



**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS WEEK 2021**
January 31 - February 6
#CSW21

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Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, January 31: OPEN HOUSE! 2pm-4pm.
Reservations must be made. Visit mystvivian.org
to reserve a spot!

**Tuesday, February 2: Wear your PJ's! Please no
slippers or robes! If your child doesn't wear PJ's, t-
shirts and sweats are acceptable, no shorts please.**

**Wednesday, February 3: Wear your favorite team
jersey, cartoon character, super hero or patriotic
shirt.**

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Order Your 2020-21 Yearbook!

Our '20-'21 yearbook is coming along beautifully! Our parents, Michelle Welch and Megan Rucker, are working hard to put together a great book for you.

This year is a memorable one, for sure, so be sure to capture it by purchasing your yearbook. Order forms will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. You can pay by cash or check (payable to Strawbridge Studios) or by credit card online at <https://strawbridge.fotomerchanthv.com/search/FMYB113856>

Have you captured a picture you'd like to submit for review to be added to the yearbook? Maybe your student is doing distance learning? A great sports shot? Submit them to the yearbook staff at stvptayb@gmail.com

You can also join their Facebook Group by searching **St. Vivian Yearbook Staff**

Volunteers Needed for Teacher Luncheon!

Friday, February 5, 2021 will be our annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon! Our teachers really look forward to this day every year and they appreciate YOU making it possible!

We need volunteers for class coverage from 10:45am - 12:30 pm. Typically, teachers queue up a movie or silent activity for the students. If your employer allows for an extended lunch, this is a perfect opportunity to spend a little bit of the day with your child in their classroom! Must be Virtus trained.

We are also looking for volunteers to decorate/set up the day before and to clean up after the Luncheon.

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a44a8af2ca1ff2-teacher2>



February 1-5 Lunch Menu

1-Feb	2-Feb	3-Feb	4-Feb	5-Feb
Soft Pretzel Day	Pancakes	Chicken Day	Cheeseburger <small>*Students will be given no cheese option at service time</small>	Pizza
Soft pretzel with Cheese Green Beans Choice of Fruit	Pancakes w/ syrup 2 sausage links Mandarin Oranges	Breaded Boneless Chicken mac & cheese pineapple tidbits	Cheeseburger Smile Fries Choice of Fruit	Cheese Pizza Carrots and Broccoli Applesauce
Everyday Entrée available served with daily side and fruit option				
	bagel with cream cheese	Turkey & cheese wrap	Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich	Chicken Noodle Soup



MON, FEB 1ST THROUGH FRI, FEB 5TH

RULES

Each team will have a collection jar located in the cafeteria.
Gain points by adding pennies and paper bills to your grade level.
Lower other grades' totals by adding silver coins to their jar.

POINTS

BILLS AND PENNIES

Each Penny + 1 point
\$1 Dollar Bill + 100 points
\$5 Dollar Bill +500 points
\$10 Dollar Bill +1000 points

SILVER COINS

Nickels -5 points
Dimes -10 points
Quarters -25 points
Half Dollars -50 points

PRIZE

Pizza Party for the Winning Team!

Proceeds to benefit local charities.

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

February 2021

St. Vivian Parish
Where Faith and Family Thrive!



Thoughtful Moments

Pray for friends

In his Gospel, St. Mark tells a story of a paralyzed man whose friends showed great determination to bring his needs before Jesus. The house in which Jesus was speaking was too crowded for their friend, so they lowered him through a hole they made in the roof (Mark 2:1-12). In response, Jesus changed the man's life. Amazing things can happen when we place our friends' needs before Jesus.

Just ask

Jesus tells us to ask God for what we need and to be persistent until we hear from Him. Don't worry about pestering God. Think of how eager we parents are to help our children—especially if they are struggling. It's the same with God – our perfect Father – who never tires of helping us.

"If you then...know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him"
(Matthew 7:11).



