

# February 2018

## Monthly Planner

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## Our Mission:

To build a community of disciples of Jesus Christ by teaching children love, forgiveness, mercy and salvation through our Catholic faith.

## We will carry out our mission by:

- ◆ Welcoming all children and families with love and mercy
- ◆ Sharing the love of God through scripture, prayer, and Catholic teaching
- ◆ Preparing children and families to receive the grace of God through the Sacraments
- ◆ Building a community of faith and discipleship



## February 2018 Newsletter

### Prepare Your Family for Lent By Debbie Kaluza, Director

**C.R.E.  
Important  
Dates**

Our priests have been giving us a wonderful message these past few weeks: "Prepare your hearts for Lent." There are some great resources out there to help families do that, and I would like to suggest one of my favorites, Loyola Press. May God bless you and your family this Lent!

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/activities-and-resources/lent-at-home>

#### Lenten Family Mealtime

In addition to "Friday fish day," designate one evening a week to prepare a meal together. Assign a different dish or task to each family member. Before starting, discuss how each family member is giving to the others—giving time, effort, and care to nourish the entire family to go out and do God's will. Begin with a prayer of thanks and petition.

#### Family Lenten Reading

Prominently display the Bible and other books that feature topics such as the following: Lent, forgiveness, prayer, Scrip-

ture, generosity, social justice and service for others. You might wish to display *Praying Lent: Renewing Our Lives on the Lenten Journey*, a small booklet by Andy Alexander, SJ, or *A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions* by William G. Storey, which offers a special section dedicated to Lenten reflection in addition to prayers for other seasons and normal time. Invite family members to



choose books and discuss what you read.

#### Family Kindness and Sharing

On slips of paper, write random acts of kindness, such as give a compliment, say hi to an old friend, carry someone's heavy load. Present each family member with a slip of paper as he or she leaves in the morning. Invite each family member to perform the kindness without seeking recognition. Afterward, talk together about what happened. Pray with one another that your kindnesses will be passed on throughout Lent and beyond.

#### Giving to Charities

Ask each family member to find three to five high-quality, useful items that would be appreciated by those who are less fortunate. Donate the items to a favorite charity. Pray together for those who will receive them.

**And now these  
three things remain:  
faith, hope  
and love.**

**But the greatest of  
these is love.**

**1 Corinthians 13:13**

**Helpful tip:** Decide as a family how to make this Lent your best ever!