



# St. Paul's Lutheran School



## From the Principal



### Soooo... just what is Lent?

Lent is a period of preparation for the celebration of Easter that was begun not very long after the first Easter almost two thousand years ago. Lent is 40 days, reminiscent of the 40 days of rain in Noah's flood, the Israelites' 40 years of wandering in the desert, and the 40 days of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness.

However, Lent actually begins 46 days before Easter, not 40. That's because the Sundays during this time are not included, since Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday and so that day is always a day of celebration.

As we worship during Lent, we're reminded by Joel 2:13, "Rend your hearts, and not your garments." Outward signs like ashes and outward behavior like going to church or giving something up are meaningless without true repentance of the heart. The observance of Lent is not mandatory or necessary. **It is an opportunity to encourage a closer look at our lives and Christ's sacrifice of His life for us, so that we can grow in faith.**

I hope this Lent is a valuable time for you to do just that as you join with your brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Paul's in this time of self-examination. To help facilitate that, we offer Lenten services each Wednesday at 6:00pm. It would be great to see you and your family there next Wednesday as we prepare for the biggest celebration of the Church year, Easter!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 24-26	Boys Basketball Tournament
February 27	Teacher Workday – NO SCHOOL
March 8	Cousins Fundraiser
March 10	Masterpiece Gallery
March 20-24	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
April 7-10	Easter Break – NO

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# MASTERPIECE GALLERY

## Coming soon ... The St. Paul's Masterpiece Gallery

Mark your calendars for the Masterpiece Gallery open house event on **Friday, March 10** from 4:30 to 6:30. This year's theme is "Amazing Animals." You will have the chance to fellowship with other families, enjoy a snack, and try making animal art at the activity tables. You will be amazed to see the work of our talented student artists on display



throughout the school!

# LENT MENU

## Lenten Dinner Menu

(Served each Wednesday before Lenten service)

March 1	Spaghetti and Meatballs, garlic bread and dessert
March 8	Chili with toppings, toasted baguettes with butter, fresh veggies, dessert
March 15	Chicken Noodle Casserole, tossed salad, dessert
March 22	Sloppy Joes, chips, fresh veggies, dessert
March 29	Beef Tacos, beans and rice, dessert

\*\*Hot dog meals will be available weekly, as well as coffee, juice and milk

# Singing Schedule

April 1                    Grades 5-8 @ 5:00pm  
April 16                   Grades 1-4 @ 10:30am  
April 30                   Grades 3K, 4K, K @ 8:00am



# REGISTRATION

**REGISTRATION PAPERWORK WAS EMAILED OUT. PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE YOU GET A SEAT.**

**\*\*Registration Fee is \$100 per student until March 15. After that it is \$125 per student.**

## ST. PAUL'S CHOICE OPEN APPLICATION PERIODS

### MILWAUKEE

February 1 - 20

March 1 - March 20

April 1 - April 20

May 1 - May 22

June 1 - June 20

July 1 - July 20

August 1 - August 21

September 1 - September 14

### WISCONSIN

February 1 - April 20

# Worship Attendance

All school families are invited to worship with us each weekend. We understand that it is in worship where we draw closer to our God. In worship, God is present, and we have the opportunity to give thanks, receive forgiveness, gather with fellow believers, listen to His Word, pray for others, and to be strengthened in our faith to go out into the world to share Christ and to meet the challenges in everyday living. Our worship life also demonstrates how important God is to us and our families. As we teach our children God's truth, we model how important God is to us and should be in our lives as He is so good. **Make it a priority to worship regularly and spend time in His Word this school year.**



# TOURNAMENT HELP

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE OUR TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS!**

**REMEMBER TO SIGN UP TO HELP AT OUR BOYS' TOURNAMENT**

**HERE IS THE LINK:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4eabaf2aa57-stpauls1#/>

# Sports Schedule

February 24-26 St. Paul's Basketball Tournament

St. Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> game Friday at 7:30pm

## Choice Meetings

As most of you know, St. Paul participates in the Wisconsin Parent Choice Program and the Milwaukee Parent Choice Program. One of the stipulations of the Choice Program is to hold two meetings per school year to meet with all families to answer any questions about the Choice Program, get any information about the Choice Program, and learn about the Choice Program. Our first meeting this school year was **Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**. School Board members will be available to answer any of your questions. This meeting is for all of our families, not only families who are in the Choice Program this year or may be in the Choice Program in future years. The second meeting is set for **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please come to our meetings if you would like to learn more about the two Choice Programs in which St. Paul participates.

## Raise Money with the Milwaukee Wave

St. Paul's is teaming up with the Milwaukee Wave (indoor soccer) team. All you need to do is purchase tickets for the Saturday, March 4th (6:05 P.M) game using this link: <https://fevo.me/3ZszQJ0>

The Wave will make a donation to the school for each ticket purchased. If more than 50 tickets are sold using the link, the donation per ticket increases! So, you get to have a night out with friends and family and earn money for our school at the same time. You are welcome and invited to share the link with anyone... your entire email contacts list if you want! Remember you need to order from this link <https://fevo.me/3ZszQJ0> in order for the sale to count towards this fundraiser.



## BIRTHDAYS

### FEBRUARY

Korbin Burkee  
Izayah Clemons  
Aria Dachowski  
Mariana Fimreite  
Noah Jackelen  
Hunter Kassa  
Logan Kennedy  
Ainsley Kosek  
Mario Martinez  
Lance Romano  
Miriam Sanchez Loomans  
Nick Ulbing

## BAPTISMBIRTHDAYS

### FEBRUARY BAPTISMS

2 – Jacob Smith  
11 – Wyatt Hinkes-Gates  
17 – Miriam Sanchez-Loomans  
22 – Audrey Segura  
27 – Kadya Koble

May God continue to keep you in your  
Baptismal Grace!

## FROM THE PASTOR

*“Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.”  
(Joel 2:13)*

Just this past Wednesday we entered the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday starts the season every year. 40 days of pondering, worshiping, and seeking *more intentionally* to live a life of sincere repentance and confident faith.

Sin is a sickness that infects every human heart . . . yours, mine, and all. Sin is a serious matter and afflicts the world in so many ways. From family arguments, jealousy and envy, disrespect and disobedience, to mass shootings and warring in the world, sin shows up in so many ways. When it comes to sin, our God calls us to sincere repentance and returning to Him.

God, through Joel the prophet, said, **“Rend your hearts and not your garments.”** This means that we are to be heartbroken over our sins. This means to acknowledge that sin brings God’s righteous judgment and even death. The putting on of ashes comes with these words: “Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return.” Life is short. Sin brings death. Our bodies will one day die.

When ashes are put on foreheads on Ash Wednesday, they are put on in the form of a cross. This reminds us that, although the wages of sin is death, the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. That’s why we acknowledge our sin and return to the Lord our God. He is gracious; His grace sent Jesus to die for our sins on the cross. He is merciful, forgiving all our sins of any kind. He is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Indeed, God’s love never fails. His love heals our sin-broken hearts

So, sincerely acknowledge your sins, confess them to God, repent of them, turning over a new leaf as the old saying goes . . . and then bask in the love and grace of God for you in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely repenting with you and believing in God’s never-ending love,

*Pastor Bender*