

# SABER NEWS & NOTES

April 22, 2022

Dear MCC Families,

This Sunday we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday – the perfect follow up to Easter Sunday as we continue to celebrate the Easter Season. A humble Polish nun, St. Faustina received extraordinary revelations in the 1930s, which she recorded in her diary. Our Lord told her, “In the Old Covenant I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart” (Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 1588). Jesus specially chose her for the mission of bringing His message of Mercy to the world, and He called Divine Mercy Sunday mankind’s “last hope of salvation” (995). Through the passion and death of Jesus, an infinite ocean of mercy was made available for all of us. But God, who created us free, will not force anything on us, not even His mercy. He waits patiently for us to turn to him and ask for His mercy. This Divine Mercy Sunday, approach the altar and reach out to God, you’ll be amazed at the beauty of his response. *Ask and it will be given to you..for everyone who asks, receives* (Mt 7:7,8)

Mercy is love that seeks to comfort others. It is an active love, poured out upon others to heal, to comfort, to console, to forgive, to remove pain. It is the love that God offers us, and it is the love He demands from us for each other. *I give you a new commandment...As I have loved you, so you must love one another* (Jn 13:34). *Be merciful even as your Father is merciful* (Lk 6:36) Repeatedly the scriptures remind us that the measure we use for others is the measure God will use for us (Lk 6:38) for he will *indeed forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us* (Mt 6:12-14). We pray this every time we pray the Our Father prayer, asking God to forgive us as we forgive others. As I read these scriptures I think of the hurt, anger, and pain that has been shared with me from families who have felt these things for a number of reasons in past years at MCC. To rise above these situations is a difficult thing to do and normally we cannot do it without God’s grace and mercy. The history of MCC is a strong, family based history with the generosity and support of the school and surrounding community consistently gracing this school with gifts, time, talent and love. Dedicated individuals have given so much for so many years and I pray the peace of God will be restored in our families by the grace of God and the mercy of forgiveness as we continue to move forward, healing from past grievances and remembering what MCC really means in the heart of those who are true Sabers. It is time to come together again, forgive, show mercy and leave the past in the past.

We are excited to look at a hope filled future, an exciting vision filled with new programs, updated curriculum, building repairs and new ideas! I pray that every family knows how important they are to our school community, how appreciated their time and support is and how much we all need to continue to partner in education for the good of the school and your children. I look forward to working with all of you as we move MCC forward, remembering the past – enjoying the present – and working toward a hope filled future.

Blessings,

Mrs. Grinn



## April 18-22 Virtue of the Week: Perseverance

**LUKE 18: 1-8** Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

## Prayer

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.

- St. Thomas Aquinas

*"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."*

- St. Catherine of Siena Doctor of the Church

## Reminders/Flyers

**School will be CLOSED Monday, April 25 and Tuesday, April 26 due to boiler repairs.**

During this closure there will be no remote learning or class work – these “snow days” will not affect our school calendar or the end of the year dates. Enjoy this brief school break as we complete needed maintenance at the school.

Enjoy a couple days off!!

### Attention Middle and High School Students:

It's that time of the year - **the last chance to buy your 2021-2022 yearbook is now.** The 2022 Yearbook is full of your favorite memories - fun at **Homecoming, concerts, Catholic Schools Week, Middle School, Junior Varsity, and Varsity sports,** and **everyday life here at Manistee Catholic Central.** Preserve your memories by ordering a yearbook TODAY.

Click [here](#) to order today!! PLEASE NOTE: The yearbook is ONLY for Middle and High school students.



Click [here](#) to view the flyer for **PROM.**

Click [here](#) to view the flyer for **Manistee County Family Event for April.**

Click [here](#) to view the flyer for **Manistee's Prom Boutique.**

## Advising Corner

Please click [here](#) to see the upcoming scholarship application deadlines for 2022 graduating seniors.

## Important Upcoming Events and Reminders

Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29	Saturday 30
<p>Mini Mexican pizza, Black bean salad, Salsa</p> <p>Varsity <b>Baseball</b> away @ Marion 4pm</p> <p>Middle School <b>Track</b> @ Brethren 4:15pm</p> <p><b>Softball</b> @ Marion 4:30pm</p>	<p>Roast chicken, Rice pilaf, Broccoli</p> <p><b>Golf</b> @ Pentwater 4pm</p> <p><b>Softball</b> @ Onekama 4:15pm</p>	<p>Chili, Corn muffin, Side salad</p> <p>WMD Jamboree @ Marion 4:15pm</p> <p>Faith Formation (Pre-K - 7th Grade) (SJPC) 6:15 - 7:30</p>	<p>Bacon egg and cheese biscuit, Hash brown</p>	<p>BBQ pulled pork pizza, Dill dip</p> <p><b>Mustang Invitational</b> 3:30pm</p> <p>Varsity <b>Baseball</b> Home vs. Hart 4pm</p> <p><b>Softball</b> Home vs. Hart 4pm</p>	<p>Tentative Date of Science Olympiad State Competition</p> <p>Varsity <b>Baseball</b> Tournament @ Brethren 9am</p>

On April 20, MCC partnered with **Manistee Senior Softball League** and Joe, Trenton and Mason Miller with **Miller Clearing & Grading** to prep the softball fields at first street beach. First home **Softball** is Thursday, April 29.

We are blessed to have the help of these awesome people!



**Lost & Found** Please claim items from the office.

## Divine Mercy Parish Calendar

Check the Divine Mercy Parish Calendar often to see important scheduled events. Click [here](#).