

# BSS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, February 24, 2021



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

**Thursday:** SPIRITWEAR DAY 

**25**

**Friday:** 8:15 - Mass (KB, 3, 4)

**26**

**Monday:**

**1**

**Tuesday:**

**2**

**Wednesday:** 8:15 - Mass (5, 6)

**3**

**Thursday:** SPIRITWEAR DAY 

**4**

**Friday:** 8:15 - Mass (1, 2)

**5**

5:30-6:30 - First Grade Stations of the Cross (*in church*)

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

**Th** Chicken Nuggets, Mac and Cheese, Baked Beans, Veggie Boat, Mandarin Oranges, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**F** Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Oyster Crackers, Garden Salad Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**M** Chicken Patty on a Bun, Baked Beans, Waffle Fries, Frozen Sidekick, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**T** Cheese OR Pepperoni Pizza, Carrots with Dip, Steamed Broccoli, Diced Pears, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**W** Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Corn, Garden Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**Th** Confetti Pancakes, Sausage Links, Smile Fries, Veggie Boat, Baked Apples, Fresh Fruit, Milk

**F** Pizza Crunchers, Marinara Sauce, Green Beans, Garden Salad

## 2020-2021 SCHOOL THEME

**Rooted in Christ,  
Bloom Where You are Planted**

We have focused on identity (SHAPE) and vocation. This year we will focus on living out that unique vocation, or purpose that God has given each of us - our mission.

We will explore how God reveals both himself and our life's mission through experience.

# A Note From Your Administration

Good Afternoon, everyone.

We are so pleased to have the third trimester underway in person! We are ecstatic that our case numbers continue to drop. We also feel so fortunate that our staff was included in the early rounds of vaccination in Kentucky. We are thankful to everyone involved in helping make that happen, specifically St. E's and the Diocese of Covington! Read on for updates!

## 1. Quarantine Numbers

- a. We currently have zero students with a positive COVID case. 13 students are out total as a close contact or as a result of travel.
- b. Obviously, this is a VAST improvement over the past few months. We sincerely appreciate everyone's hard work and adherence to the policies. We look forward to continuing to see these numbers fall.
- c. So far, we have no updates about quarantine or travel policies as a result of vaccination. We will keep you posted as these policies are updated at the Diocesan level.

## 2. Evening to Treasure

- a. You should have received an e-mail yesterday containing a lot of information about Evening to Treasure which is this Saturday, 2/27 from 7:00 – 8:00. The link to access the live stream will be sent directly to those who have registered, and will be accessible via Facebook and the school website on Saturday starting around 6:30. Please spread the word!
- b. [Visit this link to register and bid.](#)

## 3. 2021 – 2022 Calendar

- a. A list of tentative calendar dates can be found on page 3 of this newsletter. These dates are for reference only and are subject to change.

## 4. Christian Student Awards

- a. We are currently conducting voting for Christian Student Awards for first and second trimesters (the end of our first trimester was a bit hectic!). This award is given to students in grades 4-8 who exemplify what it means to be a student in a Catholic school; they are kind, supportive, and uplifting classmates. They are positive role models for their peers. The recipients are chosen by a completely anonymous student vote. Students that have previously won the award (eligibility starts in 4<sup>th</sup> grade) are not eligible to win again. Please be on the lookout for our deserving winners in the coming week!

## 5. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade End-of-Year Dates

- a. We are in the process of scheduling some fun end-of-year-events for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders! We are excited to share those details in the coming weeks.
- b. We plan to have 8<sup>th</sup> grade awards and graduation on Tuesday, May 25. Typically, awards are in the morning, graduation pictures are at 6:00 PM, and graduation is at 7:00 PM. We are awaiting official confirmation on the times, but you can mark your calendars for the date! Stay tuned for additional details.

We are excited to join the Evening to Treasure live stream event this weekend with everyone. To watch the collective thousands of hours spent on this evening culminate in this event is so exciting for those involved and hopefully for our community! Please register, bid, tune-in, and spread the word!

Thanks and have a great rest of the week!

