

FEBRUARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES

Thank you for your cooperation during the snow storms. We hope the website was helpful to you. Please check there first for the most up-to-date information. The [Religious Ed Calendar](#) page is the first place we update so that's the best place to look first.

LENT

Ash Wednesday was February 17th. What is your family doing this Lent to grow in your relationship with Christ? The tradition of the Church is to pray, fast, and live your Faith more fully. Develop a plan to fit your family. Here are just a few ideas. Set aside some time to pray together or to read scripture. Plan a simple meal once a week and donate the money saved to a special charity. Make a cake or a casserole for the Soup Kitchen. Buy the makings of a meal for the Food Pantry. Send a note to Father Arek or another service person*. Send a note to Father Mark thanking him for being your pastor*. Attend the Friday evening stations, Mass, and supper. Not only will your spiritual life grow but you will meet some interesting people you might not otherwise encounter. Make decorations for the Soup Kitchen. Go through your closets and donate clothes to the poor. What can you think of? Check the [website](#) for more suggestions.

*Snail Mail and E-Mail addresses are on the website: [Fr. Mark](#) [Fr. Arek](#)

FIRST COMMUNION IS ALMOST HERE !!!

If you did not attend one of the parent meetings, see Mary Catherine as soon as possible. The Family Blessing Mass is February 28th at 9:00am. The retreat day is March 6 and First Communion is Saturday, March 27 at 10:00am. Check the [website](#) for more information.

STONE SOUP SUNDAY - MARCH 21ST

We will be making sandwiches and soup for the soup kitchen in Dundalk. Donations of any kind of vegetables or *cooked* meat are welcome. We are also in need of sandwich bags. If you would like to make something at home, you may pick up foil pans and suggested recipes at all the church entrances.

SOLDIERS IN IRAQ

We are continuing to collect items for Father Arek and his soldiers. Items needed include individually wrapped, *single serving size* snacks, hand cream, foot powder, chap stick, eye drops. Monetary donations to help with the postage are very helpful; to date, the postage has amounted to over \$2,000. We've had many generous donations and have had enough so far, but soon will have used all that's come in. Check the [website](#) for more information. Father Arek is most grateful to his OLOS family for their love and support. Remember to send pictures and home-made cards from your family. MOST IMPORTANTLY OF ALL, PRAY FOR PEACE.

CONFIRMATION (November 2010 class) MEETING - NEW DATE

The *mandatory* meeting for students (and at least one parent) in grade 9 or above who wish to be confirmed in November 2010 will now be **February 28th at 6:30** in the hall. Anyone who has not completed the introductory session by March 27 will not be admitted to the program. Call or email Mary Catherine for information or with any questions.

BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS

There will be an adult Bible Study on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the hall. We will be studying Mark's gospel.

You may have noticed the many references to the [website](#) in this newsletter. We try very hard to keep it current up to the minute so it really is the best way to get accurate information. Whenever you see an error on the site, please inform Jo – jo@olos.us.