

# SABER NEWS & NOTES

Friday, December 17, 2021

**Dear MCC Families,**

As we complete our Advent Journey, let us humble ourselves like the Shepherds and allow Jesus to come to us in the quietness of our souls. This very holy and special time of year gives us an opportunity to remember what is important in our lives. We all walk a different journey in life, we all have different needs, wants and expectations, but when we are united with God we have one common goal - to be holy and to help our children to know and understand what it means to be holy. As Christians, our goal is eternal life in heaven with God and the many family, friends and saints that have gone before us. To reach that goal we must be mindful of where the importance in life falls for us so that our journey of faith is reflective of who we are as brothers and sisters in Christ. Step back and see yourself and others through God's eyes - sometimes that perspective is all we need to see truth. As you share this beautiful season with family and friends, bring those lost back to the holiday table and help them to see the family unity that is alive in your hearts, even if it isn't spoken in your words. I believe in the miracles of Christmas and I believe that first holy miracle in the stable is all we truly need.

Many of our students were saddened by the school closing and the Christmas festivities being missed. Please share with all of your children that they have not missed their fun Christmas Festivities! The Christmas season is actually the twelve days following Christmas, so when we bring our MCC family back together in January, we will celebrate the beautiful birth of Our Savior! The Christmas classroom festivities will be held the Friday of our first week back to school. A special day to remember all we are grateful for and the blessings we share at MCC.

I pray all of our families will have a very peaceful, joyful and meaningful Christmas. I have been blessed to be called to the position of MCC's Principal and I am honored to lead this school and continue to work toward the success of our students and their future goals. I am proud of the students that attend MCC and have been impressed with their resilience, kindness, goals and hard work this year. As we journey into 2022 together, please pray for our students and continue to partner with us to give your children the best school and amazing opportunities!

Merry Christmas and blessings to you and your families,

**Blessings,  
Mrs. Grinn, Principal**

### 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.

### December 13-17, Virtue of the Week was SILENCE

Matthew 6: 6 "Whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

#### **VIRTUE=STRENGTH.**

#### DEFINITION

This week our strength building on the virtue of HUMILITY is SILENCE.

**The strength that disposes the soul to converse continually with God.**

We know that in order to draw closer to God — to move from stage to stage of our relationship with Him — we must embrace the Holy Spirit and allow Him to direct our lives.

We will only be able to achieve this docility to the Holy Spirit in silence, as Mary did.

SILENCE

### A HUGE THANK YOU!

With great appreciation from Mrs. Pointer, Mr. Gras, and MCC Teachers/Staff to anyone who helped with preparations for the Merry and Bright/His Glorious Light Advent / Christmas Concert! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! It was a wonderful turnout and the cookies were delicious! We appreciate everyone who volunteered many long hours and creativity to make this a fantastic night! We heard and saw our children beam as they used their God given talents to shine for Jesus. Oh what a glorious night!

## TYPICAL EXCUSES TO AVOID SILENCE & PRAYER

Too tired  
Too busy  
My mind wanders right away  
Just don't feel anything  
I get bored  
I fall asleep  
It feels absurd  
It just doesn't come naturally  
I just don't feel like I need to  
I'm good  
Feels like a waste of time

**Silence and prayer are not the  
preparation for the battle.**

**They are the battle!**



## MCCAA Christmas Sausage Sale, Volunteers Needed!

Please consider volunteering for our Christmas Sausage fundraiser next week, December 21 - 23rd. Lunch will be provided on the 21st. The link to sign up is below. Thank you for your continued support of our Saber Athletics Program.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E48ADA72FA6F94-christmas>

## Prayer

O Lord, I offer you this moment of silence. Help me to slow down my thoughts and my imagination, help me to calm down my fears and my emotions, help me to exercise patience and humility and I offer you these feeble efforts... I lift up my soul to You, Lord. I love You and I need You. Amen. *Pause for a few moments in silence.*

## RESOLUTION

Turn off your devices and spend some time in silent prayer for at least a few minutes every day this week and over Christmas break.

## FAMILY RESOLUTION

Read the first few chapters of the Gospel of Luke together as a family.



## 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

12/18-1/2 Christmas Break - No School

12/19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

12/22 MCCA Sausage Order Pickup (MCC Kitchen) 12:00pm - 6:00pm

12/23 MCCA Sausage Order Pickup (MCC Kitchen) 10:00am - 6:00pm

12/24 Christmas Mass (St. Joseph Church) 4:00pm

12/25 Christmas Midnight Mass (St. Joseph Church) 12:00am

12/25 Christmas Mass (St. Joseph Church) 7:30am

12/25 Christmas Mass (St. Joseph Church) 9:30am

12/25 Christmas Mass (St. Joseph Church) 11:30am

1/1 Mary Mother of God Feast Day

1/1 Mass for the Solemnity of Mary (St. Joseph Church) 9:00am

1/1 Mass for the Solemnity of Mary (St. Joseph Church) 11:30am

1/3 School Resumes!

1/5 JV/V Girls Basketball Home vs. Bear Lake 6:00pm - 9:00pm

1/6 JV/V Boys Basketball Home Mesick 6:00pm - 9:00pm

1/7 JV/V Girls Basketball Away vs. Pentwater 6:00pm - 9:00pm

LUNCH

JANUARY 2022

MCC Saber Cafe

menu subject to change please  
 contact Ann lind with questions  
 723.2529 ext 127  
 ann@manisteechep.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nacho refried beans toppings <b>3</b>	Pulled pork on a bun sweet potato fries <b>4</b>	Cheesy chicken broccoli rice bake acorn squash <b>5</b>	Bacon egg and cheese biscuit hash brown <b>6</b>	Pepperoni Pizza ranch dip <b>7</b>
Chicken and waffles carrots and parsnips <b>10</b>	Italian pasta bake garlic toast corn <b>11</b>	Cheese quesadilla black beans salsa <b>12</b>	Chicken and noodles green beans <b>13</b>	Cheese pizza dill dip <b>14</b>
Sheet pan pancake sausage patty warm apples <b>17</b>	Chicken sandwiches BBQ, ranch, caesar baked beans coleslaw <b>18</b>	Beef teriyaki veggie stir fry rice <b>19</b>	Turkey or salami sub chips potato salad <b>20</b>	Pepperoni pizza ranch dip <b>21</b>
Soft shell chicken taco pinto beans mexi rice <b>24</b>	Chicken Parm kale chips Italian roasted potato <b>25</b>	Cheeseburger oven fries green beans salad <b>26</b>	Roasted chicken rice pilaf broccoli <b>27</b>	Cheese pizza hummus dip <b>28</b>
Breaded chicken drumstick baked beans broccoli salad <b>31</b>				

Alternates: #1 PB&J #2 Chicken caesar salad daily fresh fruit and veggie bar and milk from cream cup dairy skim daily chocolate TU and FR  
 prices: K-5 \$3.00 6-12 \$3.25 staff and guest \$4.25 (tax included)  
 extra ala cart: 6-8 cup of soup \$1.00 included in high school meal extra (6-12) entree: \$2.50 milk : \$.50 Fruit: \$.50