

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Kids Bits



## February Schedule

February 2, 2012 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
Film - Part 1  
February 9, 2012 – 6:30pm – 8:00pm  
Film – Part 2 and Activity  
February 12, 2012 – Group Mass and  
Rosary – 8:30am  
February 16, 2012– 6:30pm – 8:00pm  
Classes  
February 22, 2012 – Ash Wednesday  
February 23, 2012 – 6:30pm – 8:00pm  
Classes and Parent Meeting for 1<sup>st</sup>  
Communion



## Upcoming Events

And the winner is.....

The miracle of Our Lady of Fatima  
This film depicts the apparitions of the Blessed  
Mother to three young children in Portugal. What  
a great choice!!!!



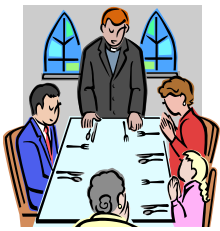
## DID YOU KNOW.....



Saint Valentine was a priest in Rome. He helped those who would not give up their faith under the rule of Claudius II. He was arrested because of this and when he would not give up his own faith, he was beaten with clubs and beheaded. He is the patron saint of love, young people, and happy marriages. He died in 269.

## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Ahhhh!!! Love is in the air! Have you ever heard that expression? Of course February is the month of love because of Valentine's Day. It's really wonderful how everyone focuses on the happiness of another person or persons. Making dinner reservations months in advance or selecting just the right card or gift to express how we feel toward a special person in our lives. This all takes a great deal of time and effort on our part to make another person feel special. I wonder though, do we take that same amount of time and care to let God know how much He means to us? Do we take time during our day to stop and say "thank you heavenly Father for this day and for all you have given to me"? When we come to the end of our day do we stop to think about the days events and if we have done anything to offend God? Sometimes we can overlook all the graces we receive from God and we can become lazy in how we treat our relationship with our Lord. Lent also begins this month with Ash Wednesday. We receive ashes to remind us that all we have and all we are comes from God. He created us from ashes and to ashes we will return. Lent is also a time to remember the greatest gift any of us has ever been given. Jesus suffered and died so that we have the chance to spend all eternity with God in Heaven. Jesus suffered and died for us but before that happened He taught. He taught us how to live our lives. He taught us how to love one another and how we can have true peace in our lives if only we will follow Him. Let's take some time this Lenten season to think about what we can do for God. It doesn't have to be about giving something we like up until Easter, it can also be about what we can do for others that would be pleasing to God. I pray for you always and ask God to bless you during this very holy season. Crystal



### Family Corner

Lent begins February 22<sup>nd</sup> and is a good time to reflect together as a family on the life and teachings of Jesus. Each evening, find a quiet place to gather. Light a candle, begin with a simple prayer, and read a passage from the Bible. Below are some suggestions for Bible readings:

- Mark 6:14-29
- Mark 1:29-39
- Mark 7:1-13
- Mark 1:40-45
- Matthew: 6:1-1, 16-18
- Luke 9:22-25
- Matthew 25:31-46



### Movies for Lent

**The Ten Commandments (1956)** starring Charlton Heston – This is the story of Moses and how he came to receive the Ten Commandments from God – A must see for the whole family – This film gets 5 ✠✠✠✠✠ out of 5

**Prince of Egypt (1998)** animated film about Moses and the Ten Commandments - Excellent for younger children – This film gets 4 ✠✠✠✠ out of 5

**The Passion of the Christ (2004)** – This film focuses on the events leading up to the crucifixion of Christ. Violent – Arabic with English subtitles – great for youth but should be viewed with parent This film gets 5 ✠✠✠✠✠ out of 5



## The Holy Mass

### Why do the bells ring before Mass?

Bells are the voice of God the Father calling all of us to Mass. He is our Father forever and wants all of us to come be with Him. He pays particular attention to those who are feeling sad in their hearts. When we hear the bells before Mass begin, remember that they are, in a way, singing God’s love for us.

(If you have a question about the Mass, email your question to [cmp66@q.com](mailto:cmp66@q.com))



Dear God;

I went to this wedding and they kissed right in the church. Is that o.k.?

Marco