

Parent Newsletter

January 29, 2021

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.

Candlemas: On Tuesday, February 2, we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. By Jewish law, the firstborn son would be presented at the temple forty days after his birth. This feast marks Jesus' presentation by Mary and Joseph. During the Presentation in the Temple, Simeon declared that Jesus would be a "light" and the Church developed a custom of lighting and blessing candles on this day. Catholics would customarily bring all the candles they would use in their home throughout the coming year to the Church to be blessed. The priest would also lead the congregation in a solemn procession to symbolize the light of Christ entering the temple. The flame of the Candle is a symbol of Jesus who came to enlighten our darkness. Fr. Peter will be celebrating Candlemas after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday. If you have any candles you would like blessed for your home, please bring them! Candles should be in the designated area in the church prior to Mass on that day.

Catholic Schools Week: We kick off CSW with a student led Mass this Sunday at 10:00am Our celebration ends February 5. Throughout the week, students are asked to perform Random Acts of Kindness every day.

Keep Up To Date: Check out our website: at www.stmaryschoolcharlevoix.com to keep up to date on events and other news. Please join St. Mary School Families for notifications. Sign up <https://www.remind.com/join/bh8d> or on your phone: Enter the number 81010 and text this message:@1005bridge. **St. Mary School will be closed if Charlevoix Public Schools close for weather related issues.**

Help needed: We are still looking for help on Wednesdays and Fridays for lunch duty.

Week at a glance.....				
Monday, February 1	Tuesday, February 2	Wednesday, February 3	Thursday, February 4	Friday, February 5
	Hot Lunch: Breakfast ART and SPANISH	Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs/ Tater Tots	Hot Lunch: Soup and Sandwich	8:30am Student Mass
Pray for our Community	Pray for St. Mary Students and Staff	Pray for our Country	Pray for Father Peter	Pray for St. Mary School Parents
Lasky: Sullivan; Hopkins	Browe: Donaldson	Jess:	Peak: Bingham	
Catholic Schools Week Schedule				
Celebrating our Community	Celebrating our Students	Celebrating our Nation	Celebrating Vocations	Celebrating Staff, Parents and Volunteers
Dress as a Community Member or Decade Day- Pick a decade for your dress Community Readers Make cards/letters for community leaders	Pajama Day Catechism Bee Ice Cream Sundaes Make cards/letters for homebound	Color Competition: dress one color or Red, White & Blue Make cards/letters for our President, Governor and Representatives Bingo Patriotic Poems (4th-8th) KofC Free Throw contest	Wear your Favorite Sports Team Jersey 8:30am Living Rosary Cards/letters to Dominican Sisters and Seminararians	Sunday Best or Uniform (NO JEANS) 8:30am Student Mass 2:15 all school adoration Minute To Win It

Upcoming dates:

- January 31: Catholic Schools Week begins w/Mass at 10am
- February 5: 8:30am Student Mass
- February 12: ½ day of school – Professional Development Day for teachers. NO BUSSING
- February 17: Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins
- February 19: 5-7 Fish Fry
- March 4: Full day of School – no pm bussing
- March 5: 5-7 Fish Fry
- March 25: ½ day of school - End of Third Marking Period
- March 26: Spring Break Begins

Parish News



Tuesday, February 2nd at 8:30am

If you are bringing in candles from home to be blessed, please make sure they are in the designated area in the Church by 8:20am on that day.