

SABER NEWS & NOTES

Friday, December 10, 2021

Dear MCC Families,

As we continue our Advent Journey, reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth, we are truly blessed with this season's events and traditions that have always been such an important part of MCC. December is a very busy month with the hustle and bustle of activities, but when we stop to enjoy these activities and truly see the beauty in each event, we remember how blessed we are as a school community!

This week we were honored with a visit from Bishop Hurley to celebrate the Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass. I am so proud of our students' warm welcome to Bishop Hurley personally, and their reverence and respect at Mass and during Bishop Hurley's visit to our school. Our school will remember the blessing of this visit with appreciation. A very warm thank you to everyone who helped assist Bishop Hurley at Mass and during his visit.

Additional events this week included special Advent classroom festivities, donations for Toys for Tots and Gifts for Teens, special prayer services celebrating our saints, and our traditional Santa Shop. Our students were so excited to shop for their families (and sometimes for themselves!) and had a lot of fun picking out that special gift. Thank you to the volunteers and vendors who helped with this traditional event.

Last weekend our students participated in the annual Sleighbell Parade! This parade is an annual community tradition that has grown bigger over the years, and holds a lot of meaning for many families. We are honored to be part of such a long-standing tradition in our community!

Finally, please join us on Monday, December 13 for our annual Advent Concert Celebration and cookie social. This special event highlights the talents of our amazing students as we celebrate this special holy season. I hope to see you there to support our students and teachers who have put a lot of time and effort into planning this special celebration.

As you continue your Advent journey, may God bless you and your families and keep you safe.

**Blessings,
Mrs. Grinn, Principal**



Second Week of Advent

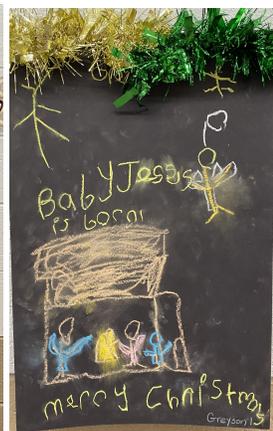
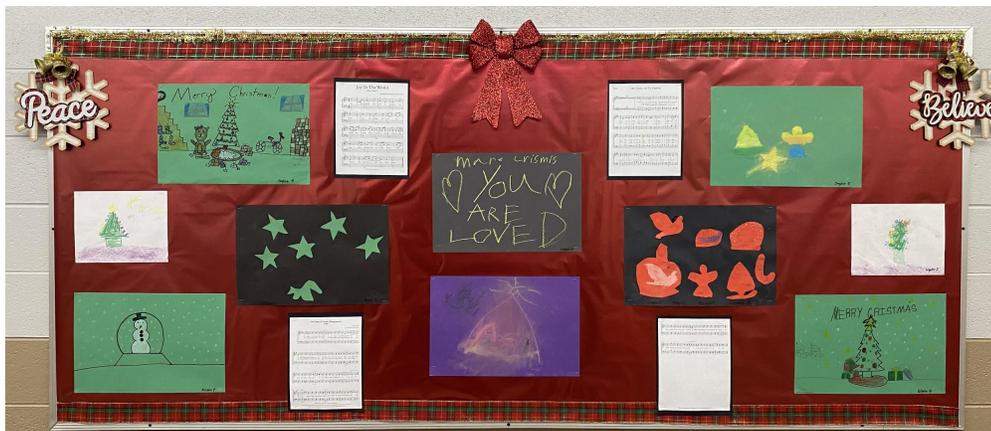
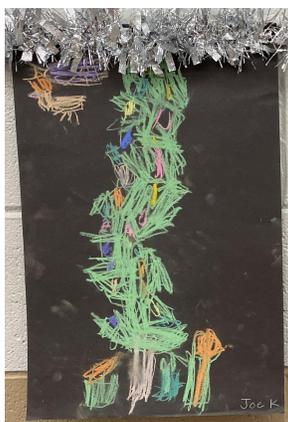
When John the Baptizer made his appearance as a preacher in the desert of Judea, this was his theme: Reform your lives. The reign of God is at hand!" *Matthew 3:1*

O Jesus, in an empty desert your prophet John proclaimed: God is here, at your side. God has come to bring about a kingdom where injustice and suffering will be no more, where tears will be wiped away, and where those who turn to God will feast at a banquet.

"Turn now, your God is standing at your side. Reform your lives, God's kingdom is at hand." In an empty desert John said these things.

Give me faith like John's, O Lord, strong enough to believe even in a desert that you and your kingdom are no farther from me than my hand. Make my heart strong like his, not swayed by trials or snared by false pleasures. Give me courage to be faithful until your promises are fulfilled.

O King of all nations, Jesus Christ,
only joy of every heart,
come and save your people.



December 3, Virtue of the Week was MEEKNESS

MATTHEW 11: 28-30 "Come to me, all you that labor, and are burdened, and I will refresh you. Take up my yoke upon you, and learn of me, because I am meek, and humble of heart: and you shall find rest to your souls. For my yoke is sweet and my burden light."

