"Let Your Light Shine"



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Dear St. Augustine Families,

Yesterday, we enjoyed pancakes and syrup as part of Shrove Tuesday and received ashes today as we begin our journey through Lent in preparation for Easter.

Catholic social teaching covers all spheres of life and Lent provides a focus for almsgiving, as we look to the dignity of the human person, the common good, participation, peace, rights, responsibilities and economic justice. Students will vote on a Development and Peace campaign to dedicate alms to. We encourage you to visit the website https://www.devp.org/en/ to find out more.

All grades will be collecting funds. As always, donations are optional. We fully understand financial hardships and challenges placed on families. Preschool to six classes will visually track funds on a bulletin board display. The classes will 'buy' items for their paper child which represents the basic needs of people. The money can be sent with your child and will be collected by their teacher.

Daily prayer will continue with a focus on Lent. Students will experience Lent through a variety of extensions and activities including pretzel days and classroom enrichments. There will be a Stations of the Cross celebration for each class at our Parish and Easter Mass. Please watch the newsletters and website for updates on the times and links for these celebrations as you are invited to participate with us.

We encourage you to help your child come to a better understanding of this special time through prayer, fasting and giving of alms in your own home. Thank you for the continued support in your child's spiritual growth.

Sincerely, *Kari Davidson*