



Dear Lord,  
*I know you receive what is in my heart. Let me be inspired by your words and by the actions of your son, Jesus. Guide me to make sacrifices this Lent in the spirit of self-denial and with greater attention to you and to those around me. Help me to believe that you will grant me this because of the sacrifice Jesus made for me.*  
 Amen.

## WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE...

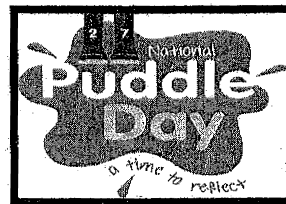
## OUR ST. MATTHEW LENTEN PROJECTS



As part of school Lenten project, we are looking forward to supporting the broader community in Hamilton. We felt it would be best to select a project for which students could help others, without simply requiring a monetary donation from parents. As a result, we have decided to support The Canadian Diabetes Association by collecting used clothing. The Canadian Diabetes Association will pay \$2 per garbage bag of used clothing collected. In turn, we will donate all funds raised to support the breakfast/snack program at *St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School*, in downtown Hamilton.

We hope that families will be able to donate clothes that they no longer need to this cause. Please have your children participate in the process of cleaning out closets so that they directly participate in the process of helping others.

Clothing will be picked up at the school on:  
**Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2102**



*On June 21, 2010 a little boy named Matthew stood at the front door of Kinderseeds Day Care at 2:50pm with a big grin on his face, telling everyone how excited he was to grow bigger so he could ride the bus to his big school in September.*

*Matthew, baby Christopher and Mommy Trish were in a car accident on Hwy. 6. Matthew died just mere minutes after leaving Kinderseeds that day.*

*Matthew loved his firefighting boots. He wore them rain or shine and he made sure that he jumped in EVERY puddle he could. With Matthew as the inspiration, a National Puddle Day was developed.*

National Puddle Day 2012 will be on **Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**. This day is to honour those children whose lives were cut short and to raise funds for a local charity, Bereaved Families of Ontario-Hamilton/Burlington, the only local charity that provides grief support for families who have experienced the death of a child of any age. You may wish to send a donation of a loonie or toonie for this organization.

On **April 26<sup>th</sup>** all of us at St. Matthew will wear our rubber boots to school and join in the fun of jumping in puddles.

As part of our LENTEN project we are asking for donations of gently used rubber boots. We will take these donated boots to one of our inner city schools, *St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School*, so that they too can participate in Puddle Day!!

Boots will be picked up at the school on:  
**Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**