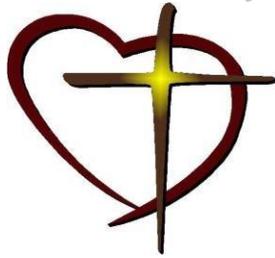


## Mrs. Miles' February News



Where did January go? I can't believe we are already into February. This month we will focus on love. The love of our family and friends but most importantly, God's love. We will soon begin reading and learning about the Stations of the Cross, Jesus's ultimate love for us. While it is a difficult subject to explore, we will keep the primary focus on his abundant love. All materials presented will be developmentally appropriate.

### Feast of St. Blaise

The children will be receiving a Throat Blessing from Fr. Vietor on February 3<sup>rd</sup> for the feast day of St. Blaise. Be sure to ask them about it.

### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent with Family Mass on Feb 17<sup>h</sup> at 8:30. Since many parishioners attend this mass for the distribution of ashes, it is usually not over until 9:40ish, at which time our gates will be unlocked.

### Valentine's Day Celebration

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day (and Fat Tuesday) with a "pizza party" on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Children may wear any Valentine themed/color attire they would like...they can still wear their uniform if they prefer. Please also have your child bring in 9 Valentines signed with their name. **Do not label each card to a specific child as it makes distribution quite difficult.** Each child will place a card into each of their classmate's decorated bag, which we will be decorating on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

### Screen Time

Higher-order thinking skills and executive functions essential for school success, such as task persistence, impulse control, emotion regulation, and creative, flexible thinking, are best taught through unstructured and social (*not digital*) play, as well as **responsive parent-child interactions**.

Through pretend play, children reenact behavior or subject matter when they are trying to make sense of it so please be mindful about the content to which they are being exposed.

Limit screen time! Pick up a good book to read with your child or use the following link for ideas on enjoyable learning experiences that can take place at home:

[Fun and Learning for Parents and Children: An Activities Handbook | ECLKC \(hhs.gov\)](#)

### Important dates to Remember:

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mrs. Denisse's Birthday

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup><sup>st</sup> – St. Blaise Feast Day

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - No Friday Enrichment for staff trainings

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – President's Day – No School

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – Valentine Celebration

Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday – Family Mass

No Before Care

### Wish List Items:

Valentine Stickers – Greeting Cards for any occasion for our writing center. This is a terrific way for children to understand that print conveys a message.