

# Faith Formation



## Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Lent begins on February 14—Ash Wednesday. On that day, we begin a season of doing special forms of charity and being especially generous (almsgiving); of being more conscientious about prayer; and of fasting. During Lent, our relationship with Jesus grows stronger as we prepare to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of the Lord.

We do not often think about preparing for Lent, though. Yet preparing for something is one way to ensure that we get the most out of it. Talk with your child about the season of Lent and the things you might do as a family during Lent. We will talk about things in class as well. Perhaps on Ash Wednesday, you could gather as a family and read the Gospel that will be proclaimed at Mass that day: (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18.) You will hear Jesus teaching about almsgiving, praying, and fasting.

Then throughout Lent, share moments of generosity, prayer, and fasting with your child. Together, we can help your child have a meaningful Lent.

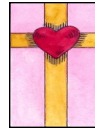
Blessings Always, *St. Stephen Faith Formation Staff*

## Happy Birthday



Juan Diego Pena	February 3
Josefina Ibarra	February 4
Diana Ramirez	February 5
Kaden Faglie	February 6
Eric Soto	February 8
Josue Garcia	February 8
Israel Gutierrez	February 8
Karen Ramirez	February 9
Alejandro Loma	February 13
Isaac Collazo	February 14
Angie Jimenez	February 14
Violet Jack	February 14
Kenley Vasek	February 17
Angie Tovar	February 19
Caleb Hill	February 19
Omar Trejo Hernandez	February 19
Averie Piatt	February 22
Mia Patton	February 22
Matthew Juarez	February 22
Max Gist	February 23
Karen Jimenez	February 23
Gema Vitolas	February 24
Brandon Juarez	February 24
Gabriel Perez	February 27
Mariel Trejo	February 27
Ulises Soto	February 28

# February Calendar



<i>Friday, February 2</i>	<i>DCYC - Youth Meet at 5:30 pm @ Church</i>
<i>Saturday, February 3</i>	<i>DCYC</i>
<i>Sunday, February 4</i>	<i>DCYC - Youth return approximately 2-3 pm</i> <i>First Reconciliation Retreat (1-3 pm)</i>
<b>Wednesday, February 7</b>	<b>Faith Formation: (5:30-6:30 PM) &amp; (6:45-7:45 PM)</b> <b>High School: (6:30-8:00 PM)</b> <b>Adoration - 7 pm</b>
<i>Saturday, February 10</i>	<i>First Reconciliation Celebration (9 am -12 pm)</i>
<i>Sunday, February 11</i>	<i>Confirmation Class: (1-4 pm)</i>
<b>Wednesday, February 14</b>	<b><u>NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES</u></b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>
<i>Sunday, February 18</i>	<i>Confirmation Sponsor &amp; Rehearsal Day (1-6 pm)</i> <i>First Communion Parent Meeting - 2 pm</i> <i>Parish Mission w/Deacon Poyo- 7 pm</i>
<i>Monday, February 19</i>	<i>Parish Mission w/Deacon Poyo - 7 pm</i>
<i>Tuesday, February 20</i>	<i>Parish Mission w/Deacon Poyo - 7 pm</i>
<b>Wednesday, February 21</b>	<b>Faith Formation: (5:30-6:30 PM) &amp; (6:45-8:00 PM)</b> <b>High School: (6:30-8:00 PM)</b> <b>Parish Mission w/ Deacon Poyo - 7 pm</b>
<i>Sunday, February 25</i>	<i>Confirmation Celebration (9:00 am Mass)</i>
<b>Wednesday, February 28</b>	<b>Faith Formation: (5:30-6:30 PM) &amp; (6:45-7:45 PM)</b> <b>High School: (6:30-8:00 PM)</b>

## CONFIRMATION



Please join St. Stephen and the Most Rev. Daniel Garcia, Auxiliary Bishop of Austin as we celebrate the

## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Sunday, February 25, 2018  
9:00 AM Mass

## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018



**NO CLASSES**  
**Attend Mass with Family**

8:30 am (English)  
5:30 pm (English)  
7:30 pm (Spanish)

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION - Retreat**  
Sunday, February 4, 2018 (1-3 pm) in the Parish Hall