



Important Notes from Mrs. Luzzo

March 6, 2025

Don't forget to ROAR!

Happy Thursday, HTCS families. Below you will find lots of important information about upcoming important school events and activities. Have a great long weekend! 😊

No School - Reminder... the school will be closed tomorrow, **Friday, 3/7**. Faculty and staff will be traveling to Charleston for a day of Catechesis. Please keep us in your prayers as we focus on the theme for the day - *The Catholic Educator as Evangelist & Witness to the Gospel*.

Stations of the Cross - All are invited to join Deacon Richard and the school community for our annual tradition of walking the Stations of the Cross in the church after the 9 AM school Masses on **Wednesdays, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, and 4/9**. On **Wednesday, 3/12**, a musical version of the Stations of the Cross with Laura Boronski will take place in the multipurpose room after the 9 AM Mass. Please join us for this beautiful way of honoring and remembering Jesus' love and sacrifice for us.

Family Mass - Please see the attached for information about our upcoming Family Mass on **Sunday, 3/16**. All families, faculty, and staff are asked to attend and sit together to represent our school.

Yearbook Pictures - All students will have their pictures taken for the annual yearbook on **Wednesday, 4/2**. Make-up photos and class pictures will be taken on **Wednesday, 4/9**.

K3 Classroom - Since January, enrollment in our K3 classroom has increased significantly. Thus, we are excited to announce that Mrs. Jeanine Gresis (lovingly known as "Mrs. G") has agreed to partner with Mrs. LeBeau, supported by Mrs. Ana, K3 teachers' aide, to provide our littlest Lions with the best possible foundation for their continued academic and personal success.

School Website - As always, please refer to the school website for all the information you could ever need regarding the calendar, school events, clubs, sports, etc. [Holy Trinity Catholic School | North Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

Catholic Faith Formation - What is Lent? - Lent is a season of preparation for Easter, mirroring Jesus' forty days in the desert and also anticipating his passion, death, and triumphant resurrection: "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." (CCC 540, see 542). Additionally, paragraph 1438 of the Catechism describes Lent as a penitential season:

The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works). [CCC 1438, emphasis original]

Thus, Lent is a season of spiritual preparation, one that not only looks forward to the joy of Jesus' Resurrection (beginning with the Easter Octave), but also provides the faithful—both Catholics and those joining the Church—an annual opportunity to fortify their faith and otherwise grow in holiness for the sake of Christ's kingdom (John 13:34-35; see Matt. 6:10; 24:14).

For those preparing to become Catholic—whether catechumens (who will receive all three sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist) or candidates (baptized Christians who will receive confirmation and the Eucharist)—Lent is a period of learning and spiritual formation that leads to their coming into full communion with our Lord Jesus Christ and his Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. For existing Catholics, Lent is an opportunity to reflect on their faith and strengthen their relationship with God and others through prayer, fasting, acts of charity, and spiritual reading.

Each year, then, by calling us to turn away from sin and soul-sapping distractions, Lent helps us focus on what truly matters, drawing us closer to God as we prepare to celebrate the triumphant joy of the Easter season. [What Is Lent? | Catholic Answers Q&A](#)

More Resources About Lent

Top 20 Questions and Answers about Lent [Catholic Answers Q&A Guide for Lent](#)

When is Ash Wednesday? [Catholic Answers Guide for Lent](#)

When is Holy Week? [Catholic Answers Guide for Holy Week](#)

MISSION STATEMENT: Holy Trinity Catholic School, a ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, offers to early childhood and elementary school students of diverse ethnic, economic, and religious backgrounds a superior academic program based on Gospel values. Within a family atmosphere, the school strives to develop the spiritual, academic, personal, creative, and physical growth of each student.

VISION STATEMENT: Holy Trinity Catholic School students will be fully prepared to transition to middle school possessing critical thinking skills, an ability to work independently as well as collaboratively, and an awareness of what it means to actively live the Gospel values.