



Parent Newsletter

January 27 2023

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 begins from Sunday, January 29 with a Pancake Breakfast from 9am – 12pm and Student Mass at 10am and ends Friday, February 3 with Special Person’s Day Mass at 8:30am with coffee, fruit and donuts following. A revised schedule is attached. We will be attending Mass on **Thursday, Feb 2, 8:30 a.m. for Candlemas Day** (On Candlemas Day, February 2, followers of Jesus celebrate his Presentation at the Temple and the Virgin Mary being purified, with many of the faithful bringing candles to their churches to be blessed.) Students will need to wear their uniform when they come to school that day for Mass and then can change into their sports shirt after Mass.

Bake Sale: The Builders Club will be having a bake sale after the Special Person’s Mass on Friday.

Hot Lunch Change: Soup and Sandwich will be served on Thursday, February 2 (not Stuffed Shells).

Catholic Schools Week Penny Challenge Details: Catholic Schools Week Penny Challenge! **Where:** St. Mary School **When:** Catholic Schools Week (Jan 30-Feb. 3) **How:** Each class has their own coin jug for collecting money located at the school entrance doors. **ADD POINTS** to your jug by adding pennies and dollar bills. **SUBTRACT POINTS** from other grades by adding silver coins to their jug. **Why:** Raise money for St. Jude Hospital **Winnings:** The class with the most points wins a pizza party! We will announce the winner on February 13. [Penny Challenge Poster](#)

K of C Free Throw Contest: Winners of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest are: Kate Chellis; Matthew Brief; Owen Boss; Arianna LeClair; Greyson Olson; and Peter Yanchulis. Congratulations!

iSwim Safe Water Safety: February 9, the 4th and 5th grade students will be completing a iSwim Safe Water Safety Instruction at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool from 11:30am to 2:30pm.

Swim Lessons: February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, the 2nd grade students will be participating in swimming lessons at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool from 1pm to 2:30pm. Please return the permission slip to your child’s teacher.

Week at a glance.....				
Monday, January 30	Tuesday, January 31	Wednesday, February 1	Thursday, February 2	Friday, February 6
K-7 Computers 2/3 and 6/7 Art	Hot Lunch: Pizza K/1 Art P.E.	Hot Lunch: Meatloaf 2/3, 4/5 and 6/7 Art 11:30 Builders Club	8:30am Student Mass Hot Lunch: Soup/Sandwich K/1 and 4/5 Art K-7 Music	8:30am Student Mass Builder’s Club Bake Sale 2/3 and K/1 Art K-7 Stem
Pray for Mrs. Walker	Pray for Hennrick	Pray for Grace	Pray for Sophia B	Pray for Bryson
Berarducci; Hopkins	Browe; Splitt	Jess; Peak	Bingham; Stewart	Mailloux; Shoemaker
Catholic Schools Week Schedule				
Celebrating our Community	Celebrating our Students	Celebrating our Nation	Celebrating Vocations	Celebrating Staff, Parents and Volunteers
Pajama Day Pray for Community Member Make cards/letters for community leaders Living Rosary	Color Day PreK: RED; K/1: PURPLE; 2/3: PINK; 4/5: YELLOW; 6/7: GREEN; Staff: BLUE Pray for each other Write letters to Seminarians Ice Cream Sundaes	Khaki pants with a Red, White or Blue collared shirt Pray for our President, Governor and Representatives Bingo	BRING your Favorite Sports Team Jersey Pray for Vocations Cards/letters to Dominican Sisters Catechism Bee Praise and Worship Karaoke	Uniform 8:30am Student Mass Special Persons Day Minute To Win It

Upcoming Dates:

January 29: CSW begins - 10am Mass Please Wear Uniform

January 29: 9-12 Pancake Breakfast

February 3: 8:30am Special Person’s Day Mass

February 17: Half Day of School – NO BUSSING

March 2: No pm Bussing (full day of school for St. Mary students)

March 19: Spelling Bee at City Opera House in TC for Greyson and Ryder

March 23: Half Day of School – dismiss at 11:15

March 24: First Day of Spring Break