

### 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:** Tomorrow (Saturday) we kick off Catholic Schools Week a spaghetti dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is an all school and parish event. Dinner is by donation and proceeds from this dinner go toward our Rome Pilgrimage.

We are asking each family to provide a dessert for the dinner. We are also asking the 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](mailto:jmp.parish@gmail.com). Thank you for your participation!

Please watch the schedule and join us for all of the exciting things we have planned for the week. Wednesday will be our **Special Persons Day**. Each student should invite a special person to join them at Mass at 11:00 and stay and have a complimentary lunch afterwards (for student and special person). If you have any questions about the upcoming activities – please ask! It's a fun-filled week for everyone and we encourage parents join in!

**Valentine's Day:** Due to Ash Wednesday falling on February 14, parties will be held on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please check with your child's teacher for further details.

### Upcoming dates:

January 27: 5:30 to 7:30 Spaghetti Dinner  
January 27: Catholic Schools week begins @ St. Mary!  
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 21: 8:30 K-5 Mass  
February 22: 8:30 6-8 Mass  
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....

The Fr. Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus Council, in conjunction with the national Knights initiative of "Building the Domestic Church" are pleased to further that effort by introducing a new Parish library of religious books which have been written to support St. John Paul I's "Letter To Families and The Family in the Modern World" This library includes 15 different topics of: Parenting; Fatherhood; Family Prayer Life and more.

The book series could be used to promote continuing education, youth catechesis, spiritual study groups, or to deepen your personal religious understanding.

The books are available in a kiosk in the Gathering Space and are available for you to borrow or keep. The Knights will offer these books to the Parish at no cost.