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Parent Newsletter February 17, 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.

**Swim Lessons:** February 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and March 7, the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will be participating in swimming lessons at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool from 1pm to 2:30pm. **Due to the snow day, they have added a day in March**. Please remember to send suits/towels with your student!

**Lent** begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Lent is a period of 40 days that we set aside for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (doing good things for others) and is a season of growth. May we all grow during this season of preparation for Easter, the greatest feast in the Church, when we celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead! We will attend Mass at 8:30 a.m. and you are welcome to join us. Everyone will receive ashes on their forehead.

**Stations of the Cross**: During Lent, the students will lead the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 9:15am. These Stations make it possible for all of us, young and old, to see how we can align our lives to that of Jesus on his sorrowful walk to the Cross. Please join us.

**Fish Fry:** We have three Lenten fish fries scheduled; February 24, March 3; and March 10. All Proceeds go to St. Mary School. Help is needed! Please sign up here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45abab2eaafdc25-fish1#/

Week at a glance				
Monday, February 20	Tuesday, February 21	Wednesday, February 22	Thursday, February 23	Friday, February 24
K-7 Computers	Hot Lunch: Chicken Pot	ASH WEDNESDAY	Hot Lunch: quesadillas	9:15am Stations of the
2/3 and 6/7 Art	Pie	Hot Lunch: Macaroni and	K/1 and 4/5 Art	Cross
	K/1 Art	Cheese and Fish Sticks	K-7 Music	2/3 and K/1 Art
	P.E.	8:30am Student Mass		
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Swim Lessons	2/3, 4/5 and 6/7 Art		5pm-7pm Fish Fry
		11:30 Builders Club		
Pray for Mrs. AL	Pray for Hadley	Pray for Hudson	Pray for Blythe	Pray for Jude
Pirie; Boss	Browe; Joy	Jess; Peak	Bingham; Stewart	Mailloux; Shoemaker

## **Upcoming Dates:**

February 22: 8:30am Mass Ash Wednesday

February 24: 5pm -7pm Lenten Fish Fry

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

March 3: 5pm-7pm Fish Fry
March 10: 5pm-7pm Fish Fry

March 14: 5:30pm SAC meeting

March 17: 5-7pm St. Patrick's Day Dinner

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

March 21: 6pm Living Stations of the Cross

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

March 24: First Day of Spring Break

April 4: School Resumes

April 7: Good Friday. Half Day of School – dismiss at 11:15

April 9: Easter Sunday