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*"Yet even now," declares the LORD,  
"Return to Me with all your heart,  
and with fasting, weeping, and mourning;  
and rend your heart and not your  
garments."*

*Now return to the LORD your God,  
for He is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger, abounding in loving  
kindness and relenting of evil."*

(Joel 2:12-13)

**CHANGE IN LANGUAGE ARTS SUBSTITUTE TEACHER** - Last Friday, Ms. Grams communicated information that Ms. Crego would be stepping in for Mrs. Clementi, who is on a three week leave of absence to be with her father who is dying. Ms. Crego had a change in circumstances and will no longer be assisting us, however, we are pleased to welcome Mr. Chris Dwyer to teach our Language Arts course as our replacement. Mr. Dwyer has a solid background in education, is father to 3 year old NuNu in PAL, and was eager to accept the opportunity. Mr. Dwyer begins today (Wednesday), and we feel fortunate to have him with us. Thank you, Mr. Dwyer!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS - THIS FRIDAY** - Please consider joining our school children and staff this Friday from 1:45-2:45pm in the church as we journey through Christ's Passion by praying the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome.

**PARENTING FOR PURITY** - On Thursday, March 30 at 6:30pm, DSHA High School is hosting Jason Evert, a world speaker on purity. Ms. Grams shares the following: "Jason was a parent at my former school in Denver and is phenomenal! I cannot say enough about his presentation style which strongly reaches both teen and parent audiences alike, with his humor, wisdom, and encouragement to pursue purity in our relationships. We brought our 7th and 8th graders to hear Jason speak and they left saying they thought the day would be 'awful', but they left saying they 'loved it' and 'felt inspired'! Jason's message is grounded in faith and is truly fantastic. He serves as a great resource for parents and "tweens"/teens alike. All teens and parents (any age parent, for that matter) are encouraged to attend!" As the seminar description reads, *"How is a parent to compete with MTV, sexting, Internet porn, and the many other influences that allure young people away from a pure life? In this seminar, Jason offers communication techniques, resources, statistics, and a wealth of information to assist parents in their task as the primary educators of their children."* For more information, please see <http://chastityproject.com>.

**LENTEN PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE** - Our middle school teachers and Mrs. Golomski have organized a Lenten peanut butter drive (and competition!) for the remainder of Lent. Area shelters are in desperate need of peanut butter. Grade levels will compete against each other in groupings of K4-2nd, 3rd-5th, Middle School, and St. Coletta for a chance to win a free dress pass and perhaps a few other surprises!

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS RETURN FROM D.C. WITH FULL HEARTS** - The 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington D.C. this year was a journey that provided learning across multiple spectrums. It was an emotional trip that allowed our students to bond, grow, and contemplate their place in our world thru numerous experiences together. They have become witnesses to history during this trip; they touched the Berlin Wall, heard testimony about the Holocaust, gave thanks in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, stood in George Washington's study, and walked the 100-year old National Cathedral on Ash Wednesday.

Each day started with a prayer asking God to be with us as we open our hearts and minds to the joy, learning, fun, kindness, and love found within our group, as well as the sites and people we would encounter. That feeling permeated throughout the trip as our ensemble visited Arlington National Cemetery, War Memorials, Presidential Memorials and Monuments, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, as well as the Capitol Building and the Supreme Court, and lastly - the White House.

The group of parents on the 2017 trip wanted to make this trek truly special because Ms. Rick informed us in our preparation meeting that this would likely be her last trip to D.C. with Saint Sebastian's. After 16 years guiding countless parents and students, Ms. Rick wants to focus on her primary role at St. Seb's - Religion. Shortly into the trip, Ms. Rick made the announcement, and this class did respond by doing all they could to listen, learn, and love. Thank you, Ms. Rick, for helping shape this group, and so many others, into the responsible and caring people they have become...

**YAC SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT --WEDNESDAY APRIL 5th 7:00pm**

Students in grades 5-8 who participated in St Sebastian volleyball or basketball this year will be recognized at the 2016-17 YAC Sports Awards Night! Coaches, parents and players are invited to attend this event in the Church Hall (sorry, no siblings). For those unfamiliar with this event, student athletes will receive a red letter "S" and a pin for each sport they participated in, as well as an honors pin if they made honors this year. Returning athletes will receive pins only. Light refreshments will be served. Students in attendance are eligible to win fun raffle prizes!

**SCRAP METAL DRIVE** - Please mark your calendars! The annual scrap metal drive will be Saturday April 8th. This is the perfect time to do a little spring cleaning! Bring items to the St. Sebastian playground on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 - Noon. We can also pick up any large items that you have. Please contact Scott Hardy at 414-607-2141 to make arrangements. All proceeds benefit St. Sebastian Home and School.

**FISH FRY** - Carry out fish fry is available this Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 - 7:30. Our parent volunteers will be from St. Coletta Day School.

**HONOR ROLL** - Please see the attached first semester middle school honor roll list. Congratulations to these hard-working students.

**ROSIE READER** - Congratulations to the following student for their progress on the Rosie Reader program:  
Completing the letter "A" in reading:  
K4 - Lillian Morby  
Keep up the good work!

**CHILDCARE NEEDED** - One of our school families is looking for childcare (in your home) for their 2 year old toddler each week from Wednesday - Friday from 8:00 - 5:00. Please contact the school office for further details.

**PIUS XI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2017 SUMMER CAMPS - LEARNING ALL SUMMER LONG** - Pius XI High School summer camps give area middle school students the chance to further explore their God-given talents and interests outside the academic school year. Campers may register for one class or stay the whole day by choosing a morning and afternoon class. Camps available include Forensics Speaking, Creative Writing, Rube Goldberg, Drawing, and Musical Theater. The athletic offerings including Golf, Softball, etc.



**Milwaukee Mandolin Orchestra to perform at St. Sebastian -**

On Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 4pm, the Milwaukee Mandolin Orchestra will perform works from Spain and Italy as well as a U.S. premiere of a work from Japan! Directed by internationally acclaimed guitarist Rene Izquierdo (on faculty at UW-M), this ensemble was founded in 1900 and is the oldest fretted-instrument music organization in the U. S. Tickets may be purchased for \$25 at the door. Pre-sale tickets are available for \$16 (plus service charge) and may be obtained by calling 1-800-838-3006.