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Observe a fruitful pandemic Lent

Once again, Lent will look different for many families. One goal of the season is to eliminate distractions and turn our hearts back to God. A few adjustments to your Lenten observance may help you transform your family's hearts, even in the midst of a pandemic.

Offer it up. So much of what we are experiencing in the pandemic is sacrificial. Use visual aids to help children offer deprivation or sacrifices to God's purposes. For example, place a jar on your kitchen counter and encourage everyone to place a jelly bean in it each time they suffer a deprivation – a canceled sport season, a missed gathering, a scaled-down birthday celebration. Celebrate by

eating the candy at Easter.

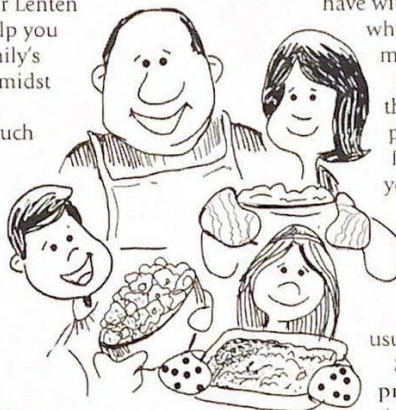
Practice gratitude. Gratitude helps to keep everything in perspective. Stay aware of the pleasant moments you have with your family and do

what you can to create more of them.

Be flexible. Accept that the landscape in a pandemic is different. Prioritize your family, your health and the health of your loved ones. Try not to hold onto specific ideas for accomplishing your usual activities.

Swap screen time for prayer time. Spending time watching or reading bad news or

scrolling through social media sites filled with negativity creates stress. Turn to God in family prayer and rest in His presence in your lives



Why Do Catholics Do That?

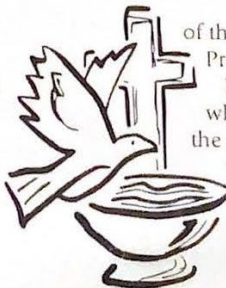
Once the bread and wine has been consecrated during Mass, Jesus Christ is wholly present under the appearance either of bread or of wine in the Eucharist.

In fact, Christ is wholly present in any fragment

Why do Catholics believe Christ is in the Precious Blood and the Host?

of the Host or in any drop of the Precious Blood.

It is possible to receive the whole Christ in just one form or the other. However, it is most fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist.

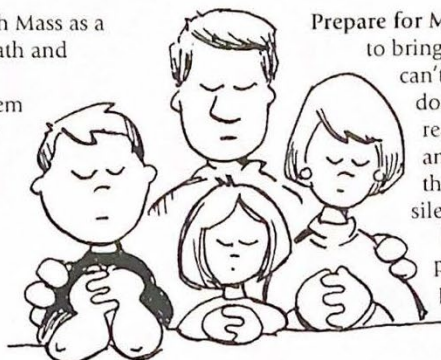


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Give your family the gift of "Little Easter"

Every Sunday is a "Little Easter," with Mass as a celebration of Christ's victory over death and sin. Many Catholic families find that strengthening Sunday habits bring them closer together and closer to God. Try these ideas:

Family forgiveness: On Friday or Saturday night, gather together and ask each other for forgiveness for offenses committed against one another. Then, if you feel comfortable, go to Confession as a family as often as you can.



Prepare for Mass: Participating in Mass is critical to bring strength to a Catholic family. If you can't attend in person, watch it together, but don't miss it. Before beginning, go over the readings you will hear at Mass so you can answer questions ahead of time. Spending the time waiting for Mass to begin in silence leaves time for prayer and reflection.

Mass intentions: Ask each person to pick someone for whom the family can pray during Mass. Write each name on a list and offer a family prayer for these intentions after Communion.

Scripture LESSON

Mark 9:2-10, The test of the Transformation

When Jesus met with Elijah and Moses on the mountaintop, they talked about the journey Jesus was going to make to Jerusalem and the Cross. Perhaps the holy men were offering support and comfort, and Jesus probably felt strengthened by the meeting.

