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Parent Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Mary Catholic School community empowers students to grow spiritually, academically, creatively, and physically so they may experience, understand and live their responsibilities to God, family, community and self.

Catholic Schools Week: As you know, Catholic Schools Week is coming up & we will be having a spaghetti dinner to kick it off on Saturday, January 27th, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. This is an all school & parish event. Dinner is by donation & the proceeds from this dinner go toward our Rome Pilgrimage. We are asking each family to provide a dessert for the dinner and parents from Pre-K through 3rd grades help with set up and serving dinner. The 4th through 8th grade families are asked to help with bussing tables, dishes, & clean up. Everyone's participation is needed to make this a successful event. Families that are helping with set up need to arrive by 4:45 p.m. Families helping with bussing/clean up need to arrive by 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact John Parish at (231)330-3375 or jmp.parish@gmail.com. Thank you for your participation!

Builders Club: The St. Mary Builders Club is hosting a Hygiene Drive January 18 through February 8th to support the Third Day Ministry Women's Shelter. Ideas for donations: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, hair brushes, body sponges, soap, floss, washcloths, microwave meals and or other non-perishable snack items. Donations may be placed in the marked boxes located in the school and parish hallways.

Camp Daggett summer camp forms are available in the school office for the summer of 2018 for children ages 7-14. Registration is on a first-come, first serve basis.

Spelling Bee: The Char-Em Spelling Bee will be held at the Petoskey Middle School pm Wednesday February 14th Students may begin to arrive at 12:30, rules and placement on stage starts at 12:45 and the spelling bee beginning at 1:00pm.

Valentine's Day: Due to Ash Wednesday falling on February 14, parties will be held on Tuesday, February 13th.

Upcoming dates:

- January 22: report cards sent home
- January 24: 8:30 K-5 Mass
- January 25: 8:30 6-8 Mass
- January 27: 5:30 to 7:30 Spaghetti Dinner
- January 28: Catholic Schools week begins!
- January 31: Special Person's Day Mass @ 11:00 followed by lunch
- February 7: PreK field trip to Susan Creek
- February 9: Jean Day for donation to Food Pantry
- February 14: 9:00 am Mass - Ash Wednesday
- February 14: Spelling Bee at Petoskey Middle School
- February 16: ½ day of School - dismiss at 11:05
- February 23: 2:30 Stations of the Cross
- February 27: Lenten Mission
- February 28: Lenten Mission
- March 1: Lenten Mission

What's happening in the Parish....

2018 Lenten Parish Mission

There is a Parish Mission February 27 – March 1, 2018 featuring Catholic Speaker Paul Koleske. Paul is a contemporary Catholic Christian Inspirational Speaker, Musician, Composer & Recording Artist from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

"Igniting the Light of Christ Within You"

Paul's ministry teaches the listeners why and how they are already wired to succeed in building themselves and the church while discovering God's purpose for their lives. He shares practical techniques people can use to increase their connection with the Presence of the Holy Spirit, the Risen Christ's gift to His disciples.