



MATER DOLOROSA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Eagle Bulletin 4-6-22

PM Carline

Diagrams are attached.

Turn on NORTH Oak Street from HWY 40. Then take a left on Wilson. Do not drive or park on the "private road" as you did before. We will assess the situation and make changes if needed.

Due to issues in the community with our afternoon carpool line, we have to make some changes. We will no longer be able to double park on the side road where carpool starts now. We will start lining up on Wilson Street, single file, right side. This line will begin just past the private road where we presently start. The line is to go back, single file, towards NORTH Oak Street. If you are in line on NORTH Oak Street, the line needs to go towards the Dollar General Store (Hwy 40). Please leave enough room at the corner of NORTH Oak and Wilson so that the bus can make its wide turn to head toward Hwy 40. You are not to block driveways or streets. If you park your car far enough to the right side, it will allow enough room for everything needed. The Independence Police will begin issuing citations for anyone who double parks or prohibits a way for buses or emergency vehicles to pass in the afternoon. Thank you for being considerate of our neighbors.

Terra Nova Summative Paper and Pencil Tests

3rd- 8th graders will tentatively take these tests in the mornings during the week of April 25th when we come back from the Easter Holidays. Please make sure students are well rested, fed, and on time!

(Before Easter) Stations of the Cross and Mass (All are invited at 8:00 in Church)

April 13th

(After Easter) Mass (All are invited at 8:00 in Church)

April 27th

May 4th

May 11th

May 18th

May 25th

**The Rosary will begin at 7:45 on the basketball court each Friday morning.
PK-8th graders and their parents and guardians are invited.**

April 8th

April 15th

April 29th

May 6th

May 13th

May 20th

May 27th

Monday, April 11th

Students will take extracurricular pictures (flag football, basketball, Beta Club, 4H Club...) on the same day as Spring pictures and Kinder and 8th grade graduation retakes.

Students may come to school dressed for Spring pictures and stay dressed in that clothing the entire day; however, if they are in any of the extracurricular clubs, (flag football, basketball, Beta Club, 4H Club...) , they must bring their full uniform to school to change into if they want to be included in the pictures.

Wednesday, April 13th

Progress Reports distributed

Thursday, April 14th

A representative from Catholic Relief Services will be here on at 7:45 for a presentation. Encourage your children to bring money for Rice Bowls!

11:30-1:30 Kona Ice Fundraiser!

Friday, April 15th

Holiday in observance of Good Friday

Pray and fast for peace and unity in our school community and beyond.

Monday, April 18th-Friday, April 22nd

Easter Holidays!

Monday, May 16th

PK 3 and 4 Graduation 9 AM

Kinder Graduation 11 AM

Friday, May 20th

8th Graders' Last Day of School

Wednesday, May 25th

8th Grade Graduation Mass begins at 5:00 followed by a ceremony in the gym.

Friday, May 27th

Last Day of School for 1st-8th Grade Students with 11:05 Dismissal

Reflection: Freedom From Sin (4/6/22)

Jesus answered them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. A slave does not remain in a household forever, but a son always remains. So if the Son frees you, then you will truly be free.” John 8:34–36

Jesus wants to set you free, but do you want to be set free? On an intellectual level this should be an easy question to answer. Of course you want your freedom! Who wouldn't? But on a practical level this question is harder to answer. Practically speaking, many people are very comfortable living in sin. Sin offers a deceptive satisfaction that can be hard to turn away from. Sin can make you “feel” good in the moment, even though the long-term effects are that it strips your freedom and joy. But so often that momentary “satisfaction” is enough for many people to keep coming back.

So what about you? Do you want to be free so as to live as a son or daughter of the Most High God? If you answer “Yes” then be prepared for this to be painful, but in a delightful way. Overcoming sin requires purification. The process of “letting go” of sin requires true sacrifice and commitment. It requires you to turn to the Lord in absolute trust and abandon. In doing so, you experience a sort of death to yourself, to your passions and to your own selfish will. This hurts, at least on the level of your fallen human nature. But it's like a surgery that has the goal of removing cancer or some infection. The surgery itself may hurt, but it's the only way to be freed of the malady you have. The Son is the Divine Surgeon and the way He sets you free is through His own suffering and death. Jesus' Crucifixion and death brought life into the world. His death destroyed the disease of sin, and our willing acceptance of the remedy of His death means we must let Him destroy the disease of sin within us through His death. It must be “cut out” so to speak and removed by our Lord.

Lent is a time, more than any, in which you must honestly focus on your sin

for the reason of identifying those things that keep you bound, so that you can invite the Divine Physician to enter your wounds and heal you. Do not let Lent go by without honestly examining your conscience thoroughly, and repenting of your sins with all your heart. The Lord wants you to be free! Desire it yourself and enter the process of purification so that you will be relieved of your heavy burdens.

Reflect, today, upon your attitude toward your own personal sins. First, can you humbly admit to your sin? Don't rationalize them away or blame another. Face them and accept them as your own. Second, confess your sins. Reflect upon your attitude toward the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is the Sacrament of freedom. It is so very easy. Just go in, admit all your sins, express sorrow and be set free. If you find this difficult then you are trusting your own feelings of fear rather than the truth. Third, rejoice in the freedom that the Son of God offers you. It's a gift beyond anything we deserve. Reflect on these three things today and for the rest of Lent, and your Easter will be one of true thanksgiving!

Lord, I do desire to be set free from all sin so that I may live in the freedom of being Your child. Help me, dear Lord, to face my sin with honesty and openness. Give me the courage I need to admit my sin in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that I may rejoice in all that You have bestowed upon me through Your suffering and death. Jesus, I trust in You.