Advent/Christmas Concert

Our MCC Advent/Christmas Band/Choir Concert is approaching quickly—this coming Monday, December 13 at 6:30 pm. Everyone is very excited and working very hard to learn/memorize their songs to perform for their family/friends.

Students:

1. Arrive no later than 6:15 pm and report to their Teacher's Home Room.
2. Dress in your Holiday Dress Attire.
3. Band Students will dress in their dress performance uniforms however students may change afterwards into Holiday Dress Attire.

Parents of Concert Participants: Please bring one dozen cookies for the Cookie Social afterwards.

Thank you for all who have helped with this Advent/Christmas Band/Choir Concert! We needed you and your help was very much appreciated! Gratefully, Mr. Gras and Mrs. Pointer

Gloves Needed

Our elementary students sometimes misplace or forget their gloves or need replacement ones when their's get wet outside. Our stockpile of spare gloves has depleted! If you have any new or gently used gloves you'd like to donate - please send them in with your child!

Attn: Parents! We are still looking for Science Olympiad Mentors

The 2022 MCC High School Science Olympiad is coming together nicely! We have a wonderful group of 10-12 students on our team and about 5 mentors. The team is registered for Regionals on March 19th, 2022. Currently we need an additional 5 mentors. The role of a Mentor is to keep the team focused. To provide support, resources and links for Study and Practice. There are some great categories this year from Forensics to Cell Biology to Rocks and Minerals and Ping Pong Parachute, to name a few. We will help you get started!

Parents- Let us know if you can help a few hours a week. Flexible times based on your availability.

High School Students- Let me know if you would like to join our team.

Science is cool. Science Olympiad is so much fun!

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Prayer

"O Jesus, meekest Lamb, who being cursed did not curse, who suffering injuries did not threaten, who receiving the greatest contempt, answered with divine meekness or preserved an admirable silence, help me to follow Your example, to repress my anger, to embrace meekness, and armed with patience, to suffer willingly any labor so that I may come to enjoy eternal repose with You."- *Venerable Leo Du Pont, known as the Holy Man of Tours and the Apostle of the Holy Face*

"When I find that I have fallen, in spite of my efforts, I will meekly rise again and say: 'Come, my poor heart. Behold, we have fallen again into the ditch which we have so often resolved to avoid. Let us rise now, and leave it forever. Let us have recourse to God's mercy; let us place our hopes in it, and it will help us.' Trusting in You, O Lord, I will begin again, and keep to the path of humility and meekness." - *St. Francis de Sales*

Third Week of Advent

John's disciples said to Jesus, "Are you 'He who is to come' or do we look for another?" In reply, Jesus said: "Tell John what you hear and see: the blind recover their sight, cripples walk, lepers are cured, and the poor have good news preached to them..." Lk. 3:10

O Jesus, I rejoice at the signs that say you are near. Your power is everywhere if I could see it.

Yet my eyes often see only darkness and what has yet to be done. I believe in you, yet when I look around evil seems so strong and goodness so weak. If you have come, why is there still so much suffering and why do the poor still despair? Where are your miracles today?

Your grace, O Lord, is more fruitful in my world than I imagine. I know your power is everywhere around me, if I could only see it. Show me today where the blind see and cripples walk.

Make my vision sharper than it is.

Divine Mercy Parish Calendar

Please check the Divine Mercy Parish Calendar often to see important scheduled events.

<http://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/calendar.php?crd=catholiccommunityofmanistee>

Important Upcoming Events and Reminders

- 12/10 Santa Shop
- 12/10 Food Pantry - Junior Class 8:00-10:45am
- 12/10 10th grade CTE Tour 11:55am - 2:35pm
- 12/10 JV/V Girls Basketball Away vs. Baldwin 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- 12/11 MS Boys Basketball Conference Tournament Semi & final TBD 10:00am - 12:00pm
- 12/12 Third Sunday of Advent
- 12/13 "Merry and Bright" Advent Concert 6:30pm
- 12/14 Dual Enrollment Orientation 8:00am - 9:00am
- 12/14 JV/V Boys Basketball Home vs. BRCA 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- 12/15 JV/V Girls Basketball Home vs. Mesick 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- 12/16 Tutoring 3:00 - 4:00pm
- 12/16 JV/Varsity Boys Basketball Away vs. Baldwin 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- 12/17 ½ day 11:00am dismissal
- 12/17 JV/V Girls Basketball Away vs. Marion 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- 12/18-1/2 Christmas Break - No School

mcc advent concert
Cookie Social
Monday, December 13th
Following the Advent Concert

The cookie social is back! We're asking the families of our students to donate a dozen cookies to help in this wonderful tradition of family togetherness and fellowship.

MANISTEE CATHOLIC CENTRAL
PRESENTS

Merry & Bright His Glorious Light

*Preschool - 12th Grade
Choir and Band
Advent/Christmas Concert*

MONDAY DECEMBER 13, 2021
6:30PM
MCC SCHOOL GYM

Please come and join us for a night of fun, song, worship, and togetherness as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Sausage and egg
english muffin
hashbrown

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Chicken sandwich
bbq,ranch, caesar
sweet potato fries

14

Chili
corn muffin
side salad

15

Sub sandwiches
chips
potato salad

16

½ day
no lunch

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