass @ 10am St. Therese Church, 4 <sup>th</sup> grade hosts the Mass
9	5 <sup>th</sup> grade hosts the Thursday Mass
16	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade hosts the Thursday Mass
23	No Mass—Spring break
30	8 <sup>th</sup> grade hosts the Thursday Mass

**Adoration will follow most Masses on Thursday.**



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

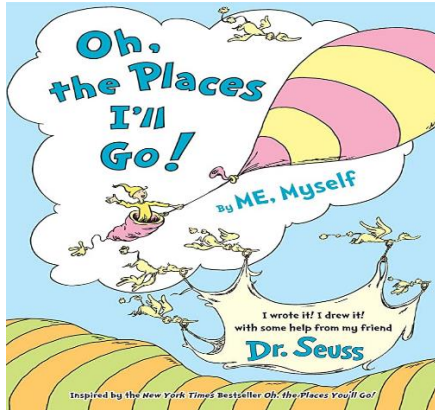
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- ✚ **March 3 7<sup>th</sup> grade hosts**
- ✚ **March 10 6<sup>th</sup> grade hosts**
- ✚ **March 17 No Stations -SED day@ 12:30 pm**
- ✚ **March 24 No Stations – spring break**
- ✚ **March 31 5<sup>th</sup> grade hosts**
- ✚ **April 7 Good Friday -no Stations/No School**



## March Events

1	Confessions 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> grades
3	Dr. Seuss- Oh the Places You will Go!
3	Stations of the Cross @ 1pm in the Church
5	Sunday Mass – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade hosts the 10 am Mass at St. Therese Church
7	ABQ Museum field trip 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> grades
10	Stations of the Cross @ 1 pm in the Church
10	Pokemon club 2:45 – 3:30pm in Long Hall
16	Third Quarter ends
17	Wax Museum in Long Hall 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
20-24	Spring Break



**You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.**

***March 3, 2023: Celebrate by wearing a college shirt and jeans (no holes please)!***



## **Virtus**

*Virtus* is an Archdiocesan training for all volunteers that helps adults learn to recognize the warning signs of abuse, and it shows them the appropriate way to respond to suspicious behavior. If you are planning on attending or volunteering in any capacity at the school, even if only driving or being with your own child, please take the time to take "Protecting God's Children" online. The certificate is turned into the front office and is good for five (5) years. This will also cover any volunteering in any of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe communities. Visit [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and take your class today.



## **Service Projects**

***Dig Deep! Navajo Water project.*** 1 in 3 Navajo still don't have a sink or a toilet. So we bring clean, hot and cold running water to families across New Mexico, Utah and Arizona. Work began with a

single family in Thoreau, NM — the Bensons — and has grown to serve more than 250 families across 9 towns in New Mexico alone. In 2018, we opened new project offices in Navajo Mountain, UT and Dilkon, AZ as we continue expanding across the Navajo Nation.

Many Navajo worry that they will never get running water. But when they hear about DigDeep, they know there is hope.

**4<sup>th</sup> grade is hosting this project. More details are coming!**

*News for Technology class: Mrs. Hluska, our technology teacher, unfortunately had to resign to care for her family. We are working on a new technology program through our Title IV funding and we have pulled together as a team to keep the kids learning in this area. Ms. Aguirre is working with Prek-5<sup>th</sup> grades and Ms. Robbins is working with 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade.*

### **Financial Corner**



- We are in full swing with registration. We are about 80% of our budget goal for the 2023-2024 school year.
- We are currently working on grants for the coming school year, one of which is Reading Plus; this program has been a great asset to our Language Arts program in grades 2 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the past several years.
- The budget for the 2023-2024 school year is also being developed.
- Lastly, the school is on track with the current year's budget. We will have to adjust a bit as the utilities price of natural gas and water has risen during the school year. We will adjust on the next year's budget.

- We are in good shape to finish the year, and begin again in the Fall.



### School Dress Code

Just a reminder that students (male and female) should not have highlights or colored hair, artificial nails, non-prescription contacts or wear make-up. Boy's hair should be cut above the collar and not have any shapes or razor art in their cuts. For both boys and girls, hair/bangs should not cover their eyes. We ask that girls keep hair items to a simple hair tie or STS uniform headband or scrunchie. No big bows or jewelry/beads in their hair. Shoes and other items for your student: please make sure that shoes should be regular sneakers that are white, black or blue; no high tops, no Vans with checks or designs, no light-ups and no wheels on the shoes. Please no boots; heels on student shoes no more than an inch. Please keep socks conservative: white, black, or blue. A small swish is fine, but no graffiti or images on the socks. Please do not have students wear the no show socks. They must be ankle or knee socks for both boys and girls. Thank you for helping in honoring the dress code for the school! This is referenced in the handbook.

## *Annual Notifications*

### **Legal Notice**

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe and St. Therese Catholic School comply with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) by providing access for the review of the Management Plan at this school. The Management Plan is kept in the principal's office and will be updated as various situations

develop and inspections are completed. Arrangements may be made with the principal of the school or to the executive director of general services at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

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To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online

at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**  
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**  
[program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

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### **St. Therese Catholic School**

**St. Therese school is dedicated to assisting families in passing on our Catholic faith, morals, and values to our students. The school is a community outside the home where religious values and truths are integrated with daily life. St. Therese strives to provide a quality and challenging education in a Christian environment and to help each student develop his/her own potential. Our mission is carried out through creative expression, hands-on-learning, self-discipline, and the opportunity to participate in the liturgy, prayer, sacraments, and community service.**

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