PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

St. Catherine of Siena Newsletter April 9, 2019

WEEKLY REFLECTION!

In the 5th Sunday of Lent, the Pharisees and the scribes caused a frenzy and demand an answer about what should be done to a woman who sinned. They are trying to get Jesus to act according to the law which states she should be stoned to death. We can sometimes acts as the Pharisees and scribes and demand God take action.

Jesus chooses to act with mercy. What He doesn't do is say that the woman is innocent. In fact, He was left alone with her and asks if anyone condemned her. He then tells her that He too does not condemn her; but He makes a critical statement to her. He says, "Go and from now on do not sin any more." That is the disposition of our God. He is merciful and kind to us. He knows us. He knows our sins better than we do. No Pharisees or scribes have to cause a frenzy for Our Lord to know our sins. Through the act of reconciliation, we are forgiven, yet how often do we confess the same sins over and over again? Once we hear those words, "I absolve you of all your sins," and allow God's mercy to wash over us, it changes us from the inside out. We can then realize the need to be merciful to other people, just how Jesus is merciful towards us. Let us not take His mercy for granted.

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Important Items

- April 9: AZELLA testing for some students grades 1-7.
- April 10: Thatcher Band performance
- April 10: Home Soccer Game
- April 11: Tree Ceremony at 10:15
- April 12: Live Stations of the Cross 10am
- April 14: Palm Sunday
- April 16: 6th & 7th Grade Retreat
- April 18: Holy Thursday, Last Supper Skit at 10:45, 1/2 Day
- April 19: Good Friday

Curriculum

- Holy Week begins April 15. Make the week a time for prayer and self-denial. Seek out Good Friday prayer services for your family to attend.
- ITBS has been completed for all grades.

Saint of the Week:

St. Casilda

Her father was a Muslim leader in Spain. She was a devout Muslim but was kind to Christian prisoners. She became ill as a young women but did not trust any of the local Arab doctors to cure her. She made a pilgrimage to a shrine. She was healed from the healing waters of the shrine. She became a Christian and lived a life of solitude and penance not far from the miraculous spring.

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