Sincerely,

Mr. Steffen & Mrs. Geiman



## **Blessed Sacrament School TENTATIVE School Calendar 2021 - 2022**



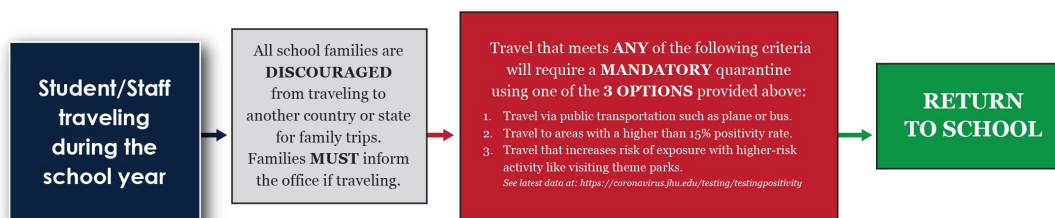
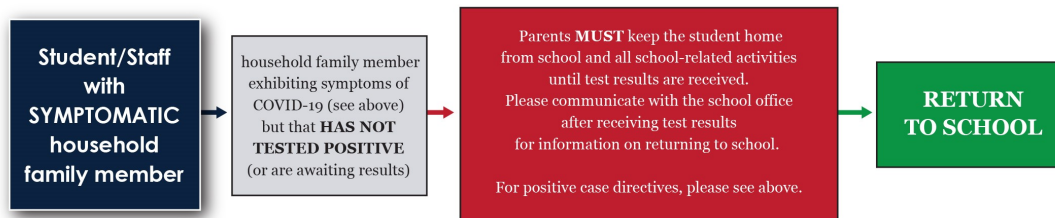
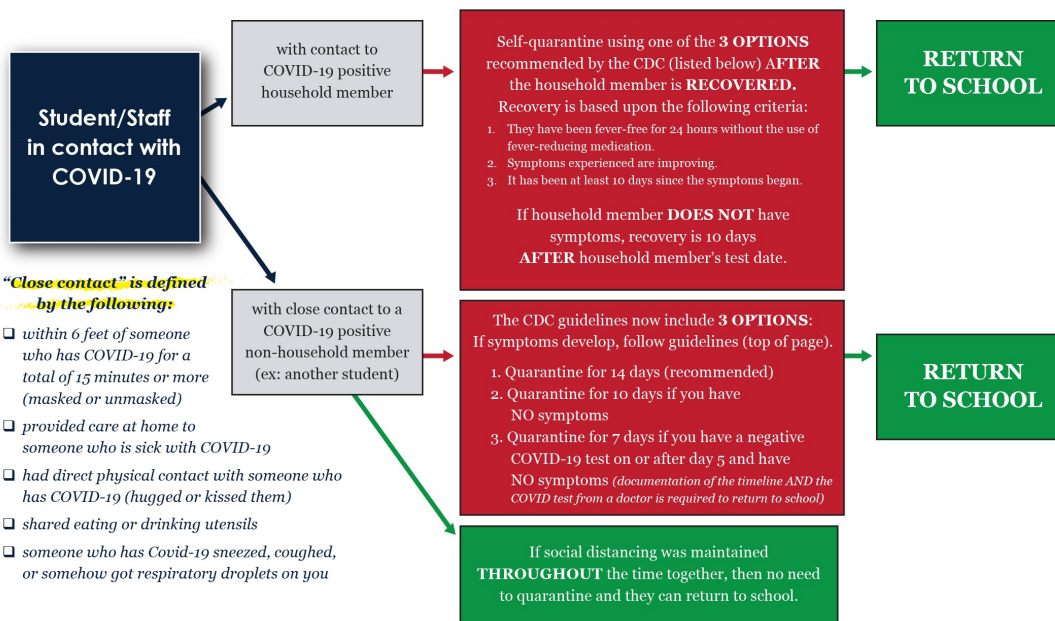
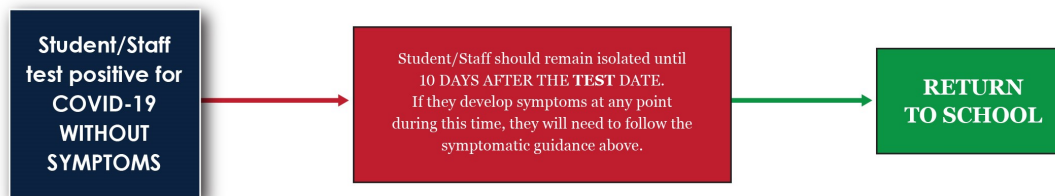
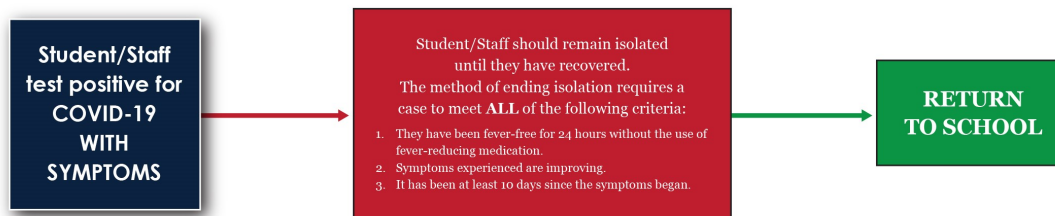
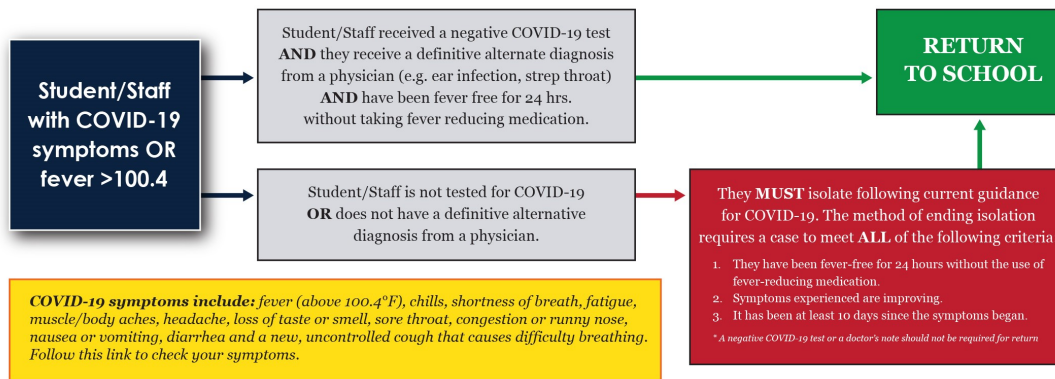
Monday, Aug. 16	First Day of School
Monday, Sep. 6	No School, Labor Day
Friday, Oct. 8	No School, Teacher Professional Day
Monday, Oct. 25 - Friday, Oct. 29	Parent Teacher Conferences
Monday, Nov. 1	No School, All Saints Day
Friday, Nov. 12	End of First Trimester
Wednesday, Nov. 24	No School, Teacher Professional Day
Thursday, Nov. 25 - Friday, Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Holiday
Wednesday, Dec. 8	No School, Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Monday, Dec. 20 - Friday, Dec. 31	No School, Christmas Holiday
Monday, Jan. 3	Back to School
Monday, Jan. 17	No School, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day
Monday, Jan. 31 - Friday, Feb. 5	Catholic Schools Week
Monday, Feb. 21	No School, Presidents' Day
Friday, Feb. 25	End of Second Trimester
Wednesday, Mar. 2	Ash Wednesday
Friday, Mar. 18	No School, Teacher Professional Day
Thursday, Apr. 14	No School, Holy Thursday
Friday, Apr. 15	No School, Good Friday
Monday, Apr. 18 - Friday, Apr. 22	No School, Spring Break
Thursday, May 26	Tentative Last Day of School

