PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

St. Catherine of Siena Newsletter April 16, 2019

WEEKLY REFLECTION!

The Gospel reading today is from John 13:21-33, 36-38. Jesus was at the table with His disciples, who were flawed in so many ways, just as we are. He was **deeply troubled** sitting at the table because He was going to be betrayed by Judas very shortly. When Jesus mentions this betrayal, Peter does not even speak directly to Jesus for clarification. Instead, Peter nods at John so John can ask Jesus what He means.

In what ways do you betray Jesus?

Do you contemplate Jesus' sorrow in the midst of sin?

Just like Peter, do you come to understand Jesus' teachings through a friend or a Saint, or even Mary His mother?

The way of Jesus offers us an opportunity for conversion and growth. Take the next few days to find ways to grow closer to Our Lord through His Passion. Lay your sufferings at His cross so you can rejoice in His resurrection come Easter Sunday.

Important Items

- April 16: 6th & 7th Grade Retreat
- April 18: Holy Thursday, Last Supper Skit at 10:45, 1/2 Day
- April 19: Good Friday Services at the church. Refer to the bulletin.
- April 22-26: Easter Break
- April 29: St. Catherine of Siena Feast Day Dinner, performances, and activities beginning at 5:30pm.
- May 2: End of Year Band Concert at South Mountain Community College 7pm
- May 3: May Crowning
- May 3: First Holy Communion & Confirmation for 3rd graders.

Curriculum

- Students in 3rd grade have been preparing for the sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please join us for Mass, May 3rd. Bishop Olmstead will be celebrating the mass for us.

Saint of the Week:

St. Bernadette Soubirous

She was the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes, France.

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave near a river. She was 14 and known to be a virtuous girl, but was not a very good student and had not even made her First Holy Communion. Her health was poor, as she suffered from asthma early on.

She received 18 appearances in all. She was instructed to have a chapel built on the spot where the visions took place. The people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring.

Our Lady told Bernadette she was the Immaculate Conception. It wasn't until those words were explained to her that she came to realize who the Lady was.

Many miracles have been reported at the shrine and in the waters of the spring.

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