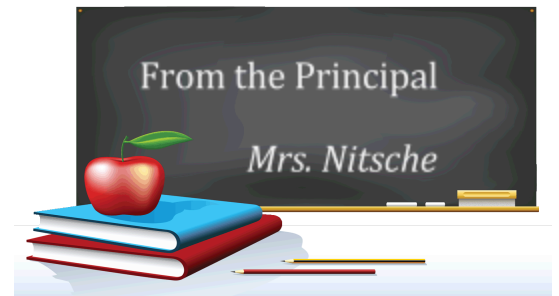


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## My Lenten Journey

As we begin the season of Lent, I can't help but think back to when I was a child and gave up either candy, chocolate or pop and it seemed like to most difficult 40 days of my life. At the time it felt as though I was embarking on the ultimate sacrifice and I anxiously awaited Easter morning so I could immediately indulge in what I gave up. As I matured and aged, it became more and more difficult to decide exactly what constituted a sacrifice and what would bring me closer to my faith and God.

The other night at the dinner table my children proudly shared what they were going to give up for Lent ( and I was truly impressed with their choices and it was quite evident their teachers built the foundation from which they made their decisions). Upon sharing they asked me what I was going to give up and I responded with, "Nothing!" Silence filled the air and their mouths hung open as they could not believe I would say such a thing. Seeing their distraught, I quickly responded, "This year instead of giving something up, I am going to commit to doing better. I am going to change a personal behavior that will allow me to be closer to God, not just for 40 days but for a lifetime." Of course that lead to another 20 questions but by the end of our discussion, my goal was achieved- my children left that table knowing that the season of Lent will come and go but a commitment to changed behaviors that deepen your relationship with God will last forever!

So as you embark on your own personal Lenten journeys, may our Lord bless you all and guide you towards your faith-filled commitments.

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## Baldrick's/ Irish Fest

We are looking for students, parents or community members to Brave the Shave and participate in our Annual St. Baldrick's Day event on March 11th. Two years ago we had 98 shavees and today we are only at 30. I know we can do better than this - we are the Warriors!! There is still time to sign up so please see the attached [flyer](#) for details and go to [www.stbaldricks.com](http://www.stbaldricks.com) to register.

## Baby Bottles

During Lent, our students will be participating in the Baby Bottle Project benefitting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-for profit organization directly assist mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies. All students have brought home a baby bottle so allow them to take ownership of this mission by digging in the seat cushions or scouring under the couch for loose change to add to their bottles. We want to send the Women's Center their greatest donation yet from St. Cajetan.

## Confirmation

Please keep our 8th graders in your prayers on Friday as they are blessed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. May God watch over them on this day and always.



## Flower Sale

FSA is sponsoring their annual Flower Sale! They offer flats of bedding plants, combination planters, potted plants, pouches, and hanging baskets-all beautiful and affordable from a reputable nursery. Orders will be accepted through March 13, 2017. Flowers will be ready for pick up on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, from 8am-10am just in time for Mother's Day! Please complete the attached Flower Sale order [form](#) and return it to school with payment with your student or drop it off at the school office. All checks should be made to St. Cajetan School. Payment in full must be received at the time of order.

## Good Luck

We would like to wish the best of luck to Kiernan Schumacher, one of our 8th graders, as he competes in the STATE finals for swimming. Kiernan- always think "Warrior Strong!"

## High School Math Test

This Saturday will be the Marist High School Math Test for our current 7th graders. The test takes place from 9-11 am.

## Leadership Award

We would like to congratulate eighth graders Sean Hollander and Grace Rowan who were the St. Cajetan winners for the Southside Catholic Conference Christian Leadership Award. Thank you Sean and Grace for representing St. Cajetan School in such a positive light!



## NEW McDonald's Fundraiser

Now through April 1<sup>st</sup>, McDonald's of Blue Island (11920 S. Western Ave.) will donate 50% of the cost of all "Mac" purchases (Big Mac, Mac Jr., and Grand Mac) to St. Cajetan School! To participate, treat yourselves to a "Mac" (a la carte or value meal) and send the receipt to the school office. For every receipt submitted, each student in your family will earn a raffle ticket for a brand new **Fitbit**. **Please remember to write your family name on the receipt or you will not receive your raffle tickets.**



## Parade Float

St. Cajetan Parish will be hosting the best float in the Southside Irish Parade! We invite all of our families to come aboard or walk along side our float. We will definitely need some extra bodies to throw candy, wave to the crowd and sing along to our music. We usually kick off at the top of the order but I will keep you posted on the exact departure time.

## Parish Mission

Father Jerome Kish, pastor at St. Matthew's Church in Glendale Heights, will offer a meditation on the Lord's Passion, on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> ([flyer](#)). Using this sacred season of Lent to draw closer to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Parish Mission will also prepare us for the Shroud of Turin exhibit. The Shroud Replica Exhibit will be displayed at St. Cajetan from March 18<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for more details.

## Uniform Sale

Schoolbelles will be hosting a March uniform sale. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for details.

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**Community News**

**Beverly Speaker Series - The Nature of Boys** [flyer](#)

**Beverly Math Tutoring** [flyer](#)

**OMG Basketball Club** [flyer](#)

**Ridge Running Club Pasta Dinner** [Ridge Run](#)