*These dates are subject to change.*



# BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL Covid-19 Response Chart for Students/Staff (updated 1/26/2021)

information subject to change.



# Thumbs Up!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students for their amazing scores at the Governor's Cup District competition this weekend!

Tommy Colvin - Math (First Place)

Henry Wahoff - Social Studies (First Place), Science (Third Place)

Sawyer Franxman - Math (Fifth Place)

Andreas Ursic - Arts and Humanities (Fourth Place)

Liam Crossen - Science (Fifth Place)

Erin Scheuerle - Language Arts (First Place)

Bennett Rohmiller (*not pictured*) - Math (Third Place)



**BSS placed 3rd in the district!**  
**Great job Eagles!!!**



# Thumbs Up!



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January 18, 2021

**Students**

Blessed Sacrament School  
2407 Dixie Highway  
Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017

Dear Students:

The Board, staff, customers, and volunteers of Be Concerned sincerely thank you for your 2020 holiday donation of in-kind goods to our food pantries and Christmas Store.

Your generosity helped make the holidays a little more joyful for more than 1,500 low-income families in Northern Kentucky. Due to the support of the community, we also provided more than 750 children with over 2,500 gifts for Christmas. Those households were already living close to the edge and COVID-19 squeezed them all the more because of job loss, school closings, and the overall increase in the cost of living due to the pandemic. With income inadequate to cover even the basics, those households had nothing left to cover extras like a holiday meal or Christmas presents.

Be Concerned's practice of giving toys and food for Christmas goes all the way back to our very beginnings in 1968. We could not have built that tradition over the last 52 years without broad support from the community. We are so grateful to count you among those supporters.

Thank you for thinking of our families during the holiday season.

Sincerely,

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# Giving

CAMPAIGN  
2020-2021

Thank you to those who have already donated to this year's  
Blessed Sacrament School Annual Giving Campaign.  
As of February 24, we have received **\$87,888** in donations!

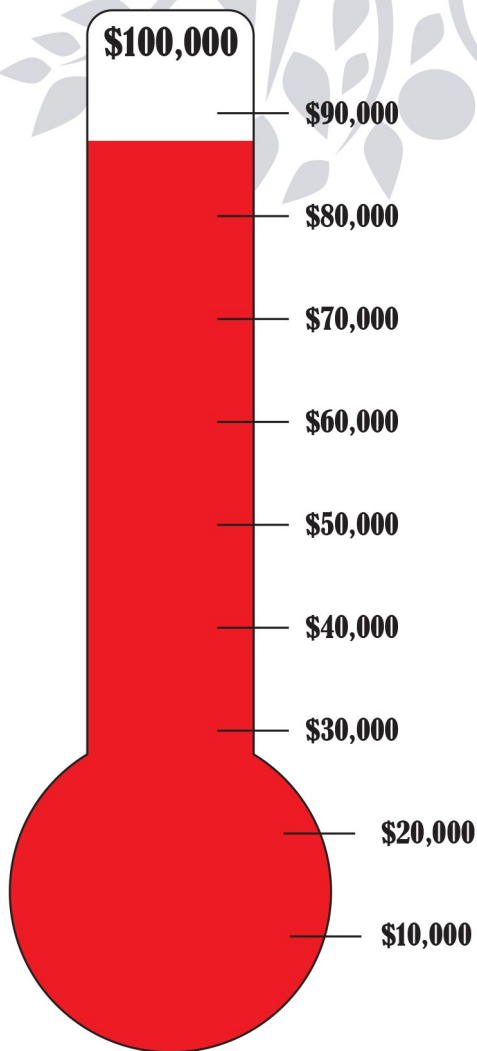
Please help us reach our \$100,000 goal!

At this time, approximately **34%** of school families  
have participated in this year's campaign.

If you have not contributed yet, please prayerfully consider making a donation.  
Even small donations can make a big difference!

