

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 6

- Science Spectrum
- Home & School mtg @630pm

### April 8

- Adopt-A-Highway @9a-12p
- Butterfly Kisses @630pm

### April 9

- Palm Sunday
- Shrimp Boil @11a-1p

### April 10

- Holy Week begins
- Pennies for Patients begins

### April 13

- Seder Meal
- 12pm dismissal
- Holy Thursday

### April 14

- Good Friday-No School

### April 16

- Easter Sunday

### April 17

- Easter Monday-No School

### April 18

- Easter celebrations

### April 21

- Earth Day Projects

### April 27

- Slaton Care Center visit @2pm

### April Birthdays

- Isabella Butler-4/6
- James Pogue-4/12

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians & Community,



On Monday and Tuesday this week, I joined the Diocese of Lubbock for Advocacy Day. What a great experience! The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops all met, in Austin, with representatives from each of their dioceses. We began with Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, the night before, and ended with a rally on the steps of the capitol. A sea of blue Advocacy Day t-shirts gathered to cheer in support of the bishops as they work to support upcoming, pro-humanitarian bills being voted on in the 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature. I must admit, it was humbling to be reminded of our role in fighting for the underprivileged, marginalized and voiceless.

The students will be headed to the Science Spectrum tomorrow, please be sure to submit permission forms and \$10 for entry fee.

Can you believe we are starting Holy Week in just a few days! Please note all the special Church services coming up. **Chrism Mass** where the bishop blesses all the oils used throughout the year is **Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** we have a special **Seder meal** with the children at school. Please feel free to join us. In the evening, both Churches will commemorate the Last Supper, **SJC @7pm & OLG @830pm**. On **Good Friday**, we will combine for Stations of the Cross **@5pm** and the Passion at **6pm at OLG**. The **Vigils** will be at **7pm @SJC & 930pm @OLG**. **Easter Sunday Masses** will be at **9am for SJC & 1130am for OLG**.

There is still time to RSVP for our Inaugural Lenten Shrimp boil on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Call the office, 806-828-6761, or find us on Facebook to give us a head count, as we are steaming up corn, potatoes and a bit of St. Joe's famous sausage as well. In the spirit of Lent, you might consider paying for someone else to attend in an effort to, "feed the hungry," as we are reminded of our, "call to be Christ's witnesses." Acts 1:8

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Blessings and Peace,  
Mrs. Karen Hybner, MSED

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## A Message From the Office:

- Please note: All lunch charges are due immediately!
    - You are not permitted carry a balance. You cannot charge lunch.
    - On April 1<sup>st</sup>-Lunches must be ordered a week in advance. (Order forms in green folders.)
    - Tuition is due-statements will be mailed this week
  - Adopt-A-Highway
    - April 8<sup>th</sup> 9am to 12pm
    - Volunteer hours!
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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:



From Father Chacko:

"WHEN WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN TO BE GOOD, TO BE GENTLE, TO BE FORGIVING, TO BE GENEROUS, TO LOVE OTHERS, WE INSTILL VIRTUE IN THEIR SOULS AND REVEAL THE IMAGE OF GOD WITHIN THEM. THIS, THEN, IS OUR TASK: TO EDUCATE BOTH OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN IN GODLINESS; OTHERWISE WHAT ANSWER WILL WE HAVE BEFORE CHRIST'S JUDGMENT-SEAT?" - St. John Chrysostom. Please bring your children to St. Joseph School to let them grow in the love of God and neighbor.

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## A MESSAGE FROM HOME & SCHOOL:

Please attend the upcoming Home & School **meeting April 6, 2017 at 6:30pm** to discuss possible future fundraisers.

Thank you all,  
Heath Gary  
*President of HSA*

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## A MESSAGE FROM NCEA:

Reason #12 of 12 to choose Catholic schools-

"We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all."

