PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

St. Catherine of Siena Newsletter April 1, 2019

WEEKLY REFLECTION!

his past weekend, there were two options for the Gospel readings. The first being the Prodigal Son and the second was the healing of a blind man. Throughout Lent, many of the readings focus on Jesus as God's image, the image God created humanity to be like. Just like the oldest son in the parable of the Prodigal Son, we may not share the same heart that God the Father shares. We sometimes fall into the danger of the older brother, following our routine and meeting our Lenten obligations, without changing our hearts. Like the blind man, Jesus wants to heal us. If we are boastful, like the older son or the Pharisees, and believe we have no sin, our sin will remain and we will not be healed.

God's nature of mercy and love are beyond measure. As soon as we turn toward Him, He runs to us. Do we have that merciful disposition? Are we willing to rid ourselves of our sin?

Important Items

- April 1-5: ITBS Testing
- April 5: Every class will have Stations of the Cross.
- April 9: School Board Meeting
- April 10: AZELLA testing for some students to determine EL status
- April 10: Thatcher Band performance

Curriculum

- ITBS is timed for Grades 3-8. Grades 1-2 is not timed and will have two proctors, as the test is read out loud to them. The test is built to determine levels of proficiency as well as growth.

- Goal for each grade level is listed below.

Grade 1: ELA 1.0 Math 1.0	Grade 2: ELA 2.0 Math 2.0
Grade 3: ELA 4.0 Math 4.3	Grade 4: ELA 4.4 Math 4.2
Grade 5: ELA 5.8 Math 4.9	Grade 6: ELA 6.5 Math 5.7
Grade 7: ELA 7.1 Math 6.3	Grade 8: ELA 10.3 Math 8.8

"Do not hate hard work; work was assigned by God." Sirach 7

Saint of the Week:

St. Benedict the African

His parents were slaves brought from Africa to Sicily. He was freed at 18. He joined a group of hermits after a period of time, and was eventually recognized as their leader. They joined the First Order, as they followed the Rule of St. Francis. He was eventually novice master and then guardian of the friars, positions rarely held by a Franciscan brother. Following the example of St. Francis, he kept seven 40-day fasts throughout the year and only slept a few hours each night.

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