



ECEC News for March 31, 2023

HCA THEME: 40 DAYS OF KINDNESS

ECEC LENT ACTIVITIES

The ECEC will be participating in many school wide Lenten activities. We have created a simplified Stations of the Cross with a few words about each station.

We have a Lenten tree in church with a new symbol added each day to the tree. Classrooms visit the church throughout the week.

Lenten Cross of Kindness:

Teachers and students will be looking for others doing “Acts of Kindness” around the school. A small cross will be added to the large cross in the hallway. We will be filling the Cross during Lent.





LENTEN ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

April 5 Stations of the Cross with the 5th grade
Join us in church at 10:00 a.m.

April 6 Holy Thursday Prayer Service at 11:00 a.m.
Parents and Grandparents are invited to join us for a prayer service with the Stations of the Cross and a few songs.

Change for Change: continue to collect change for doing extra chores and acts of kindness for others.

Return bags of change by April 6.



Lent for Preschool Families

Lent can be challenging for young families and talking about the meaning of Lent. We want to encourage you to focus on your family and being more present with each other. Try doing acts of kindness and service to each other and those you love. Say a morning prayer together before you leave the house in the morning.

Sunday:

Attend Mass as a Family. Call a family member to say, I Love You

Monday:

Spend time as a family with a dinner and game night

Tuesday:

Read a Bible Story and pray together

Wednesday:

Pray for those that are sick and hungry

Thursday:

Take a walk together as a family and find the signs of Spring

Friday:

Attend a Local Fish Fry
Give up the dessert
Give Thanks for each family member

Saturday:

Help a Neighbor with picking up sticks or trash in the neighborhood



Faith Formation

Jesus Loves the
Little Children



EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 4

April 4 Easter Egg Hunt (Rain date April 5)

We will be having our annual Easter egg hunt. We ask each family to send in 12-18 eggs filled with stickers, toys, candy or coins. We will also be looking for volunteers to help hide the eggs for each classroom. All candy should be wrapped and not loose inside the eggs.

- **Approved candies can include:** Skittles, Starburst, Smarties, Nerds, Tootsie rolls, Tootsie Pops suckers, Starburst jelly beans, Ring Pops, Sour Patch Kids or straws, Swedish Fish, Mike & Ike, Laffy Taffy,

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to help put out the eggs for each class.

Classroom Times: 9:00 Ladybug and Flamingo

9:30 Butterfly and Seahorse

10:00 Shining Stars and Chameleon

10:30 Frog and Zoo Train

11:00 Rainbow and Tiny Tortoise



MUSIC WITH MS. KROBATH

Ms. Krobath is at the ECEC every Tuesday and Thursday.

She introduces the children to musical instruments, rhythmic patterns, a variety of musical styles, songs and movements.

The children also learn some religious songs that we sing during our prayer services.



MASS AS A FAMILY WITH YOUR HCA FAMILY

“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’” Matthew 19:14

We encourage you to attend church with your family each weekend. This weekly celebration is vital for your child's relationship with Jesus and understanding of our faith community outside of the school building. Making Mass part of your family's Lenten activities will also build an excitement towards Palm Sunday and Holy Week leading up to Easter.

I know Mass can be challenging with young children, but we have all been at this place in time. Families often feel like sitting in the back is best, but actually try sitting in the front or by the music area. Children can see what is happening on the Altar area. You can point out different things on the Altar and the music being played.

HCPA HAPPENING

Sign Up Link:

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/vF0/>

SADDLE UP
AND PUT YOUR BOOTS ON!

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HCPA Presents an All-Academy

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, April 21st
Trivia starts at 7pm
Doors open at 6:30pm
Annunciation Gym

Admission will be \$20 per person
8 people per table

Bring your own food and
beverages!

The night will include:

- A 50/50 Raffle
- Raffle baskets
- Best Dressed Prize
- Attendance Prizes

UPCOMING DATES:

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| April 4 | Easter Egg hunt by classroom |
| April 6 | Holy Thursday, early dismissal ALL children |
| April 7, 10 | Closed Easter Holiday (ALL Children) |
| April 14 | Early Dismissal for ALL children at 11:45 a.m.- Staff Retreat |
| April 21 | HCPA Trivia Night |
| May 24 | Last Day of School for ALL |
| May 25, 26, 29 | CLOSED to all students |
| May 30 | Summer Program Starts for year round children |