Little St. Joseph



Dear Parents,

In honor of the Year of St. Joseph our school will be celebrating "Little St. Joseph." Since March 19th is the feast of St. Joseph, our St. Joseph Committee has chosen to celebrate each month on the 19th when it falls on a weekday to honor our holy patron. This will consist of students being able to wear their Walk for Christ t-shirt with uniforms **OR** non-uniform bottoms (we

understand that some girls with jumpers found it difficult to display the shirt well) and honoring St. Joseph in some special way that day by such practices as praying the Litany of St. Joseph or other prayers, making an extra visit to the Blessed Sacrament and/or St. Joseph statue, making a small sacrifice in honor of St. Joseph, doing some sort of service in honor of St. Joseph, etc.



The dates include: Oct. 19, Nov. 19, Jan. 19, Mar. 17 (*celebrate "big" St. Joseph due to the 19th on Sat.*), Apr. 19 and May 19. Attached is also a copy of the <u>Litany of St. Joseph</u> if you would like to pray it with your family. God bless you!

Other special practices this year include:

- We have special permission from Bishop Conley to <u>celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on March 17th</u> this year. Since Mar. 19th is a Saturday (and Confirmation) we asked to have a school Mass and day of celebration earlier. March 18th is a Friday in Lent and thus would not be appropriate to change. Our green Walk for Christ t-shirts are providential as St. Joseph and St. Patrick are certainly friends in heaven!
- 2. Offering 3-4 invocations of the Litany of St. Joseph over the intercom at announcements.
- 3. Each month, encouraging students and staff to offer prayers and sacrifices for a specific intention tied to the Litany of St. Joseph:
 - Sept. service personnel (police, firefighters, first responders, military)
 - Oct. refugees/exiles
 - Nov. the dying
 - Dec. families
 - Jan. elected officials
 - Feb. the sick, doctors and health care workers
 - Mar. fathers
 - Apr. the Church
 - May the unemployed

Dear St. Joseph, by your prayers and guidance, please help us to do the work that our Heavenly Father asks of us, and so come to the rewards He has promised. Amen.