



Manistee Catholic Central Newsletter

March 1st, 2024

“My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice; these are my invincible arms; they can move hearts far better than words.”

~St. Therese of Lisieux

Dear MCC Parents,

At MCC, we are praying!

Our MCC 3 C's:

- Catholic: Please join us for Mass at St. Joseph Parish on Tuesdays at 8:15 AM.
- Community: We are in this together. Thank you for your partnership.
- Curriculum: High expectations in a Christ-centered environment. A perfect combination!

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- March is Reading Month! There will be special guests and other activities throughout the month. Also, if you have a child between 0 and 5 and haven't investigated Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, check that out here: <https://imaginationlibrary.com>
- Monday, March 4: Lunch brought to you by the Kitchen Club!
- Tuesday, March 5: Lenten Confessions at St. Joseph Church from 6:00-7:30. There will be three extra priests available. This is a great opportunity to be prepared for Easter.
- Wednesday, March 6: Lunch brought to you by the Kitchen Club!
- Wednesday, March 13: Lunch brought to you by the Kitchen Club!
- Tuesday, March 19: Lunch brought to you by TJ's!
- Thursday, March 21: Easter (Dinner) Lunch brought to you by Mrs. Janowiak and the 1st Grade Class!
- Thursday, March 21: Jeans Day
- Friday, March 22-Monday, April 2: Spring Break
- Monday, April 1: EASTER MONDAY! NO SCHOOL!
- Friday, April 5: NO SCHOOL! PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
- Monday-Friday, April 8-12: ACRE, SAT, ACT, and MSTEP Tests*
- Monday, April 15: PSAT 8th Grade*
- Wednesday, April 17: PSAT 9th Grade*
- Thursday, April 18: PSAT 10th Grade*

*Please avoid scheduling any appointments during the week of April 8 and April 15 due to the testing schedule. Thank you for your consideration.

Many of you may have known MaryBeth Bowerman. She certainly sounds like a beautiful and kind lady. Her funeral is scheduled for Monday, March 4, at Guardian Angels at 1:00 PM. If you are planning on taking your child, please let the office know.



During this Lenten season, Stations of the Cross will be taking place on Fridays at 6:00 pm in the church. Fr. Roman has requested up to 3 servers for each Friday Stations. If your child is able to serve, please contact Ann at Divine Mercy Parish.

In addition, Stations of the Cross will be taking place on Friday mornings during Chapel. Please join us, and thank you, Fr. Michael, for leading us through this most important journey!

This is a powerful article about protecting our children against the dangers of phones:

<https://www.newsweek.com/parents-heres-how-we-can-protect-kids-dangers-smartphones-opinion-1869650>

5 FACTS ABOUT READING THAT WILL BLOW YOUR MIND

1. Reading often makes you kinder.

Studies have shown that people who read more fictional books are more likely to be kinder to others than people who don't.

2. Reading fast helps your eyes.

Reading a book fast will help to strengthen your vision.

3. Reading reduces stress.

A good book can be a great stress reliever if you allow yourself to get lost in the book.

4. Reading improves your vocabulary.

Reading good books often will help to improve your vocabulary as you will be coming across new words.

5. Reading increases your creativity.

Consistent reading will help to increase your imagination, which will stimulate your brain to develop new ideas and make you more creative.

Please see below for a beautiful opportunity for our high school students "To Encounter Christ."

It is through prayer and quiet adoration that God's presence and will is known. Please join me, the clergy, and the MCC staff in committing all our prayers and petitions to God to find the peace that only He can provide. Please pray for our bishop and our priests; for our country; and for all the students, staff, and families of MCC.

