



# March Newsletter

## St. Joseph's Day/Dad's Day

Friday, March 18, is St. Joseph's Altar/Dad's Day at the preschool. We will celebrate this special day with a traditional St. Joseph's Altar. The altar is an Italian tradition that honors St. Joseph because of a general devotion to him, but more often an altar is built to thank St. Joseph for his general intercession in granting a particular request. The altar usually consists of blessed bread, many types of seafood, vegetable dishes, fruit and sweets. We invite anyone who would like to prepare a dish for the altar to please do so! Erin Lee and Tiffany Reid are coordinating

## Lent

Lent, like Advent, is a time of waiting. During Lent we prepare for the supreme gift of love, when Christ conquered death on the cross. Christians through the ages have kept Lent as a time of penance. Young children can also be taught that this is a season of special love. Because

this event, please contact them if you would like to help.

Preschool Dads will be honored on this day. We invite Dads in "Miss" Traci & "Miss" Susan K. classes to join their children for our program at 9:00 a.m. "Miss" Susan F. & "Miss" Genny's Dads are invited to come at 10:00 a.m. and "Miss" Jennifer and "Miss" Patti's Dads are invited to attend at 11:00 a.m.

We hope all Dads can arrange to spend this special time with their children. If you cannot attend, we suggest a grandfather, uncle or friend at-

Jesus loved us enough to die on the cross for us, we can follow His commandment to love and serve our neighbor. Please talk with your children about ways they can show God's love to others. Make specific suggestions, such as sharing their toys with their siblings and friends, helping

tend. The altar will be open from 12-2 for STM school students and others to enjoy.

## Special News:

- ☺ Pictures from our school events are now on our website! Please go to our photo galleries to view.
- ☺ Please share your thoughts on our new website...we want to make it the best!

Mom by picking up their room, helping Dad take out the trash, etc. It is a time of giving so we show our love for all that Jesus gave up for us. This special time is a time to *teach* our children about the unconditional love Jesus gives us each and every day.

## St. Thomas More Preschool

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## Reminders

- ☺ A.M. carpool ends at 8:45 PLEASE BE ON TIME
- ☺ Lenten fish fry tickets are on sale at the preschool. (March 4 & 18)
- ☺ NO LIGHT UP TENNIS SHOES, sandals, crocs, boots and please make sure shoes are not too big!!! THANK YOU!!!

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# STM Parish Festival

# "Don't Stop Believing"

Friday April 29, Saturday April 30, and Sunday May 1, 2016

It is that time of year again.... Festival Season!!!! The 35th annual St. Thomas More Parish Festival is just around the corner. This year we celebrate the 35th Anniversary with the theme: "Don't Stop Believing". This is going to be a week-end of great food (American, Italian, Cajun, Asian, funnel cakes & sweets), drinks (soft drinks, ice tea, lemonade, beer, wine, & daiquiris), games (ranging in skill levels), rides (catering to all ages), and live music. Our big announcement for 2016 is "The Molly Ringwalds" live on the field Saturday night April 30th from 7 to 9 p.m. (no chairs or ice chests). They will be playing all of your favorite hits from the 1980's with a full stage show.

If you are feeling lucky you can take a chance on one of our fabulous raffles:

\$10,000 raffle (only 300 tickets will be sold)

The big ticket raffle item is a customized golf cart dressed out with two tone seats, alloy wheels, brush guard, lift kit, all terrain tires, and blue tooth stereo

The cash raffle with prizes of \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500, and \$250

More information about the raffles and ticket sales will be coming out in the near future. The coming weeks will feature articles focusing on all the different aspects of the Festival.

The Festival is a great church community event. An event for old friends, new friends, family, and fellowship. This event that does not exist without volunteers. There is no contribution too small from chairman to a single shift in a booth. Please consider volunteering for a couple of hours to an event which benefits our parish, church, school, and pre-school. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity please contact Trey Truitt at (225)-456-1345 or [rctruiitt@gmail.com](mailto:rctruiitt@gmail.com). If you have any other questions concerning the Festival please feel free to contact any member of the 2016 Committee.

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**THANK YOU to everyone who came to our RAISING CANE'S FAMILY NIGHT... We appreciate your continued support. To date we have raised \$674.82!!!**

## Birthdays

Chelsea Do	3-12	"Miss" Patti's Class
Jack Griffin	3-12	"Miss" Susan F.'s Class
Trent Hernandez	3-21	"Miss" Patti's Class
Tyler Hernandez	3-21	"Miss" Jennifer's Class
Lucas Wisdom	3-24	"Miss" Susan K.'s Class
Audrey Wells	3-25	"Miss" Patti's Class
Iris Linder	3-28	"Miss" Traci's Class
Harlie Lalonde	3-28	"Miss" Patti's Class
Grayson Gomez	3-29	"Miss" Jennifer's Class

## Dates to Remember

Tuesday, March 1—Raising Cane's Family Night

Thursday, March 3—Stone Soup Susan's Pre 4's only

Friday, March 4—Silly Socks & Shoes Day—All Classes  
And Spirit T-shirt Day!

Tuesday, March 8— Spring Pictures—Traci, Susan K, Susan F

Wednesday, March 9—Spring Pictures—Genny, Patti, Jennifer

Thursday, March 10—Graduation Pictures for those children going to kindergarten next year

Friday, March 11—Teddy Bear Tea - Jennifer, Patti and Genny's Classes Only

Thursday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day wear green accessories with regular uniform

Thursday, March 17 Set up for St. Joseph's Altar 6:00-8:00

Friday, March 18 St. Joseph's Altar/Dad's Day

9:00—Traci & Susan K.'s Classes

10:00—Susan F. & Genny's Classes

11:00—Jennifer & Patti's Classes

Thursday, March 24 Easter Parties—see party schedule

Friday, March 25—Friday, April 1 PRESCHOOL CLOSED/EASTER

Tuesday, March 29—Friday, April 1 Easter Holiday Care Only

Tuesday, 4/5— Raising Cane's Family Night

Wednesday, 4/13 Blue Day—wear blue accessories with regular uniform

Friday, 4/15 Spirit T-shirt Day