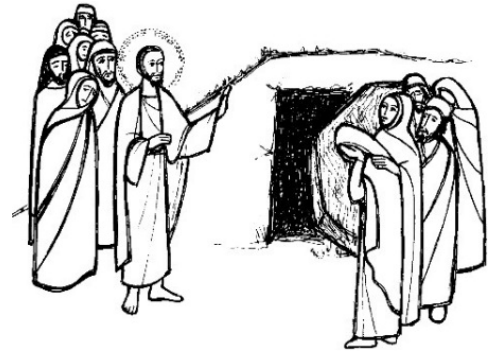


March 31, 2017

The Gospel this week is the Gospel of John and shows the power of Jesus in raising Lazarus. This story speaks of both the bond of human friendship and the power of God. This Gospel is another narrative about having faith. Life is stronger than death. Jesus tells us "I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who believes in me will never die!" There are many signs in this life that remind us of death. Without water there is no life. People are suffering from war, hunger, poverty and illness, just to name a few. Jesus brings life and light to our world of darkness in challenging times. God can turn our darkness into new life! Let us continue to trust in God during this Lenten journey. Pray for the strength to continue with our Lenten promises and so be brought into new Life with Christ at Easter. Let us pray for all those coming into the church at this year's Easter vigil. As a church community we pray for all those renewing Baptismal promises and pray for ourselves to keep those early promises of faith made for us at birth.



So we come to the end of March and welcome a very busy April. Right after Easter break we are getting schedules ready for Iowa testing in Grades 3-7. A letter will come home after break with further information on the testing process.

Please look carefully at the calendar for April. Our clubs have end dates and there is important information and reminders for rehearsals for the third grade class for the Eucharist. Please keep this calendar close at hand to be on top of times and dates. Remember there is always a copy online as well.

As we begin this Third Trimester, we are continuing the very big problem of student tardies. I spoke with the children to remind them that they need to cooperate with their parents and get up on time etc. Now I ask your cooperation as you are the drivers. Students need to be here by 7:50-7:55 the absolute latest. We are upstairs and begin with opening class at 8:10. Any child who comes in after the students are out of the gym is considered late! These tardies are recorded on the report card. Please, try your best to have your children at school by 7:50. All morning announcements are made in the gym before they go into class. The only morning that is different in morning chapel on Monday. However that is considered part of Religion class. So coming into the gym late that morning is the same. We need the children to be on time for school.



An announcement that didn't get onto the calendar before print is the Fife and Drum Corps. Annual Jamboree on April 22, 2017. Please see the enclosed flyer. Bring the family and help support the Fife and Drum Corps.



Please remember the lunch policy about the extra portion. We are ordering the lunches by number and even if you think your child has a lunch ticket etc. they must order the extra portion on the day they want it. The biggest problem we are having is pizza day. They are really loving it and I am very happy. If your child wants two pieces please put that on the order form for Friday at the beginning of the week. Indicate the extra portion for the additional \$2.00. It is listed at the top of each menu. Please read the menu carefully. We take time to be sure everything is printed to remind parents. Thank you for your cooperation.



Have a great weekend. Hope to see you at the Family Mass on Sunday 11:00 or at the breakfast.

Sister Annette