

Feb. 17, 2017

Dear Parents,

It is easy to do good for people who are good to us in turn, but harder to do good for people who are not friends or strangers. If we take a look at our Gospel for Sunday of the 7<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary time, we hear from Matthew that Jesus tells us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Jesus asks us to love others as if they

were Jesus Himself. This is not an easy task for us as human beings! This idea of loving your enemies is in direct contradiction to the world's view. If we listen to the world news, we can be very wary of others. Threats, invasions, shootings, and a host of other inhumane actions make us aware that not everyone thinks as they should when regarding others as Christ. Jesus' message challenges us not to settle for the world's vision, but go beyond what society says and do what God expects of us. Let us pray this weekend that we may always discern God's message and treat others accordingly. This is the work of a peacemaker. To go above and beyond the call of duty to "love our neighbor", is how we listen to God speaking in our hearts.

**REMINDERS:**

**Due to our Winter break on Mon. and Tuesday, all envelopes and lunch orders are due back on Wednesday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Last call for Silent Auction! Don't forget to make your reservations for babysitting at the YMCA.**

**Registrations are due by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please make use of the FACTS information for Financial Aid. We try to help as many families as we can.**

**Enjoy the Winter break. Happy President's Day!**

God bless,

Sr. Annette

