



# *St. Michael School*

## Fall River, Massachusetts

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### **Important Dates:**

February 12, 2024: Confirmation Class, Gr. 8

February 13, 2024: Closed due to winter storm.

February 14, 2024: Ash Wednesday

**February 15, 2024: Valentine's Day (observed) / UPDATED**

February 16, 2024: Stations of the Cross; 1:30 PM

### **February Vacation**

As a friendly reminder, please mark your calendar as February vacation is observed from Monday, February 19 to Friday, February 23, 2024.

### **A note from Mr. Klein, Principal**

As we embark on the solemn journey of Lent, I extend my warmest greetings to each of you. The season of Lent is a sacred time, marked by reflection, repentance, and renewal. It is an opportunity for us to deepen our spiritual lives and draw closer to God as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter.

On Ash Wednesday, we are reminded of our mortality and the call to repentance as we receive ashes on our foreheads. These ashes symbolize both our frailty as human beings and our dependence on God's grace and mercy. They serve as a visible sign of our commitment to turn away from sin and embrace the abundant life that Christ offers us.

During the 40 days of Lent, we are called to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Through prayer, we seek to deepen our relationship with God and discern His will for our lives. Through fasting, we learn to detach ourselves from worldly distractions and focus on what truly matters. And through almsgiving, we extend a helping hand to those in need, embodying the spirit of charity and compassion that lies at the heart of the Gospel.

As a school community, let us journey together through this season of Lent with open hearts and minds. Let us support one another in our spiritual growth and encourage each other to embrace the disciplines of Lent with joy and gratitude. Together, may we draw closer to Christ and experience the transforming power of His love in our lives.

I invite you to join us in our Lenten observances and participate in the various activities and opportunities for prayer and reflection that will be offered in the coming weeks.

### **Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule**

#### **Wednesday, February 14th, 2024**

The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday.

St. Joseph's Church - 7:00 AM

6:30 PM

St. Michael's Church - 8:30 AM, with school St. Michael's  
12 PM, Portuguese

### **Valentine's Day - Observed on Thursday, February 15th**

Due to the school closure on Tuesday, February 13th, we will be observing Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 15th. Please mark your calendars accordingly and join us in spreading kindness throughout our school community.

### **Stations of the Cross**

The Stations of the Cross are a Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's Sacrifice on Good Friday. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete. Join us each Friday of Lent. \*There will be no 1:30PM Stations on February 23rd or March 1st.

St. Michael's Church - 9:30 AM, Portuguese  
1:30PM, with school  
St. Joseph's Church - 6:00PM

### **Fun 107 FM - Families can Nominate their Favorite Teacher or Staff Member**

Everyone has that one teacher. The one teacher in their life that only settled for your very best. The teacher that made learning fun. A teacher that taught you to dream big and to be proud of your hard work. The SouthCoast is full of these superstar teachers, and Fun 107 is dedicated to giving them the spotlight they deserve. If you know a SouthCoast teacher worthy of Fun 107's Teacher of the Month, nominate them now using the form below.

Read More: [Make a Nomination for Fun 107 Teacher of the Month](https://fun107.com/make-a-nomination-for-fun-107-teacher-of-the-month-2023-2024/?utm_source=tsmclip&utm_medium=referral) | [https://fun107.com/make-a-nomination-for-fun-107-teacher-of-the-month-2023-2024/?utm\\_source=tsmclip&utm\\_medium=referral](https://fun107.com/make-a-nomination-for-fun-107-teacher-of-the-month-2023-2024/?utm_source=tsmclip&utm_medium=referral)

### **A Woman's Concern; Baby Bottle Blessings (Ends Monday, February 26, 2024)**

Baby bottles were sent home today. This is our annual attempt to gather funds for A Woman's Concern. Donations have a significant impact on the lives of their patients and unborn babies, who receive life-affirming services. The collection will continue through Friday, February 23rd. Thank you for your wonderful efforts and donations. It is sincerely appreciated and will benefit a worthwhile cause.

### **2024-25 FACE Scholarships - Completed Applications are due by March 24, 2024.**

What is FACE? - The Foundation to Advance Catholic Education. The Foundation to Advance Catholic Education raises money for scholarships to assist with the costs of Catholic education. FACE uses the FACTS system to determine financial needs so that each situation can be fairly assessed for scholarship opportunities. SMS works very closely with FACE to help make a Catholic education a reality.

**CORI Paperwork** - If you would like to get your service hours in by helping out at our March Book Fair, Please be sure all CORI paperwork has been completed. Contact Mrs. Borges at [lborges@smsfr.dfrcs.org](mailto:lborges@smsfr.dfrcs.org) for more information.