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WE ARE: SOLDIERS OF CHRIST!

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you for supporting the projects and events of our parish for the benefit of our youth. The South of the Border dinner/fundraiser was a tremendous success because you wanted it to be by selling tickets and by helping with everything else; from chopping veggies to cooking to making salsa to setting up and cleaning up after the dinner. What a wonderful cooperation from many of you, and to all of you I express my sincerest appreciation and gratitude. A huge thanks to Carlos Hernandez for his time and talent cooking the Fajitas—what a fantastic job he did! The total money raised for our first Dinner/Fundraiser: **\$4,100**. This money will go towards the \$15,000 we need to raise for Totus Tuus and Steubenville. Our next Dinner/Fundraiser will be at St. Gregory's on February 25th. Your child will bring tickets to sell on February 7th. Please do your very best to sell tickets. We thank the businesses and organizations that sponsored our South of the Border Dinner: Knights of Columbus, Mama Tita's Mexican Tacos, and Jumbo Foods.

The Holy Eucharist: Starting February 1st, and for the next six weeks, all students in grades 5th-12th will be studying the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist, also called the Mass, the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, and many other names, is a sacrament and a sacrifice. In the Eucharist, under the appearance of bread and wine, our Lord Jesus Christ is contained, offered, and received. Please take a little time to ask your child what he/she learned about the Eucharist when you pick him/her up from class.

Parents of students receiving First Communion this year will also be receiving instruction on the Holy Eucharist. Please make sure your name is on the list.

This coming Saturday, all students in Confirmation II will attend a Confirmation retreat at Bison. Thirty-nine students will receive the Sacrament this year. Please keep the students, the retreat leaders, and the catechists in your prayers as they continue in their journey of faith. God bless them all!

In the Spirit of St. Francis Xavier,

Mrs. Miriam Day
Director of Religious Education



Calendar of Activities

February —Starting February 1st and for the next six weeks all students in grades fifth-twelfth, at their regular class time, will be studying about The Holy Eucharist. Please pray for the catechists and for the students involved in the learning of: The Promise of the Eucharist, The Institution of the Eucharist, and The Partaking of the Eucharist.

February 11, 18, 25(in Spanish) March 4, 11(in English)—Eucharistic Seminar for parents of students who will be receiving First Communion this year need to attend this mandatory seminar.

February 25th
Second Dinner-Fundraiser at St. Gregory's to raise money for Totus Tuus and Steubenville.

March 1st—Ash Wednesday.
Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

March 4th—6pm
Confirmation II Showcase/
Confirmation Dinner.

Parents and sponsors of students who will receive confirmation this year need to attend. (If your child's sponsor does not live in Oklahoma he/she does not need to attend this dinner).

