

# NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

## Parents Forum: PowerPoint Lessons

Dear Parents,

We are going through difficult times, and it breaks my heart not being able to teach your children. However, the greatest teacher your children will ever have is you. This can be a great opportunity to come together as a family and learn more about God's love.

Each week, a PowerPoint presentation will be posted on Facebook, and the SPX website: [www.spxconyers.com](http://www.spxconyers.com). The PowerPoint will consist of the lesson for the week as well as a certificate for your child. The purpose of this certificate will serve as an incentive for your child. I want them to stay motivated and feel good about themselves for completing each PowerPoint. A newsletter will also be posted with useful information for the parents. This will only go on for the remainder of the school year.



## This Week's Class: The Beatitudes

This week's class is about the Beatitudes. Jesus' teaching known as the Sermon on the Mount appears in Matthew's and Luke's Gospels. The sermon contains three chapters and more than 100 verses. The sermon begins with the Beatitudes, after which Jesus teaches about a series of issues related to human behavior. The behavior issues included things such as anger or retaliation. His teachings show us that things such as pride, anger, or revenge will not get us into the Kingdom of Heaven.

As God's children, it is in our nature to have a void that longs for God's love. We know that we need Him but we try to fill that void with false gods. Thomas Aquinas named these as **wealth, pleasure, power, and honor**. These things that are less than God can turn into addiction because we try to replace God with those substitutes and we are always wanting more.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" Many misinterpret this as judgement for those who are wealthy, but that is not the case. Jesus wants us to ask ourselves: **How blessed are we, if we are not attached to material things?**

Thomas Aquinas said ***"If you want the perfect exemplification of the Beatitudes look to Christ Crucified"***. May we look at the cross and see that Jesus did not have neither wealth, pleasure, power, nor honor. Jesus has detached himself from the four things we often seek for joy. Jesus crucified is the perfect example of true freedom!