[CLICK HERE](#)

*if you would like to make a donation*



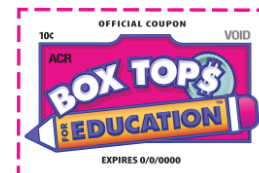
*We are blessed with the generous support of our dedicated parents, grandparents, parishioners, and friends of Blessed Sacrament School. Because of your donations to the Annual Giving Campaign, we have been able to consistently increase the security of our church and school, partially fund the salaries of staff specialists, fund multiple building upgrades, put new technology into the hands of our students and teachers, and more.*

*The dollars generated by this campaign do not disappear into the ether;  
they go directly back into the school to improve it within the next year.*

**TODAY'S DONATIONS ARE HELPING SHAPE TOMORROW'S LEADERS**

# Parent Club News

**Did you know that you can raise money for BSS when shopping for groceries or on Amazon?**



Simply click on the Community Rewards tab on the BSS website and learn how to sign up for Amazon Smile, Remke and Kroger community rewards, as well as information on Box Tops and Coke Rewards!



***\$150 Value - Just \$10!***  
**Activate your Buddy Card**  
**at [mybuddycard.com](http://mybuddycard.com)**

14 offers on each Buddy Card  
"Buy any Large Pizza, get a Large Cheese Pizza FREE"

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the Buddy Card order form *(pay by cash or check made out to BSS Parent Club)*

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to order Buddy Cards online

**All proceeds benefit BSS Parent Club**

*(offers valid for Dine In or Carry Out only and expire one year from activation)*

# Parent Club News



If you ordered a cookbook and haven't received it yet, please email Tracie Edwards ([tracie.edwards1@gmail.com](mailto:tracie.edwards1@gmail.com)).

Also, if anyone would like to purchase a BSS cookbook, Parent Club still has 15 left in the office!

Cookbooks are \$25

*(Checks can be made out to: BSS Parent Club)*

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**Are you tired of losing your  
BSS magnet in the carwash?  
Well, we have a solution for you!**

To support our school spirit, please consider purchasing a BSS EAGLE CAR DECAL!

Car decals are \$5

*(Checks can be made out to: BSS Parent Club)*





# From Our Parish

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We will be setting up the Cemetery of the Innocents (White Crosses) on our Parish grounds **THIS SATURDAY, February 27 at 9:15 am.**

The white crosses are a stark reminder of all the lives lost to abortion.

The task usually takes 30 to 50 people about three hours.

(Families are welcome; parents are responsible for their children.)

- ☐ No need to sign up before hand, just show up with hammer in hand at 9:15 am ready to help.
- ☐ This is a safe, outdoor Parish Event, and we will observe Covid protocols of masks and distancing.
- ☐ **SERVICE HOURS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT**



For more information,  
please contact Pat Bethell: 859-609-1075

*Blessed Sacrament Church*  
BECOMING STEWARDS IN COMMUNITY





# BSS Tennis

## Grades 1-3, 4-8 – Spring Session

- Clinic runs from Mar 8- May 3(8 weeks) at Five Seasons. Off Monday of Spring Break (April 5).
- Grades 1-3: Mondays 4-5PM
- Grades 4-8: Mondays 5-6PM
- 60 min of instruction by 5 Seasons pros
- All levels welcome – geared more to beginner and intermediate players
- Cost - \$75
- Super bargain for 8 weeks of tennis!!!!

Please signup ASAP!

We usually fill completely, so don't wait! Signups close Feb 28.

[www.BSSboosters.com](http://www.BSSboosters.com)

# Baseball



**Registration for Spring baseball is now open!**

Please visit <http://www.bssboosters.com/demosphere-registration-site> for registration information.

~~**Kid-Pitch deadline: February 15**~~

**Instructional deadline: March 21**

# Soccer



**Registration for Spring soccer is now open!**

Please visit <http://www.bssboosters.com/demosphere-registration-site> for registration information.

~~**U8 – U14 deadline: February 15**~~

**U6 deadline: March 21**

# Diocesan Sports Waiver

Any child who will participate in school-sponsored athletic programs in the Diocese of Covington will need to complete the waiver linked below.

<https://forms.gle/C2F4Pbu9ve1n8RF36>

One submission/acceptance per year per athlete is required and will cover participation in all Diocesan-sponsored sports.

**Beginning February 15, 2021, no child may participate in school-sponsored athletics unless this form has been accepted and submitted and/or submitted on paper to the school.**



# DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE... REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR  
BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL'S 28th ANNUAL

## *Evening to Treasure* RACE TO THE FINISH

VIRTUAL EVENT

FEBRUARY 27, 2021, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

EMCEE - BIG DAVE FROM B-105

Follow us at [www.facebook.com/2021E2T](https://www.facebook.com/2021E2T).



