



# St. Margaret Catholic School

## Viking Vine



**"Be Who God Meant You to Be And You Will Set The World On Fire."**

**March 1, 2019**

### Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

How busy are households in the morning! Getting everyone out of bed can be a task in itself and then comes finding the clothes they are to wear that day, the things they need to take with them to fulfil the requirements of that day's routine and then, breakfast! Thankfully, all these pre-breakfast chores are predictable, even repetitive. Imagine being the White Queen in "Alice Through the Looking Glass", who made it a practice to believe six impossible things before breakfast!

One "impossible" for Christian people is understanding the Trinity. However, it is especially important to have some understanding of the Trinity because it is central to our faith. "Trinity is the Christian name for God." Karl Barth. The understanding of the Trinity stresses that The Creator or Father has come near to us in human form in Jesus and lives in us in the Holy Spirit.

God is not removed from the pain and suffering of the world and has shown profound love and compassion for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and in the continuing indwelling of the Holy Spirit with its gifts for sustaining us. St. Paul tells us that, "Long ago in many ways at many times, God's prophets spoke His message to our ancestors. But now at last God sent His Son to bring His message to us." Hebrews 1:1. So, what was His message?

In the "civilizations" of Greece and Rome, no one would have dreamed that leaders should in any way be servants. Indeed, Aristotle argued that the poor and the underprivileged should be kept well and truly in slavery, so that "superior men" would have leisure to think and participate in the governance of the community. Aristotle cherished the "great-souled man" who was proud, honorable, aristocratic and rich. The job of the leader was to stay above the common people and lead.

But Jesus invented the notion that the way to lead is by serving the needs of others, especially those who are the most needy: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant ... for even the Son of man did not come to be served but to serve." Mark 10:43. Jesus was born in a stable and lived most of His life as a carpenter's apprentice. Usually, He travelled by foot, His first disciples were fishermen and craftsmen and He lived and moved among the common people.

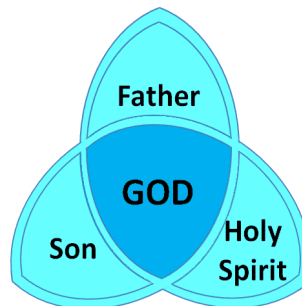
Jesus broke the taboos. From society's point of view, and even from some of His male disciples point of view, Jesus scandalously permitted women, even women who were outcasts because of their lifestyle, to travel with Him and to be part of His circle of friends and confidants. "The Christian prohibition of adultery, viewed as equally serious for men and women, placed a moral leash on the universal double standard that commanded women to behave themselves while men did as they pleased." Dinesh D'Souza.

The message through Jesus is that, in God's eyes, all people are of equal

importance and we are to love ourselves and others, as God loves us. We are to do this because, "God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom He has given us." Rom. 5:5. And, of course, the Spirit produces, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control." Gal. 5: 22, 23. These are additional gifts to assist us to carry on the message as Christians, the Christs of our time. St. Paul had a great insight into the Trinity, when he gave this blessing to the people of Corinth; "May the grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." And may Paul's blessing be with us all, this very day.

Peace and Blessings,

Wendy L. Wicke



### Events

Monday, March 4th & Tuesday, March 5th - NO SCHOOL  
MARDI GRAS HOLIDAY

Wednesday, March 6th

8:15 am - Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday, March 7th

10:00 am - Junior High Confessions

Friday, March 8th

8:00 am - School Wide Stations of the Cross

Garage Sale Set-Up

Saturday, March 9th

The SMCS Garage is on hold for now. Mrs. Reeves does not have enough help to continue at this time.

### Lunches

Monday, March 4th

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, March 5th

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, March 6th

Fish Portion, Cream Potatoes with Cheese Sauce, Black Eye Peas, Peach Slices & Wheat Roll

Thursday, March 7th

Chicken Gumbo with Brown Rice, Broccoli, Baby Carrots, Apple Wedges & Wheat Roll

Friday, March 8th

Cheese Baked Potato, Salad, Cumber Slices & Fruit

Choice of Milk Daily

### Things to Remember

#### **HALO!**

Our HALO this week was Mrs. Summer Flanders. We thank Mrs. Flanders for her many talents and the love and care she shows each and every student.

#### Club Meetings

Thursday, March 7th

3:00 - 4:00 pm - Art and Companions of Jesus Meetings

Friday, March 8th



# Viking Lagniappe

## Unveiling the Virtues

Habit #6 Synergize - Together is Better

I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different from me. I work well in groups. I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because I know that by learning with others we can create better solutions than any one of us alone. I am humble

Industriousness - diligence, especially in work that leads to natural and supernatural maturity.

Magnanimity - seeking with confidence to do great things in God; literally "having a large soul".

Patience - bearing present difficulties calmly.

Perseverance - taking the steps necessary to carry out objectives in spite of difficulties.

## Family Faith Formation

Lent is coming. If you do not yet have any family traditions associated with this holy season, there is no better time to start one than now. Here are a couple of ideas and resources. I encourage you to take some time this weekend looking them over to see what might be right for your family.

<https://www.reallifeathome.com/40-lenten-activities-for-catholic-families/>

<http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/lent.html>

CatholicMom.com and Catholicicing.com also offer lots of suggestions.

Finally, to get yourself ready to pray, here is a short video with lots of practical advice. A Saint Margaret School parent shared it with me!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHDQ4Xowfa8&feature=youtu.be>

## March Birthdays!

Sarah Owen, Paige Robertson, Jacques Metoyer, Dylan Freeman, Liliana Lloyd, Grant Berard, Mrs. Devon Melville, Bently Fiore, Maria LaFleur, Kennedy Bellow, Karah Guillory, Andrew Fusilier, MacKenzie Benavidez, Annalise Soileau, Sicily Willis, Patrick Bass, Bria Noel, Wes Lyons, Christian Istre, Mason Cormier, Madison Veron, Cullen Clanton, Matthew Landry, Davin Ange, Milo Perzo, William Mathis, Ryleigh Touns, Delaynie Williams & Mrs. Kari Proksch

## March Events

Wednesday, March 6th - 8:15 am Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday, March 7th - 10:00 am Jr. High Confessions

Friday, March 8th - 8:00 am - School Wide Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 13th - AR Points Due

6:00 pm - PTC Meeting in Gym

Thursday, March 14th - Individual Spring Pictures (Free Dress following guidelines on page 17 of the handbook)

Friday, March 15th - 8:15 am Family Group Mass with NJHS and Beta Inductions to follow

End of the Third Nine Weeks

Monday, March 18th - PTC Free Dress

Tuesday, March 19th - 8:15 am - Mass for St. Joseph Day

1:00 pm - 3rd & 6th grade St. Joseph Table in East Room of Family Center

Thursday, March 21st - Student Council District Workshop

Friday, March 22nd - 8:15 am - Jr. High Stations of the Cross

Report Cards Distributed

Saturday, March 23rd - 6:00 pm - PTC Dinner/Auction in Gym

Monday, March 25th - 9:00 am - Annunciation Mass

Tuesday, March 26th - Banner Roll Free & Honor Roll Free Spirit Shirt Day

Wednesday, March 27th - 5:30 pm - Movie Night in East Room

Thursday, March 28th - 10:00 am - 2nd & 3rd grade confessions

Free Dress for March Birthdays

Friday, March 29th - 8:15 am - Jr. High Stations of the Cross