Peace and All Good,
Mrs. Leslie Summers
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March Kitchen Club		
<p>Monday, March 4th</p> <p>Menu: Sheet Pan Pancakes, Sausage Links, Warm Cinnamon Apples</p> <p>Veggies: Fresh</p> <p>Fruit: Fresh</p> <p>Drink: Chocolate Milk, White Milk or Water</p> <p>Brought to you by:</p> <p>Doug B. and Family</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 5th</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 6th</p> <p>Menu: Breaded Chicken Drumsticks, Mac N Cheese & Green Beans</p> <p>Veggies: Fresh</p> <p>Fruit: Fresh</p> <p>Drink: Chocolate Milk, White Milk or Water</p> <p>Brought to you by: Ellen K, Dave G, & Scott G</p>

The girls district basketball tournament will be hosted by Mason County Eastern. MCC will play at 5:30 on Wednesday, March 6th. MCC will play the winner of the Baldwin vs. Pentwater game. Ticket Information is as follows: All playoff game tickets will be sold using GoFan digital ticketing. Credit card purchases may be made at the door. League passes, coaches passes, local booster club passes, officials association passes, etc., are not to be honored at any tournament. Money will NOT be collected at the door. All district ticket are \$7.00 each.



Congratulations to the Saber boys varsity team on a well-played season!



A brand-new paper truck was delivered today. If you and your family have a little spare time this weekend and would like to help our school, please stop up and fill the truck like the 7th grade gym class did today!



30-Days of Prayer for MCC

HE SAID TO THEM, "AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, IF YOU HAVE FAITH THE SIZE OF A MUSTARD SEED,
YOU WILL SAY TO THIS MOUNTAIN, 'MOVE FROM HERE TO THERE,' AND IT WILL MOVE.
NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU."

— MATTHEW 17:20

The **Saber Strong Campaign** invites all members of our faith community to join us in 30-days of prayers for the intentions of Manistee Catholic Central. Each day has a theme you can pray for that will help unite us as a family.

Want to up your game? Consider adding a day of fasting as a penitential act and a sacrifice to God in order that we may deepen our relationship with Him and entrust our petitions to Him.

"SO WE FASTED, SEEKING THIS FROM OUR GOD, AND IT WAS GRANTED." — EZRA, 8:23

Prayer ideas:

- Daily scripture readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>
- Rosary: <https://www.usccb.org/how-to-pray-the-rosary>
- Divine Mercy Chaplet: <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/chaplet-divine-mercy>
- Daily devotionals: <https://www.livingfaith.com>
- Litany of Thanksgiving (for the gifts God has given us) - <https://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/litanies/p03456.htm>
- Litany of Forgiveness (for the ways in which we have fallen short of the glory of God) - <https://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english3/p02490.htm>
- Litany of Trust (to unite our faith community and entrust ourselves and our future to him) - <https://sistersoflife.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Mobile-Litany-of-Trust.pdf>
- Cantic of Zecharia - <https://www.marquette.edu/faith/prayers-cantic-zechariah.php>

For those fasting, consider starting your day with this prayer:

MY DEAR LORD,

I THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO USE ME AS YOUR INSTRUMENT. I THANK YOU THAT I MAY BE SENT BY YOU TO SHARE YOUR LOVE WITH THE WORLD. GIVE ME THE GRACE TO CONFORM MYSELF MORE FULLY TO YOU BY MORTIFYING MY DISORDERED APPETITES AND DESIRES SO THAT YOU AND YOU ALONE CAN TAKE COMPLETE CONTROL OF MY LIFE. MAY I BE OPEN TO THE GIFT OF FASTING AND MAY THIS PENITENTIAL ACT HELP TO TRANSFORM MY LIFE AND HELP US ENTRUST THE FUTURE OF OUR SCHOOL TO YOUR ETERNAL WISDOM.