[CLICK HERE FOR EVENT INFORMATION, REGISTRATION, AND ONLINE BIDDING!](#)

# Evening to Treasure

RACE TO THE FINISH



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### Bronze



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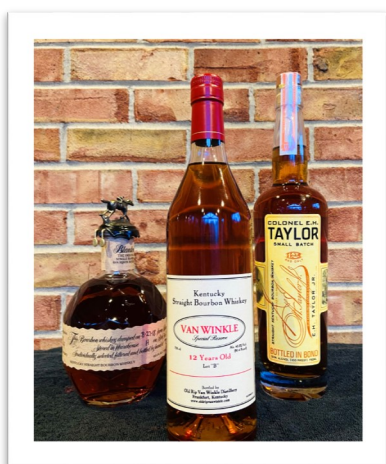


Dr. & Mrs. Rob and Anita Wagner



# Cheers to BSS

Click [HERE](#), or click one of the photos below,  
to purchase your tickets today  
or these four awesome Cheers to BSS raffles!



***Van Winkle Special Reserve***

*Van Winkle Special Reserve 12-year,  
Blanton's Single Barrel and E.H. Taylor Small Batch!*



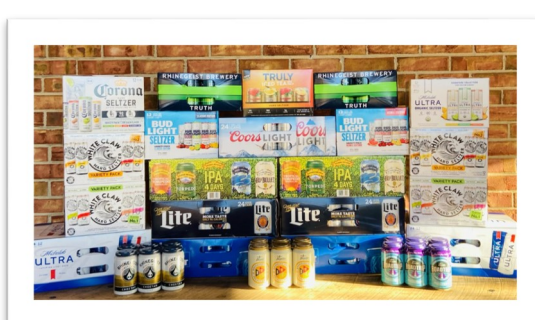
***Buffalo Trace Collection***

*8 bottles of Buffalo Trace bourbon  
including Elmer T. Lee, Blanton's, Weller and more!*



***Wine Down Wednesday***

*52 bottles of wine!*



***Year of Beer & Seltzer***

*365 beers/seltzers!*

# Community Events

**GRIFFIN ELITE X IGNITION APG**  
700 DOLWICK DR. ERLANGER, KY 41018  
(859) 331-0979

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BURST TRAINING**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
3:00pm-4:00pm

The Ignition Burst Training program specifically focuses on developing athletic foundations in the areas of speed, agility, quickness and power. It is centered on learning proper mechanics and increasing the athlete's capacity to meet the demands of their sport.

**PRICING**  
Single Session: \$20  
5 Sessions: \$100  
10 Sessions: \$150



REGISTER THROUGH THE GRIFFIN ELITE APP!

**GRIFFIN ELITE X IGNITION APG**  
700 DOLWICK DR. ERLANGER, KY 41018  
(859) 331-0979

**ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
4:00pm-5:00pm

Created for our youth athletes, the Athletic Development Training program teaches the foundations of performance training. Built for athletes grades 3-5, our ADT class serves as an introduction to strength and conditioning. By integrating constructive games and drills through body weight techniques we are able to teach proper mechanics in the developmental stages before bad habits are formed.

**PRICING**  
Single Session: \$20  
5 Sessions: \$100  
10 Sessions: \$150



REGISTER THROUGH THE GRIFFIN ELITE APP!

**Julie Learning Center**  
1601 Dixie Highway  
Park Hills, KY 41011 (859) 392-8231

**Julie Learning Center now enrolling for 2021/2022**

Are you looking for a faith based pre-school and enrichment program for your 4 or 5 year old child? Julie Learning Center is conveniently located on the campus of St. Joseph Heights, Park Hills, and includes programs with a focus on academic preparedness, as well as nature studies, socialization, intergenerational learning, and engaging, brain based activities.

The center is open from 7am until 5:45 pm, and is located close to the Ft. Wright business district and downtown Cincinnati.

