



## February 21, 2024

Dear OLSS Families,

Starting this Friday, grades K-8 will be attending Stations of the Cross in the Historic Church on Fridays during Lent, from 2:00-2:35pm. Stations of the Cross commemorates the events of Good Friday, specifically the journey of Jesus Christ from his condemnation to his crucifixion and burial. There are 14 stations, each representing a significant event in Jesus' final hours. Father Bob and the altar servers move from station to station, as students read along in the books and meditate and pray. The stations are:

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| 1. Jesus is condemned to death                 | 9. Jesus falls the third time  |
| 2. Jesus falls the first time                  | 10. Jesus is stripped of his clothes   |
| 3. Jesus takes up his cross                    | 11. Jesus is nailed to the cross   |
| 4. Jesus meets his Blessed Mother Mary         | 12. Jesus dies on the cross  |
| 5. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the cross | 13. Jesus' body is taken down from the cross and placed in the arms of his Blessed Mother Mary |
| 6. Veronica wipes Jesus' face                  | 14. Jesus is laid in the tomb  |
| 7. Jesus falls the second time                 |  |
| 8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem          |  |



This devotion is considered a way for us to spiritually journey with Jesus through his Passion and death. Parents are welcome to join us for Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent.

Grace and Peace,  
*Mrs. Jennifer Thompson*  
Principal

### NEWS & REMINDERS:

**BEHAVIOR POLICY:** Our school's Behavior Policy and Behavior Report Forms have been updated and will be sent out to parents shortly. Teachers will discuss the updates with their students. The Behavior Policy section of our Parent/Student Handbook will be updated with the new information.

**90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS:** Our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shirts can now be worn on Mondays for the rest of the school year (except for the first Monday of each month, when Kindness Shirts are worn). Shirt prices have been reduced and can be purchased [here](#).

**CASCARONES:** Senora Dawn is looking for volunteers to make cascarones (confetti-filled eggs); please see [here](#) for details.

**PALM SUNDAY FUNDRAISERS:** We are hosting a Basket Auction and Bake Sale on Palm Sunday weekend, Mar. 23-24. Please consider donating a themed basket and/or bake sale items to fulfill volunteer service hours. More info will be sent out shortly. Please sign up to donate baskets [here](#).

**GALA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Father Alexander Gala will be held on **Sat, May 4**. Volunteers are needed for the Gala Planning Committee; please sign up [here](#).

February is Black History Month, and our students have been learning about the contributions, achievements, and struggles of African Americans throughout history. Some of our students' artwork and writings were featured in this month's [Junior Saints](#) in the Catholic Standard.



*Drawing of Frederick Douglass by 3<sup>rd</sup> grader Elli Hummer*

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### FEBRUARY

♥ **Feb. 26:** wear 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shirts

#### MARCH

✿ **Mar. 4:** Wear Kindness Shirt

✿ **Mar. 8:** 12:30pm Dismissal

✿ **Mar. 11:** No School - Collaboration Day

✿ **Mar. 15:** St. Patrick's Day Tag Day

✿ **Mar. 21:** Rock Your Socks Day

✿ **Mar. 23-24:** Palm Sunday Bake Sale & Basket Auction

✿ **Mar. 26:** End of 3rd Quarter

✿ **Mar. 27:** 12:30pm Dismissal

✿ **Mar. 28 - Apr. 5:** No School - Easter Break