



THE THURSDAY POST

February 22, 2018



Friday, February 23rd: Stations of the Cross, 12:30PM Church

Friday, February 23rd: Fish Fry; 4:30PM—7:30PM: *Bring your Canned Goods for Boy Scout's Food Drive*

Friday, February 23rd: 8th Grade Graduate Class Pictures—(8th Graders Only: Dress clothes; *Nothing green*)

Sunday, February 25th: 9:15AM *Mandatory 1st Communion Parents' Meeting*, Activity Center, Mass to follow

Sunday, February 25th: Meeting for All Altar Servers and their parents, after 10:00AM Mass, Activity Center

Monday, Feb. 26th—Friday, March 2nd: National Reading Week (see back of this newsletter for more info)

Thursday, March 1st: Morning Meet and Greet hosted by 2nd grade, 7:20AM—7:50AM, Activity Center

Monday, March 5th—Friday, March 9th: Scholastic Book Fair during *Students' Library Classes*

Tuesday, March 13th: Save the date! Fundraiser at Topsy Cow Cantina ... More info to follow ...

ONLY 4 DAYS LEFT!!!!

Tuition Contracts **must** be signed by February 28th in order to qualify for the tuition freeze discount!

For those of you who still need to sign your tuition agreement for the 2018-2019 school year, you may stop at the school office anytime from 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 each school day.

Tuition agreements will not be sent home. Tuition agreements must be signed and registration fee paid before March 1st to lock in the current 2017-2018 tuition rate. All tuition rates will increase on March 1st for the 2018-2019 school year.

EMPOWER ILLINOIS UPDATE:

The Empower Illinois tax credit scholarship application will open on **Tuesday, February 27 at 7 p.m.** at www.empowerillinois.org.

The application will now be a two-step process. On February 27 at 7 p.m., families will complete a brief online form with their name and contact information, child's name and preferred school. After families reserve their place in line by completing the registration form, families will be emailed a unique link to complete the actual application. The application links will be sent on a rolling basis, over a few weeks, so families should not be alarmed if they do not receive a link immediately.

It is important to note that scholarships will still be awarded on a first come, first served basis. As mentioned above, Step one of the application process will determine each family's place in line, so it's important that families complete the form as soon as possible on **Tuesday, February 27.**

1st Communion Meeting: There is a Parent Meeting at **9:15AM on Sunday, Feb. 25th** in the Activity Center for parents of students receiving First Communion.

Altar Servers Meeting: There will be a meeting for all Altar Servers and their parents on **Sunday, Feb. 25th, after the 10:00AM Mass in the Activity Center.**

Service Hours: Don't forget: 10 hours of parent service are needed in order to fulfill the requirement and receive a refund of the Parent Service deposit this year. If you still need hours, please volunteer for the Friday Fish Frys.

Service Hours with COR: Christian Outreach has service hours available for **Mondays between 9:30am and 1pm.** at the St. Ferdinand Covent food pantry. Please contact Mike McGinnis for more information at 773-622-9737

Meet and Greet: All families are welcome to attend our Morning Meet & Greets. This is a wonderful way for parents and families to get to know one another. Second Grade will be hosting on **March 1st** in the Activity Center from **7:20-7:50am.** While all school families are invited, second grade parents are especially encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Baby Bulls: St. Ferdinand School invites parents, caregivers and their children ages 6 months to three years to join us for our playgroup, Baby Bulls. This is an opportunity for you and your little one to enjoy social interaction in a child-friendly environment in our school. Child must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver over the age of 18. Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am, 5 weeks remain in this session, \$15 fee for the remaining 5 weeks. Please complete a registration form available in the school office.

READING WEEK AND SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR KICK OFF!

In an effort to kick off our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair and Dr. Suess' Birthday (National Reading Day) we will celebrate a whole week of reading.

MONDAY	Bookmark making
TUESDAY	Curl up with a good book - Pajama Day
WEDNESDAY	Mystery Readers
THURSDAY	Stop, Drop, and Read
FRIDAY	Dr. Suess' Birthday

Monday

Bookmark making activity and an opportunity to get students excited about reading.

Tuesday

Curl up with a good book & pajama day. ***This is a free out of uniform day!***

Wednesday

"Mystery Readers"

Thursday

Stop Drop, and Read. An all call will be made for "stop, drop and read". This will be 10 minutes where students stop what they're doing to read.

Friday

Dr. Suess' birthday