Due to Covid restrictions, tours are currently unavailable, but you may visit our Facebook page to see our students engaged in their daily activities. Visit our web site at [www.julielearningcenter.com](http://www.julielearningcenter.com) to make contact or call 859-392-8231 for more information.

Teachers employed in the Covington Diocesan schools receive a discount on JLC tuition.

## Lent - for a Change

Lent is a lot like spring training for the soul. Prayer, fasting, and Almsgiving are less about giving up something than about gaining something greater. Athletes train to build strength and skill. They "give up" junk food, late hours, and laziness to attain a goal that they value more than those things. When we fast, pray, and give alms, we too have a goal to build our spiritual awareness, to strengthen our will power, to pull ourselves out of well-worn habits of sin, and to ask God to forgive us, change us, and guide us back to him. We fast to free ourselves from the tyranny of the body.

This Lent, we must give up fish fries and other traditions but not spiritual spring training. Below are a few suggestions. We have many more on our website: [www.bdsdy.org](http://www.bdsdy.org). May we encourage one another to make this a life-changing season.

### RICE BOWL PROJECT

Jesus asks us to care for our sisters and brothers and to recognize him in them. The Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl project gives us an opportunity to answer this Gospel call. What you give up for Lent changes lives.

Jesus shared our human condition, living in solidarity with us, knowing our struggles and suffering first hand. For six weeks, we can share some solidarity with our global human family. Eating one (or more) small, simple, meatless meals a week and placing the money we save in a "rice bowl" will give us a glimpse of what others experience daily, while providing the means to help them experience a little of what we take for granted. Keeping our global neighbors in prayer during this time will also help us grow in love, compassion and gratitude.

You will find lots more information on our website, including world recipes for simple, meatless meals, weekly themes based on the Corporal Works of Mercy, stories of hope from countries served by the Rice Bowl Project, and even directions for making your own paper rice bowl.

You can share photos and stories of your international meals on our parish Facebook page, building parish community while changing lives around the world.

Look for the Lent - for a Change box on our homepage.

### WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 7 p.m. in church.

Virtual versions can be found on our website.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays, following 10 a.m. mass until 4 p.m.

### ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

Wednesdays, 3:30-4 p.m.

Virtual versions of the rosary can be found on our website.

### VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER)

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. in church

### DAILY MASS

Even if you cannot physically attend daily mass, you can find our masses streamed online. The link to our YouTube Channel is on the homepage of our website.

### 40 DAYS OF FAMILY ACTIVITIES

On our website, you will find a link to 40 days of Lenten activities for the whole family, and they require little or no advance preparation.

# A FEW REMINDERS...

- ☐ Please remember to keep extra masks in backpacks
- ☐ Please consider keeping a small hand sanitizer in backpacks and lunch boxes, and continue to encourage effective hand washing habits
- ☐ The most current school-related COVID-19 information can be found [HERE](#)
- ☐ Our current arrival and dismissal procedures can be found [HERE](#) in the handbook (see page 28)
- ☐ Please make sure that snacks and lunches are peanut-free. A list of safe options can be found [HERE](#), but please check labels as there may be other items that are not included on this list.
- ☐ During the colder months, please make sure that your child is bringing a coat, hat, gloves, etc. as we will be going outside for recess/breaks whenever possible.
- ☐ Your children are **AWESOME** and we are **SO HAPPY** that they are here!

**THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO EVERY DAY - WE APPRECIATE YOU!**

If you have a great idea to share, feedback on an event, questions on upcoming events, or want more information on how to get involved please contact the BSS Parents Club at [parentsclub@bssky.org](mailto:parentsclub@bssky.org).

If you would like to submit an article or flyer to our weekly newsletter, please send information to Annie Ernst at [annernst@bssky.org](mailto:annernst@bssky.org).  
**All information MUST be submitted by 12:00 pm on Monday to be printed in that week's newsletter.**  
(Submissions made after the deadline will run in the following week's newsletter.)

## Check us out on Social Media



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is to spiritually, academically, and personally develop active Catholics  
using the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ.