

Peru Catholic School

March 8, 2019

Dear Parents

“Let Go, Begin Again.”

Recently I took a much needed trip. I struggled to make the decision to go but look back with no regret. I'm terrible at letting go. I still cry every time my kids leave, and typically find myself hanging on to a long list of "to do's" that probably aren't even mine. Can you relate?

When I was away, I was given the passage, "Let go, Begin Again." At first, I formed all types of meanings around this simple passage, but quickly realized I was interpreting it all wrong. The passage didn't read, "Let go, TRY Again," but rather let go, really and start anew. For me this is what the season of Lent represents. A time for deep reflection, longer moments in silence, and an offering to begin again. On Wednesday during mass Monsignor Soseman explained to the congregation that Lent provides us with a wonderful opportunity to sit a little closer to God. A time to welcome him in to our daily lives and remind us of the joy that is always present in our hearts.

In 2005, Antoinette Bosco wrote *Lent: An Uncommon Love Story*. In her book Bosco writes that, "Lent is a time that assures us we are never alone in our sufferings, losses or hardships. We are there, in the desert with Jesus, who could have said "no" to his Father, knowing the pain, rejection and death that would be ahead for him. But Jesus said, "yes," and then left the desert and worked full time for the next three years doing nothing but loving us. Jesus lived a love story for us that began in his Lenten days in the desert."

When Bosco was writing the book, her son was hospitalized for a heart condition, and the week she finished the book he died. She recalls Lent being a time of true challenge for her, where she sometimes is, "angry at the Lord." Rather than staying in this place of anger she "let's go, and begins again," knowing that Jesus stayed in the desert, because he loved his children. "Every Lent, she says, I focus on this incredible love of the Lord for us, and it helps me not get lost in the cutting paths I still must sometimes travel."

It reminds me of a saying told me when I was a wrong girl. "Sometimes we must know sorrow to understand joy."

Peace and Blessings,

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Upcoming Events

March 9 & 22

Fish Fry – 4:30pm-7:30pm
JA HAPP Gymnasium
Drive In, Carry Out, Dine In
\$11 Adults
\$6 Kids (12 and Under)

March 12

PREK OPEN HOUSE
6-7:30pm

March 12

Beyond Their Eyes:
Understanding Your Kids
Emotions with Danielle
Stoddard – 6:15pm JA HAPP
Gymnasium

March 15

3rd Quarter Ends

March 22

Report Cards



GOOD 2 GREAT MOMENTS

“Our character is what we do when we think no one is looking.”

This week the following students were recognized for their outstanding character traits. They are another reason why we are moving from #good2great!

A short week, and an unhealthy principal led to no “good2great” moments. HOWEVER, I have a BIG surprise for one of our “good2great” students this week. I’m super excited for this one.

This week our #good2great goes out to the students in 4th GRADE! We recognized and celebrated their spectacular job leading us through our Ash Wednesday services. It’s not easy to prepare for this work and go up in front of your peers and packed church, but they did it with grace, and ease. I am so proud of them.

Check out our LIVE video on our FACEBOOK page recognizing them and giving them a big round of applause.

GROWTH MINDSET

Growth Mindset Statements and Affirmations

We are continuing our growth mindset work in the classes focusing last month and during March on: A Goal Without a Plan is Just a Wish, and Mistakes are Opportunities for Learning.

ACTION vs WORDS: How often have you caught yourself developing an elaborate idea, but no plan to execute it. The task can often look so daunting you end up not doing anything. Lessons focused on:

- Understanding how the personal quality of grit influences mastery.
- Distinguishing between performance goals and learning goals.
- Developing performance goals and learning goals.

“Every worthwhile accomplishment, big or little, has its stages of drudgery and triumph: a beginning, a struggle, and a victory.”

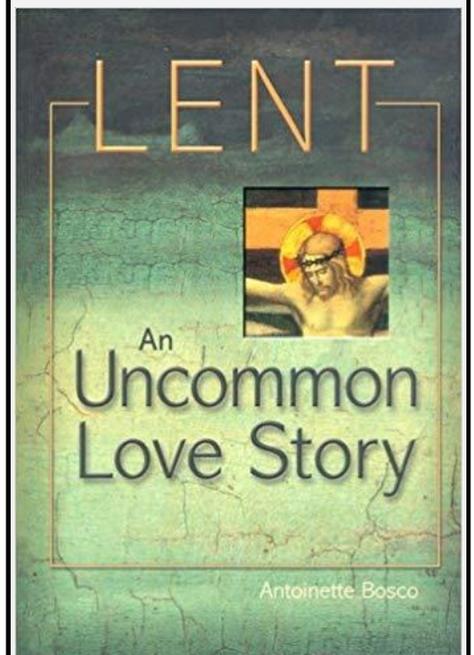
-Ghandi



BOOK REVIEW

Lent: An Uncommon Love Story by Antoinette Bosco

An insightful poignant reflection on the season of Lent a season of the Church year that mirrors the seasons in our lives. Who of us has not known losses disappointments or deep hurts that linger in our hearts?



Five Minutes of Prayer and Reflection During Lent

During lent we are carving 5 minutes out of our day for reflection and prayer. We are taking the time to log off, shut down, and pray in silence.

If you want to join us, we are doing this every day at 2:40pm. If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please send us a message or email Amy Perona (aperona@perucatholic.org)

There is power in prayer.

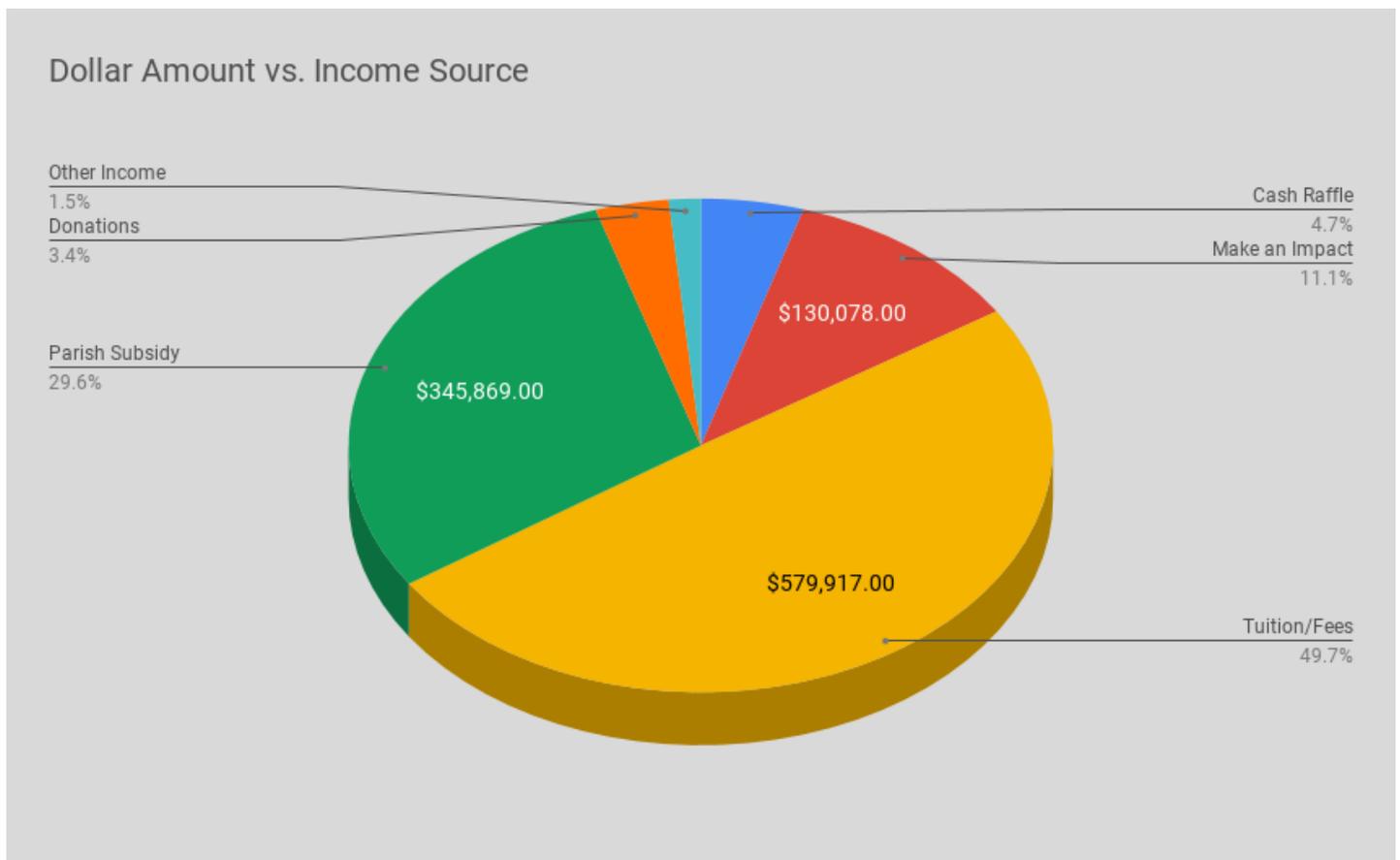
Thursday's Offering

"You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, Lord, I don't know how to pray, you can be sure you've already started."

Friday's Offering

"Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or pointing fingers, but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now has in store."

WHY GIVING MATTERS – Make An Impact



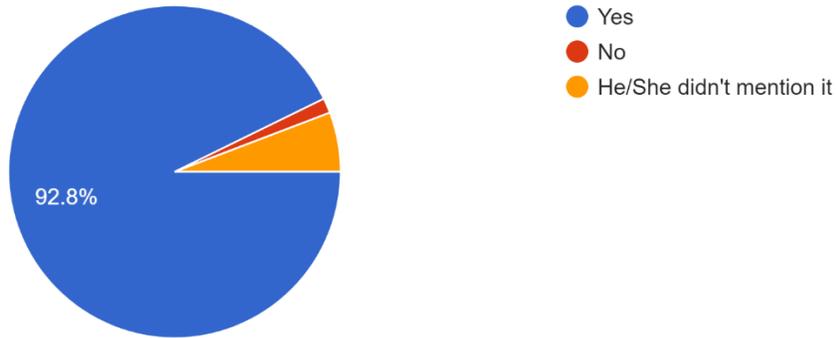
I'm sharing this image again as reminder on why the work, and time we put into fundraising matters. Our goal is to keep tuition down, reduce fees, and fill our seats. Thank you for a great year thus far, and the hard work being put in. Stay with us on this journey. We rise by lifting others.

SURVEY RESULTS

Recently I've sent out surveys asking for your feedback as we begin to budget and plan for 2019-20. If you haven't completed the survey, they are still open. As of today, these are some of the findings.

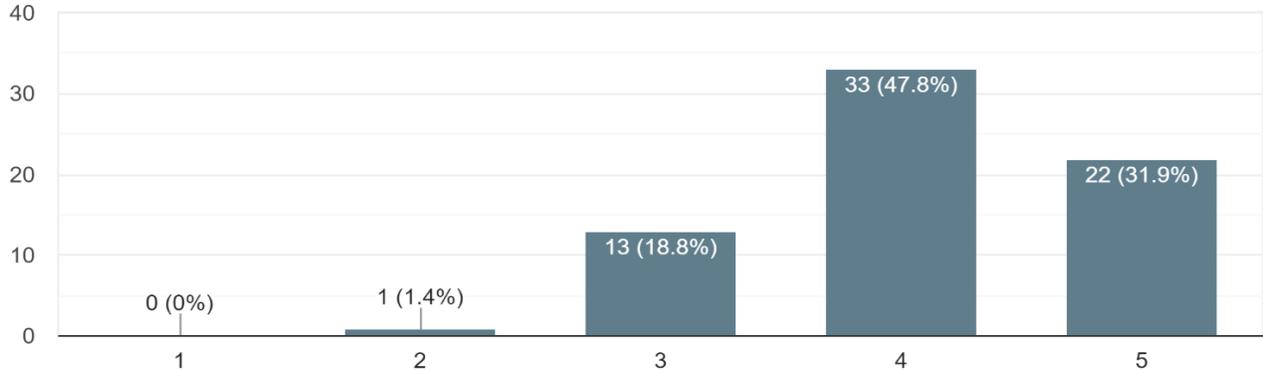
Did you child(ren) have a positive experience during the CSW mini courses?