Certainly he was bolstered by hearing the voice from Heaven. Still, he had a difficult road ahead and he realized that despite all of his efforts, some would refuse to listen and would be lost. But God knew that the desire to follow Jesus comes

from confidence about who he is. If we believe Jesus is God's Son then we will want to do what he says. So he let the disciples witness the amazing meeting on the mountaintop, and he let them hear the heavenly voice proclaim Jesus as God's son and instruct us to "listen to him."



What can a parent do?

Society may try to tell us what is right, but Jesus' words are our final authority. Help youngsters test everything they hear against Jesus' words in the Bible and they will not be led astray.

Feasts & Celebrations

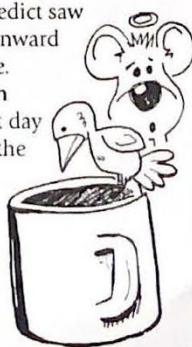
February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord. In accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to make the required offering forty days after his birth. They were faithful observers of the law of the Lord.

February 3 – St. Blaise (316). Bishop of Sebaste, he was martyred for refusing to renounce his Catholic faith. Priests usually bless throats on this day because St. Blaise, reportedly a physician, healed many ailments of the throat.

February 10 – St. Scholastica

(543). Twin sister of St. Benedict, St. Scholastica founded a Benedictine community for women five miles from her brother's monastery. The twins visited each other each year and Scholastica died three days after their last meeting. St. Benedict saw her soul rising heavenward in the form of a dove.

February 17 – Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. Ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the foreheads as a sign of penance.



Parent TALK



I had a hard time praying. Too many friends and family have been lost to the seemingly endless pandemic and I was spent. I was juggling working at home with supervising online

schooling. My husband

lost his job for the second time in three years and we had used up our savings the first time. It felt like God was far away. He wasn't listening.



A few nights later I overheard our ten-year old saying her prayers asking God for help. She ended with, "Thanks for listening. Amen." Then she went to sleep. Standing outside her room, I realized that Tessa didn't tell God what to do. She asked for help, trusted that it would come, and left it to God.

I prayed for the first time in weeks and ended with, "Thanks for listening. Amen." I realized God is always listening. I was the one who had stopped talking.










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 = a day of abstinence from meat
 = a day of fasting and abstinence

