

March 14, 2022

Dear Parents,

Wednesday, April 6th will be a special night for all of us in Faith Formation. The two events that are scheduled are listed below:

THE WAY OF THE CROSS/STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Because we were unable to have our Christmas pageant, the children in Grades 1-5 will be participating in the Way of the Cross during their regular class time. Students should still arrive at 5:30, and we hope **to begin the Stations at 5:45 pm**. Please come. Please invite grandparents, neighbors, friends. All our parishioners are also be invited. Children will be assigned reading parts soon and sent home to practice. So watch for this. The parts are not to be memorized.

EASTER JOY BASKETS: In lieu of the former Christmas Cheer Bags project, all youth, Grades 1-11 will participate in this Lenten/Easter project. Donated items will be laid out on tables in the hall. Youth in Grades 1-5 will fill their bag(s) immediately after the Way of the Cross; students in Grades 6-11 will fill their bag(s) at the start of their class time at 7:00 pm, and then will continue in their classrooms until 8:10 pm. Students can decorate their bags with stickers, ribbons, drawings—or leave them plain. Depending upon how many donated items we have, youth can share in what is available. Parents, you are also welcome to bring additional items to share with all the students, if you can. **Please have donations brought to their classes on March 30.** We ask that parents help add to the bags at home too—whether it be with homemade cookies, colored Easter eggs, a special Easter card, or whatever you'd like to make it extra special for the recipient(s). Parents are asked to call the recipient to set up a time for you and your child(ren) to drop by with a “little surprise” for them. Have the youth hand the bag to them and explain that they made the basket “especially for them.” There is no need to stay and visit—unless you know them well enough and they invite you in. Many will simply meet you at the door. Whatever makes the recipient most comfortable is what you should do. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact your catechist, or me at the parish office. Recipients do not have to be Catholic. We would like to keep them in the Rib Lake or surrounding area to make it easier for delivery. **Returning the attached form to your catechist or the parish office by Wednesday, March 30th** will help us plan for how many bags are needed, and how many recipient names we may need to provide. You can do one bag per family or one per student if you have more than one child. The parish will have bags available that evening for filling; however, if you prefer to use an Easter “basket” for your items, or different bag, that will be up to you to do when you return home with the bag we provide. This is a great way for youth to practice giving to those that have gone through a tough time or need some joy in their life. Perhaps one of the best gifts each could give would be to let the recipient know they will be prayed for by the student, and hopefully your entire family. A note/card in the basket stating this will show the recipient how much you care. Have fun with this project too!

Parish Secretary