69 responses



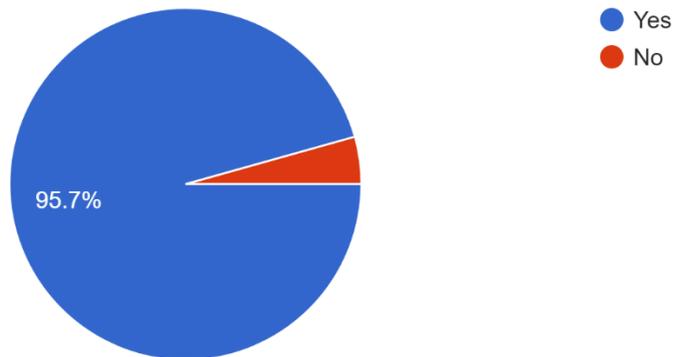
How would you rate the school year to date?

69 responses



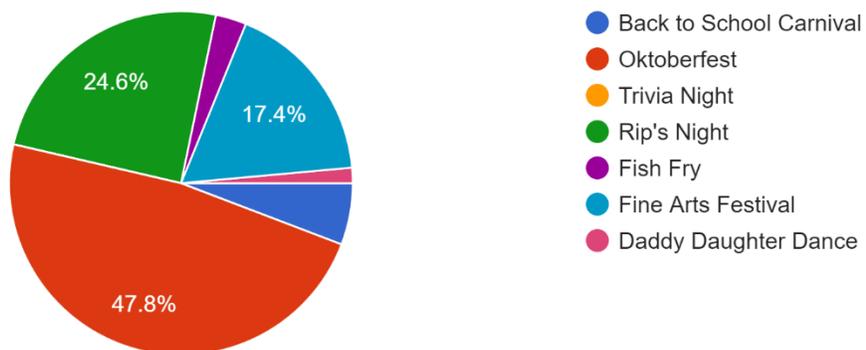
Would you be in support of us offering mini courses next year?

69 responses



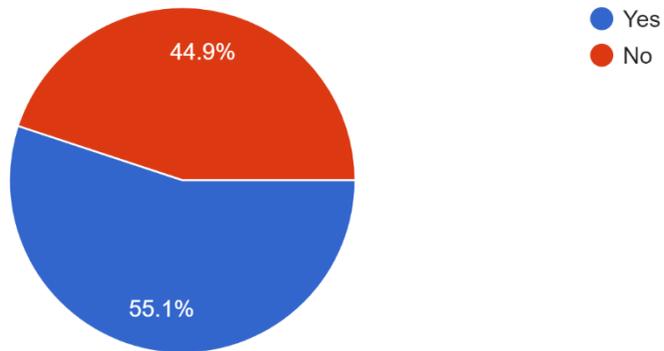
Which fundraising event do you think we should remove next year?

69 responses



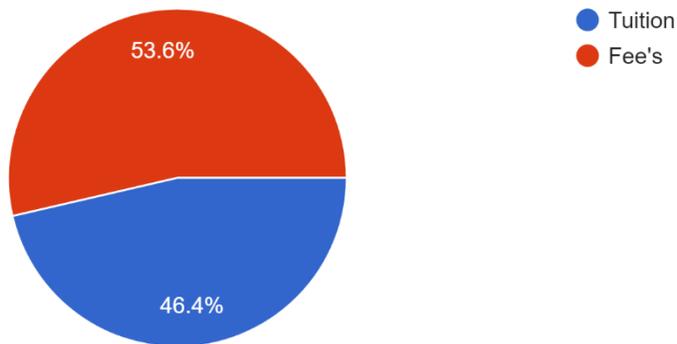
If enrichment classes (Art and Spanish) required a fee in 2019-20 would you pay it?

69 responses



If we had to raise tuition or fees, which would you prefer?

69 responses



GIVING BACK

Our mission is to give back whenever we can. Last week the students and families of PCS rose to the occasion. I am so pleased to say that we raised \$500 for Evan Knoblauch and his family. Before the day ended this donation was matched, and I was able to write a check for \$1000! PCS I am so proud of each and everyone of you.



Let Go. Begin Again.