St. Anne Religious Ed Newsletter

Dear Parents, 3/16/2016

I’m a Batman fan. Not like, crazy, must have all the comics, build my own Batmobile fan… I just love the movies. Yes, even the one with Arnold Schwarzenegger. There’s a great recurring line from *Batman Begins*, which is the second best Batman movie, following *The Dark Knight*.

Bruce, as a child, hears it from his Father. His butler Alfred says it to him years later when he’s in total despair and desolation. The classic line: “Why do we fall? … So we can learn to pick ourselves up.”

Next Thursday begins the Easter Triduum, so we have exactly one week of Lent left. How have you fallen this Lent? What have you failed at? Make this last week count. Fast. Do penance. Pray. Go to Mass. Go to Confession. Spend time with your family. Love the people you hate.

Oh, and Batman is way better than Superman.

**Stations of the Cross 3/23 – regular class times \*UPDATE\***

Your current schedule says that Stations of the Cross will be at 6pm in Coleman, but **that is incorrect**. Students will attend their normal class times and sites. Stations of the Cross will occur during classes.

**Easter Mass – 3/30 – Lena @ 6pm**

This is probably obvious, but just to be clear, this Wednesday night Mass does NOT fulfill your Sunday/Easter obligation. But here’s what’s super exciting: the 7 days following Easter are what’s called the Octave of Easter, which basically means that each of these days is like another Easter! So wear your Easter Best – dresses and suits – and get ready for a beautiful Mass!

**Confirmation Retreat - April 2-3 @ Camp Tekakwitha**

The retreat itself begins at 10am on Saturday at Camp Tek in Shawano and ends after 10:30 Mass on Sunday. All Confirmation Candidates are **required to attend the entire retreat** (including Mass) unless they speak with me prior to departure.

I’m still working out the logistics for driving, so if there will be a problem with getting to and from the retreat when the rest of the group goes, please let me know **in writing** ASAP.

The parish is taking care of the majority of expenses, so please be gracious and get your registration form turned in ASAP.

**Safe Environment Night 4/6 – regular class times**

Please be aware that all Students **must be present** for Safe Environment Night on April 6. Any Students not present will be reported to the diocese. If you prefer your Child not to receive Safe Environment information, you must ask me for an Opt Out form. Materials will then be sent home so you can review Safe Environment information with your children.

Upcoming Events

MAR 23 Stations of the Cross – **DURING CLASSES**

MAR 30 Easter Mass – L@6pm

APR 2-3 Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Tekakwitha

APR 6 Safe Environment – All grades

APR 17 Confirmation 1pm (Candidates at noon)

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Thank you,

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