

Little Flower Catholic Elementary School -- Newsletter for Friday, March 6, 2015

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In this third Friday of Lent let us look at a very familiar story (that of Joseph and his brothers) and try to see a message for us. This is how the publication the WORD among us breaks open this story for us:

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28. "Israel loved Joseph best of all his sons." (Genesis 37:3)

What a recipe for trouble! A father has twelve sons but unapologetically favors one over the others. As a result, let's just say the golden boy, Joseph, doesn't have self-esteem issues. To make matters worse, his dreams only reinforce his special status—and he enthusiastically shares them with his brothers. It's no wonder their jealousy leads them to the brink of killing him!

It's a good thing that this story is in our Bible. It shows us that God can take jealousy, pride, and family dysfunction and bring something good from them. Resentment, lying, murderous thoughts, bitterness? It's no problem; he can redeem it all and use it to bring about his plan. Look at what he did for Joseph and his family. From his slavery in Egypt, which his brothers engineered, Joseph was able to save his family from famine and reconcile with his brothers.

So don't despair if you see problems in your family. No one is perfect. There's no denying the fact that sin is corrosive and can devastate relationships and deeply wound people. But don't ever forget that sin doesn't have the last word; God does! Even when you can't see how everything will work out, even when the pain is real, you can still trust that God can go above and beyond. Think about Joseph all those years in slavery, in prison, learning to wait for God's plan to come to full flowering.

Be careful not to lose your perspective, either. Just as Joseph learned that God would work everything out for good if he stayed true to the Lord, the Spirit wants to teach you the same thing. God can see where things are heading and how they will all work out, even when it doesn't make sense to you right now. You can trust him to love you every step of the way, right into the fullness of life that he has in store for you.

Keep these truths in the forefront of your mind. Proclaim them to yourself often. Let Jesus fill you with hope and trust in him. He has your family in the palm of his hand!

"Lord, I trust you with my family. I believe you can do great things with us. May we bring glory to you!"

+++++ **Additional Information For You To Know** +++++

+++ **PTO News** – A possible **service opportunity** with the **KC's** is Saturday, March 7. It is their **annual roast beef supper** at the Eagles. If you or your child would like to help out for one of the shifts, please contact Karla Deplazes or Renae Arnston. This is a great replacement project for the February Knights breakfast, which was cancelled. Please see the sign-up sheet that was sent home.

+++ There **will be school** on Friday, **March 13**.

+++ **NO School on Friday, March 20** (instead of March 13).

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+++ Preschool registration for Little Flower School for the 2015-2016 school year is open the following times:

Group 1 –All current Little Flower school families (this includes all families of current Little Flower preschoolers) will be held March 2nd and 3rd from 8 AM – 3 PM in the school office; March 4th will be held from 8 AM to 1 PM.

Group 2 – Opens to all members of Little Flower Parish will be held March 5th, 6th, and 9th from 8 AM – 3 PM in the school office.

Group 3 – Opens to all area families will be held March 10th, 11th, and 12th from 8 AM – 3 PM in the school office.

To be eligible for Little Flower preschool children must turn 4 years of age by midnight July 31st of 2015. All children must be toilet trained. Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and current immunization record. If you have any questions please call the school at 776-6258.