**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday(s) Before Ash Wednesday**

*Encounter Lent*

Join our school community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl from **[LOCATION]** on **[DATE].** During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

**First Week of Lent**

*Encounter Norma*

In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother, supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit *crsricebowl.org* for more.

**Second Week of Lent**

*Encounter Annet*

In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit *crsricebowl.org* for more.

**Third Week of Lent**

*Encounter Dhathcroos family*

The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? How can you support refugees worldwide who are fleeing violence in their country? Visit *crsricebowl.org* for more.

**Fourth Week of Lent**

*Encounter Kumba*

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit *crsricebowl.org* for more.

**Fifth Week of Lent**

*Encounter Ona*

We encounter Ona in Gaza, where despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit *crsricebowl.org* for more.

**Palm Sunday**

*Encounter Our Neighbors*

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit *crsricebowl.org* for more.

**Easter Sunday**

*Encounter the Risen Christ*

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at **[LOCATION]** on **[DATE]**.\*

**After-Easter Messaging**

***Thank You***

Our school changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU! Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at **[LOCATION]** on **[DATE]**.\*

\**It may be helpful to include your community’s preferred method for turning in Lenten gifts.*