



### **Lent at St. Martin's School**

Lent is a special time of prayer, fasting, and alms giving at St. Martin's School. As part of Lent, St. Martin's School tries to help those who are in need through our Lenten food drive. Our goal is to collect more than 8,500 food items by Holy Thursday. In addition to our collection of food for the pantry, each class also prepares for Lent in a special way.

Pre-K students will each chose a special Lenten sacrifice. Highlights include cleaning up at home, being obedient, going to bed without complaints, and helping Mom around the house. They will also reflect on the Stations of the Cross.

The Kindergarten class will be creating their Lenten Prayer in which they will make a sacrifice or do something for their home, school or community.

The 1<sup>st</sup> grade students brainstormed a list of sacrifices (giving up something or doing something extra). Each school day a different student picks from the purple bag, and whatever the sacrifice is, they will all follow it for the day.

The 2nd grade students will be discussing different sacrifices that they can each make during the Lenten season. Additionally, the students will make a promise to complete a random act of kindness every day during Lent.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will take a Lenten journey with daily activities to enrich their Lent, and they will learn about the Stations of the Cross.

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade class led the school into Lent with Bury the Alleluia Ceremony on Shrove Tuesday and the school Mass on Ash Wednesday. They will continue to learn that Lent is a time of reflection, sacrifice, and prayer and reflecting on sacrifices that they can make during the season of Lent.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class is busy preparing to lead the next school Mass. During this time, they will also take part in a Prayer Warrior Challenge, give up something for Lent as a sacrifice, and pick up a practice to grow in their faith.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class is creating crosses made out of burnt matches to hang on the wall.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade class will be discussing how Lent and Easter affects us today by contrasting today's world with those that followed Jesus many years ago. They will also be working in groups to create the scene of Calvary.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be practicing for the Living Stations of the Cross and creating a reenactment of the Lord's Passion that they will present to the school and parents.