



# ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION NEWS MARCH, 2018



*Dear Elementary Faith Formation Families,*

*The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday and brings with it the promise of Spring. During Lent we are called to leave winter attitudes behind and change ourselves to become better people. The season of Lent is the Church's sacred springtime. It is a time for preparing our hearts and minds for the celebration of Easter.*

## LENTEN REFLECTION DAYS

**For Men – Sunday, March 4, 12:30-3:00pm. Presenter: Deacon Joe Seaman**

**For Women – Saturday, March 17, 9:30M – Noon. Presenter: Suzy Eyler**

**Registration online through the parish website or contact Cathy Johnson:  
cjohnson@christourlight.net**

## LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**EFF students in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade comprise the cast for our annual Living Stations of the Cross. The Monday and Tuesday classes of grade 1-4 will pray the Stations on March 26 & 27. Check EFF folders; students will be bringing participation forms home soon.**

## SACRAMENT UPDATE

**FINAL 1<sup>ST</sup> EUCHARIST PARENT/CHILD PREP EVENTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 8 AT 6:00P.M. AND AGAIN ON SUNDAY, MARCH 11 AT 1:00P.M. CHRIST OUR LIGHT WILL CELEBRATE 1<sup>ST</sup> EUCHARIST ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 4:30PM MASS, SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 11AM MASS, SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 11:00AM MASS.**

**OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> EUCHARIST FAMILIES ARE IN OUR PRAYERS.**



## LENTEN OUTREACH/OPERATION RICE BOWL

**As a community, Christ Our Light is participating in Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl. All students have brought Rice Bowl boxes home. Donations are due either at Mass on Palm Sunday, March 25 or can be returned during class the week of March 25.**

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

*COL is offering a series of Soup Suppers throughout the weeks of Lent. Suppers are from 6-7pm in St. Mary's Room (Room A) of the Parish Center. The series will include brief videos, guest speakers, and faith sharing on a variety of topics. Dates are: Wednesday, March 7; Thursday, March 15; Wednesday, March 21. See the Bulletin or parish website for information and to register.*

## **BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY & EASTER EGG HUNT - SATURDAY, MARCH 24**

Christ Our Light Elementary Faith Formation and Resurrection Catholic School invite you to a fun morning of breakfast, crafts, games, and Easter egg hunting! Information and forms will be emailed to all families of children in grades Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.



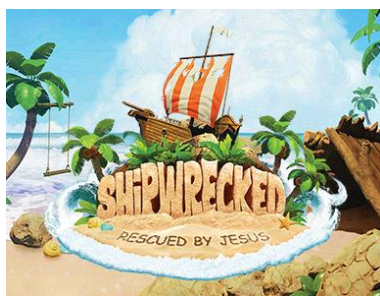
## **ANOTHER FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!**

**Saturday, April 14, 6pm.....“Wonder”. Stay tuned for reservation info...**

## **PARISH SPRING FLING - APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**All are welcome to the COL parish social! Adults, children, old & young, families, couples, singles - everyone! Look for more details in the parish bulletin and E Newsletter.**

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



Is summer really right around the corner? Here's a sneak peek and information for this summer's VBS.

VBS will run from July 16 -20, 9:00a.m. - noon. **Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus** is this year's theme. *Participants will venture onto an uncharted island where they will survive and thrive. The boys and girls will be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.* VBS is open to children who will be 4 years old by June 30, 2018 through entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade in September, 2018. Check future parish bulletins and the COL website for registration info and volunteer opportunities.

## **EFF CALENDAR UPDATE**

Mar. 4 - Sunday, 12:30pm - 3:00pm -- Men's Lenten Reflection

Mar. 7 - Wednesday - Soup Supper

Mar. 8 - Thursday, 6pm - 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist prep event III

Mar. 11 - Sunday, 1pm - 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist prep event III

Mar. 15 - Thursday, 6pm - Soup Supper

Mar. 17 - Saturday, 9:30am - Noon - Women's Lenten Reflection

Mar 21. - Wednesday, 6pm - Soup Supper

Mar. 22 - Thursday, 7pm - Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service & 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation

Mar. 25 - Sunday - PALM SUNDAY -NO PRE-K

Mar. 26 - Monday, 4:45pm - EFF Living Stations

Mar. 27 - Tuesday, 4:45pm - EFF Living Stations

Apr. 1 - Sunday - EASTER - CHRIST IS RISEN ALLELUIA!!

Apr. 1-7 - EASTER BREAK - NO PRE-K OR EFF CLASSES

*Mary Lou Lympert and I wish you a continued Lenten season of transformation and grace. We are journeying through an austere, yet exciting time of the Church calendar AND ANTICIPATING EASTER JOY!*

*Be healthy, BE HAPPY, BE BLESSED,*

**Ginny Grogan**



*A Lenten Prayer*  
*Jesus, open my heart this Lent*  
*so that I might see more clearly*  
*the obstacles that keep me from you.*  
*Give me the courage to change*  
*in those areas of my life that need change.*  
*May I be a true witness*  
*of how to pray, fast, and share with others –*  
*this Lent and always. Amen.*