Family Lent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 *Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying (Catechism of the Catholic Church).			17 February If you are comfortable, take your family to the Ash Wednesday liturgy and wear ashes all day.	18 Tape a drawing of a vase on the fridge and label it, "Lent." Each day draw a flower in the vase and watch Lent blossom.	19  Share a meatless family meal. Discuss your Lenten offerings to be sure all are doable and sacrificial.	20 Choose a family Lenten offering, such as giving up desserts, attending or streaming daily Mass, or praying a family Rosary regularly.
21 After Mass today, explain the Gospel and the homily in terms your children can understand.	22 Contact Catholic Charities (703-549-1390, www.catholiccharitiesusa.org) to see how you can help those suffering most in the pandemic.	23 Invent a new family prayer you can say together each day.	24 Take stock of how your Lenten fasts are going, and refresh your commitment to them.	25 Before eating your family meal together, ask each person to say a spontaneous prayer.	26  Pray for the people in the world who can't afford to have meat as a regular part of their diets.	27 Turn off the television, unplug the computers, and take the phone off the hook for a half hour to pray a family Rosary.
28 Before Mass today, pick a saint represented in one of the statues in your church and find out more about him or her during Lent.	1 March Collect stuffed animals or soft pillows, wash them well, and bring them to a local nursing home. Older folks love soft things to hug.	2 Ask each person to share a game, toy, or treat with someone else in your home.	3 Plan how each of you can show kindness or compassion to someone else tomorrow.	4 Think of someone you don't like and say three nice things about him or her.	5  Figure out how much your family saved by not eating meat today, and put that money in the poor box at church.	6 At bedtime say, "Let's turn our hearts to God and think of him." Sit in silence together for a few minutes.
7 Light a candle in church today for someone who passed away or who needs special help.	8 Ask each family member to write a letter to Jesus thanking him for his sacrifice on the Cross.	9 Make cookies and share them after dinner tonight.	10 Encourage each family member to perform an examination of conscience.	11 Place a crucifix or picture of Jesus in a central place to keep the focus on him.	12  Every time a good deed is done, put a jelly bean in a jar. Share the jelly beans at Easter!	13 Ask each person to make a sacrificial offering, such as doing an extra chore without being asked.
14 Laetare Sunday Have a special meal at home (or get takeout) to celebrate the half-way point through Lent.	15 Pick a friend or neighbor and perform an anonymous good deed for him or her.	16 Encourage all family members to refrain from bickering today.	17 Say a short prayer before each cross or crucifix in your home.	18 Make up a box for a needy family or homeless shelter. Put canned goods, clothing, toiletries, and gently used toys in it.	19  Serve pretzels as a reminder that Catholics used to fast from milk, butter, eggs, cheese, cream, and meat.	20 Make simple crosses out of construction paper. Write on them, "He died for me," and post them all over the house.
21 After Mass, light a candle, and recite the Apostle's Creed as an affirmation of faith.	22 Play for the victims of the pandemic!	23 Send a card to someone who might need cheering today.	24 Give up a favorite toy or treat just for today.	25  Pray for someone who is sick and can't leave home.	26  Place any final donations in the box you set up. Make a family trip to deliver it to its destination.	27 If you feel comfortable, go to Confession or attend a Reconciliation Service. Then eat an ice cream afterwards to celebrate forgiveness.
28 Have a Palm Sunday procession around the house and take turns playing Jesus.	29 Take a walk outside and look for signs of new life.	30 Forgiveness someone who hurt you today.	31 Get up 15 minutes earlier than usual today and pray as a family.	1 April Wash and dry each other's feet in commemoration of Jesus washing the feet of his Apostles.	2  Play the Stations of the Cross today, and meditate on each one.	3 Dress up a doll in a white garment and talk about the Baptismal vows we renew each year.

New Uniforms!

We are using a new uniform company going into the 2021-22 school year. Shaheen's Uniforms is our new partner, and we have been very pleased with their work. Visit their site to order embroidered shirts, gym uniforms, fleeces, etc. The link to our school store can be found under the "School Uniform" tab on our website (under Resources) or by visiting here:

https://www.shaheens.com/saint_vivian_ohio.html

Below are a few samples of the new uniforms. Thank you to our 2nd grade model, Ava Lanier!



Please be aware that the school uniform policy has been updated (from Student Handbook):

As of the 2021-2022 school year, we will phase out light blue/navy blue shirts. School jumpers and skirts will remain the same, only red or white shirts along with khaki colored and navy blue pants/shorts will be considered proper uniform attire.

All students must comply with the following:

- Students may wear red, navy or hunter green solid color long sleeve cardigan or pullover fleece or sweater exclusive of all ornaments and logos. No hooded sweaters or vests allowed.
- All shirts and blouses must be securely tucked in at all times and should be long enough to stay tucked in at all times. Shirts must be red or white, plain or with the embroidered St. Vivian logo. *At least one red shirt must be purchased with the St. Vivian logo to wear to Mass.*
- **Girls: No khaki or navy jumpers/skirts/skorts are permitted.**
- Students in grades 4 - 8 must purchase and wear the approved PE uniform consisting of the St. Vivian T-shirt and shorts purchased through our uniform store (see school website.) Students may also wear PE shirts purchased through the PTA. No yoga or stretch leggings are to be worn to gym class. Students will not participate in PE without the PE uniform.

For the full dress code and to access all student policies, please visit the student handbook located on our website.