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

PRAYER CALENDAR

DAY	Prayer Theme	Date	Additional prayer opportunities:
1	Bishop Walsh and our priests	Wed, Feb 21	
2	MCC Staff/Administration	Thurs, Feb 22	Adoration at St. Joseph's (10am-9pm)
3	MCC Teachers	Fri, Feb 23	Adoration at St. Joseph's (10am-9pm), Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's (6PM)
4	Saber Strong Campaign	Sat, Feb 24	Confession at St. Joseph's (3 PM)
5	Attend Mass / Worship Service	Sun, Feb 25	<i>No fasting on the Sabbath</i>
6	Students: Pre-K through 1st grade	Mon, Feb 26	Confession at St. Joseph's (5:45 PM)
7	Students: 2nd grade through 4th grade	Tues, Feb 27	Mass with the school at St. Joseph's Church (8:15AM)
8	Students: 5th grade through 7th grade	Wed, Feb 28	
9	Students: 8th grade through 10th grade	Thurs, Feb 29	Adoration at St. Joseph's (10am-9pm)
10	Bishop Walsh and our priests	Fri, Mar 1	Adoration at St. Joseph's (10am-9pm), Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's (6PM)
11	Students: 11th grade through 12th grade	Sat, Mar 2	Confession at St. Joseph's (3 PM)
12	Attend Mass / Worship Service	Sun, Mar 3	<i>No fasting on the Sabbath</i>
13	MCC Athletics / Band	Mon, Mar 4	Confession at St. Joseph's (5:45 PM)
14	MCC Benefactors	Tues, Mar 5	Mass with the school at St. Joseph's Church (8:15AM)
15	MCC Foundation	Wed, Mar 6	
16	Manistee Community	Thurs, Mar 7	Adoration at St. Joseph's (10am-9pm)
17	Bishop Walsh and our priests	Fri, Mar 8	Adoration at St. Joseph's (10am-9pm), Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's (6PM)
18	Saber Strong Campaign	Sat, Mar 9	Confession at St. Joseph's (3 PM)
19	Attend Mass / Worship Service	Sun, Mar 10	<i>No fasting on the Sabbath</i>
20	MCC Alumni	Mon, Mar 11	Confession at St. Joseph's (5:45 PM)
21	MCC building and facilities	Tues, Mar 12	Mass with the school at St. Joseph's Church (8:15AM)
22	MCC parents	Wed, Mar 13	
23	Students: Pre-K through 1st grade	Thurs, Mar 14	Adoration at St. Joseph's (10am-9pm)
24	Bishop Walsh and our priests	Fri, Mar 15	Adoration at St. Joseph's (10am-9pm), Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's (6PM)
25	Students: 2nd grade through 4th grade	Sat, Mar 16	Confession at St. Joseph's (3 PM)
26	Attend Mass / Worship Service	Sun, Mar 17	<i>No fasting on the Sabbath</i>
27	Students: 5th grade through 7th grade	Mon, Mar 18	Confession at St. Joseph's (5:45 PM)
28	Students: 8th grade through 10th grade	Tues, Mar 19	Mass with the school at St. Joseph's Church (8:15AM)
29	Students: 11th grade through 12th grade	Wed, Mar 20	
30	Prayer for unity	Thurs, Mar 21	Adoration at St. Joseph's
31	All members of the Saber family	Fri, Mar 22	Adoration at St. Joseph's (10am-9pm), Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's (6PM)

We recognize that not all members of the Saber family are Catholic, so we have tried to provide a mix of suggestions for prayer themes and opportunities. While we call out additional prayer opportunities at Divine Mercy Parish, we invite all who believe in God to unite in prayer to Him and to entrust our school to his mercies.

MCCAA Meeting

3/4/2024 Agenda

The purpose of the MCCA is primarily fundraising to support Saber Athletics.

- I. Call meeting to order
 - II. Opening prayer
 - III. Approval of agenda
 - IV. Approve minutes of February 2024 meeting.
 - V. Officers Reports
 - A. President – Jason Hallead
 - B. Vice President – Mike Machen
 - C. Secretary – Lindsay Hallead
 - D. Treasurer – Todd Newenhouse
 - E. Athletic Director – Collin Thompson
 - F. Student Athlete Council Report – Athletes in attendance
 - VI. Fundraising Reports
 - VII. Old Business
 - a. Fish dinner, March 15th tentative date.
 - b. Easter Sausage Sale
 - c. Bylaws review continued
 - VIII. New Business
 - a. None
 - IX. Open Floor/Comments
 - X. Next Meeting Monday, April 1, 2024 @ 6 p.m.
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