



# February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 No RE <b>9th Gr Conf</b> SGM 7pm Catholic Schools' Week	1	2 No RE	3 <b>RE 10</b> 6:30pm <b>MSM 6th &amp; 7th</b> 6:30pm	4	5	6 <b>9th Gr Confirmation</b> Retreat 2pm ( <i>please note change in start time</i> )
7 No RE	8 Lincoln's Birthday Holiday	9 No RE	10 <b>8th Gr Conf (ALL)</b> 6:30pm	11	12	13
14 No RE	15 President's Day Holiday	16 No RE	17 <b><u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u></b> <b>RE 11</b> 7pm Mass <b>MSM 6-8</b> 7pm Mass <b>All RE Families</b> invited to attend Mass at 7:00pm	18	19	20 <b>1st Reconciliation</b> Retreat 9am
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ash Wednesday Schedule:</b></p> <p><b>7am</b> Mass <b>8:15am</b> Mass <b>9:15am</b> Mass</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>12:15pm</b> Prayer Service Distribution of Ashes <b>7pm</b> Mass</p> </div>						
21 <b>RE 16</b> 9am, 10:45am <b>Sac Prep I MS</b> 9am <b>9th &amp; 10th Gr. Conf</b> SGM 7pm (Home Sites)	22	23 <b>RE 17</b> 3:45pm	24 <b>RE 12</b> 6:30pm <b>MSM 6th &amp; 7th</b> 6:30pm	25	26	27 <b>Bake Sale</b> 5:30pm
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>RE Students and SDYG are holding a Bake Sale to help in Haiti Earthquake Relief. Please drop off baked goods in the Parish Hall between 12noon and 5pm Saturday, February 27th.</p> </div>						
28 <b>RE 17</b> 9am, 10:45am <b>Sac Prep II Elem</b> 10am <b>9th Gr Conf</b> Service Project 3pm <b>Bake Sale</b> after all Masses	1	2 <b>RE 18</b> 3:45pm	3 <b>8th Gr Conf</b> 6:30pm	4	5	6



*"The winds of grace are blowing, but it is you that must raise your sails."*

**-Rabindranath Tagore**

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We are already into our second month of the year, and Lent is a few weeks away. The children will be learning about the season of Lent and also practicing the three important aspects of the season: prayer, almsgiving, and fasting within their classes. Our Sacraments will also be getting underway with the Reconciliation retreat happening on Feb. 20th. Please be aware of our schedule changes for the month:

2/2, 2/7, 2/9, 2/14, 2/16 there will **NOT** be religious education classes. February 2nd is Catholic Schools Week and the others are the President's Day Holidays. Classes will resume on Sunday Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.



***Valentine's Day is Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>. A nice way to show appreciation for your loved ones is to go around the table after dinner and tell one another three things that you genuinely love about each member of your family. Be specific and sincere. After***

***everyone has finished, go around the table one more time. Remind one another that-with or without those attributes just shared-we are all loved with no strings attached. Our love for one another is unconditional. Just like God loves all of us.***

February is National Bird Feeding Month. This month, birds in northern climates are often hungry. Put out suet and seed for your winter visitors.



Lent is a time to examine our lives and see what needs changing in order for us to be closer to God. It is a special time of prayer and forgiveness. The three main practices of Lent are: fasting, praying, and almsgiving. We can fast from too much TV, unhealthy foods, and over-spending, bad habits. When we pray we make extra effort to spend some quiet time with God. When we give alms we can share with those who are in need, we can visit the elderly, or open ourselves up to friendships with those who have trouble making friends.

**In lieu of the recent earthquake in Haiti, we, as a religious community here at St. Dominic's will be gathering together to serve our brothers and sisters in need. We will be taking a collection, having a bake sale to donate our proceeds, and writing letters of prayer and hope which will be sent to Haiti. Please keep an open ear and eye for upcoming service events.**

Blessings~  
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