PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

St. Catherine of Siena Newsletter March 26, 2019

WEEKLY REFLECTION!

Third Week of Lent

"...Listening to God is sometimes challenging because we normally do not hear anything with our ears. The lack of sensation does not mean that God is not communicating with us...So how do we hear God's voice? How do we listen to God? There are many ways. Have you ever been aware that someone needed your help or that something needed to be done? Where did that awareness come from? Was it not God's voice? More challenging, perhaps, is recognizing the voice of God in the voice of another person, perhaps even someone for whom we have little respect.

The prophet Jeremiah knew the challenge of recognizing and responding to God's voice. At first Jeremiah attempted to escape God's call: But God persisted. The people did not listen to Jeremiah, in the short term he is a failure. What does that have to do with us? We are called to listen to God's voice. Listening is difficult; discerning the voice and the message is even more so. What a comfort to realize that God really wants to speak to us!"

~ Sr. Irene Nowell a member of Mount St. Scholastica

Important Items

- March 26: K-2 Fieldtrip & 5th grade's Junior Achievement Fieldtrip
- March 28: Pep Rally, students can wear Spirit Shirts
- March 29: No school
- April 1-9: ITBS Testing

Curriculum

- ITBS is only 1 Week Away. Please make sure your children are on time, well rested, and prepared for testing next week.
- Some Junior High teachers will be attending Part II of Socratic Seminar Training this week.
- K-2 students will recite the Stations of the Cross at their fieldtrip Tuesday.
- 5th grade has been preparing all quarter to attend Junior Achievement. They will run their own business and learn to budget their own expenses.

Saint of the Week:

St. Catherine of Genoa's

Catherine's parents were members of nobility. She attempted to become a nun at the age of 13 but was not able to due to her young age. She married at 16, whose husband turned out to be selfish and unfaithful. For a while, she tried to numb her disappointment by living a life of selfish pleasure.

One day in confession, she had a new sense of her own sins and how much God loved her. She reformed her life and gave a good example to her husband, who soon turned away from his self-centered life of distraction. However, his spending ruined them financially. He and Catherine lived in a large hospital, dedicating their life to works of charity.

She wrote about purgatory which, she said, begins on earth for souls open to God.

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