First & Second Grade
At-Home Lesson
February 28, 2024

<u>Opening Prayer:</u> Begin your lesson with this simple prayer.

Loving, God, I offer you today all I think and do and say.
I offer it with what was done on earth by Jesus Christ, your son. Amen.

## <u>Lesson: Living Lent</u>

- A few weeks ago, your child talked about the season of Lent in class. Ask your child what he or she remembers about Lent.
- Then, listen to this story together. (The children listened to it in class.) Louie's Lent
- After listening to the story again, talk with your child about why Lent we, as Catholics, celebrate Lent.
- During Lent, it is a good time to reflect and recharge. As a family, talk about good deeds that you have been doing. Check the good deed tracker that came home before Ash Wednesday. If you haven't used the tracker yet, now would be a good time to start.
- As you encourage your child to fast, pray, and give alms during Lent, use this prayer to follow Jesus's journey. The Stations of the Cross are a special prayer that is used during the season of Lent.
  - O Station of the Cross for Kids

 OR, you and your family could attend the Soup and Stations gathering after 10:30 Mass on Sunday, March 3, 2024.

## Conclusion:

- What can you and your family do to fast, pray, and give alms during the rest of the Lenten season?
- Review:
  - Lent is a time for us to repent and reflect.
  - The color of Lent is purple or violet.
  - We receive ashes on Ash Wednesday which represent being sorry for sins.
  - The ashes come from old palms burned and used on Ash Wednesday.
  - Fish is eaten on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays in Lent.

**Extra**. Here is an extra, optional video about the connection of pretzels to the season of Lent and Catholic Church.

<u>History of Pretzels</u>