

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – 2/22/17

## NEWS, NOTES, AND REMINDERS...

**Fat Sunday** – Please join us here at St John’s this Sunday (March 26), at 10:00 Mass as we count down to the start of Lent with our Fat Sunday Polka Mass! Come early (it fills up fast) and stay late to enjoy the free lunch, fellowship in our parish gym as we continue to enjoy music provided by the Maroszek Brothers!

**Ash Wednesday** – All students in the Religious Education Program are required to attend Ash Wednesday Mass (March 1). Students in grades 1-8 should report to their classrooms as normal at 6:15 and will be sitting with their class for Mass. Parents wishing to sit with their children are welcome to sit in the class designated pews as space allows. High School students and those participating in the Home Study program can sit wherever they wish but are reminded to sign in so they get credit for attendance. Sign in sheets are on the back table of Church in front of the luxury box (by the Mass worksheets).

**Penny Drive** – We are still collecting pennies (and other coins) for Jarrid Rynish and his family to help offset the cost of medical treatments. We hope to present the family with the money during Holy Week (April 9-15). For those of you who don’t know, Jarrid is high school senior from our parish who was diagnosed with Liver Cancer this past fall and the only treatment option available to him is a liver transplant. His most recent scan a few weeks ago, show that the tumor has not grown or spread so he is eligible to remain on the transplant list. Prayers for Jarrid and his family are appreciated as well.

**Diocesan Accreditation** – Our parish program is in the final stages of the Diocesan Religious Education Accreditation process. Our last step is onsite visits by the accreditation team. On Sunday, March 5 the team will be here to observe our High School Program. They will be returning here on Wednesday, March 8 to observe grades 1-8. We have started talking about this to the classes so it is not a big surprise to them on March 8, but wanted you to be aware of this in case your child/children come home saying that there were people “watching them” in religion class. We will be notified within a few weeks of the process letting us know if we will be accredited or not, and then will receive official recognition later in the spring/summer with a special Mass with Diocesan representative in attendance. If we are successful in this process we will be only the fourth parish in the entire diocese to receive this recognition so keep us in your prayers.

“Jesus Christ LOVES YOU. He gave his life to save you; and now He is living at your side,  
every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.” *Pope Francis “Evangelii Gaudium”*