

SABER NEWS & NOTES

April 8, 2022

Dear MCC Families,

During Lent, our school community has focused on the Works of Mercy, serving others and giving witness to Jesus Christ. As acts of love that help us care for the needs of others, the Works of Mercy are an opportunity for Catholics to give witness to Christ. Jesus entrusted his followers the responsibility of caring for others. One way that Catholics fulfill this responsibility is by performing the Works of Mercy.

Mercy is one of the fruits of charity, which enables us to show love and compassion to those who are suffering in any way, whether in mind, body, heart, or soul. The Works of Mercy are divided into two categories: The Corporal Works of Mercy (dealing with the body) and the Spiritual Works of Mercy (dealing with the mind, heart, and soul).

The **Corporal Works of Mercy** are acts of love that address the material needs of others:

- Feed the hungry.
- Give drink to the thirsty.
- Clothe the naked.
- Visit the imprisoned.
- Shelter the homeless.
- Visit the sick.
- Bury the dead.

The **Spiritual Works of Mercy** address the needs of peoples' minds, hearts, and souls:

- Admonish the sinner. (Give correction to those who need it.)
- Instruct the ignorant. (Share our knowledge with others.)
- Counsel the doubtful. (Give advice to those who need it.)
- Comfort the sorrowful. (Comfort those who suffer.)
- Bear wrongs patiently. (Be patient with others.)
- Forgive all injuries. (Forgive those who hurt us.)
- Pray for the living and the dead.

Mercy is a theme found in Scripture in the Old Testament, but Jesus elevated our understanding of mercy in the New Testament. Jesus made it clear that a path of discipleship towards eternal life involves caring for others. He identified himself as the one whom his disciples would love and care for: *Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.* Matthew 25:40. Jesus asks us to see him in every person we meet, especially in those who are suffering in need. He asks us to care for each person in a spirit of loving service knowing that we are really loving and caring for Christ, who, through the Holy Spirit, lives on in every person.

This year, as our school community has focused on the Works of Mercy, we have cared for others through our Lenten Projects, collections, prayers and outreach. As we complete our Lenten Journey, may we continue to love others, as God loves us, and continue to share our compassion toward others.

Blessings,
Mrs. Catherine Grinn, Principal

Lent 2022

CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families

APRIL

PALM SUNDAY 10

"Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out, 'Hosanna. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" Mk 11:9

Place palm branches in a place where they will remind you to give praise to Jesus Christ each day this week.

MON 11

"Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair." Jn 12:3

Mary of Bethany shared something precious with Jesus. What will you give to others this week that shows your love for Jesus?

TUE 12

"Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Jn 13:21

Reflect today on those times when you have betrayed Jesus by turning away from his call to love and forgive others. Ask for his help in being faithful disciples.

WED 13

"For the Lord hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not." Ps 69:34

Lend your ear to someone who is poor in spirit today. Show your care and concern by listening with love and attentiveness.

HOLY THURSDAY 14

"Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist." Jn 13:5

Perform an act of service today for someone in your home or neighborhood. Do so with a generous and loving heart.

GOOD FRIDAY 15

"And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit." Jn 19:30

Place a crucifix or cross in the place where your family gathers for prayer. Take turns holding it and offering a prayer for all of those who are suffering today.

HOLY SATURDAY 16

"If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him." Rom 6:8

Offer a prayer for all of those who will find new life in Christ as they are baptized at the Easter Vigil tonight.

EASTER SUNDAY 17

"For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Jn 20:9

While our Lenten journey has come to an end, the Easter season has just begun! Look ahead to the next seven weeks and how you will continue to reflect and rejoice in the Good News of the Resurrection.

April 4-8 Virtue of the Week: Fortitude

Prayer

Matthew 16:24-27 Then Jesus said to his disciples: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For he that will save his life, shall lose it: and he that shall lose his life for my sake, shall find it. For what doth it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his own soul? Or what exchange shall a man give for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels: and then will he render to every man according to his works. Amen I say to you, there are some of them that stand here, that shall not taste death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

Lord, I want to be brave for you. I want to stay committed to you and your teachings. Help me to grow in the virtue of fortitude so I may do your will and not give up when things get hard. Teach me to practice patience and perseverance in times of difficulty. I want to honor you, Lord, in all I do whether it's big or small. Give me a heart like yours so I can do all things with great love. *Amen*

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement." - St. Augustine Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Important Upcoming Events and Reminders

Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15	Saturday 16
Italian pasta bake, Garlic toast, Corn	<u>Bring lunch from home</u>	Sausage sale in kitchen MCCAA providing subs	Sausage sale in Kitchen MCCAA providing pizza		
M e n u m a y c h a n g e d u e t o s a u s a g e s a l e !					
Boys Varsity Baseball AWAY Brethren 4pm	Golf at Pentwater 4:00pm	PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, SAT with Essay WMD MCE Track and Field TBA 3:30pm	ACT WorkKeys (11th grade) MCCAA Sausage Order Pickup (Gym Entrance) 10am - 6pm Buckley Invitational Track and Field 3:30 pm	Good Friday NO SCHOOL	
Sacramental Prep for Confirmation & First Eucharist - Children Only (SJPC) 6:30 - 7:30		Faith Formation (Pre-K - 7th Grade) (SJPC) 6:15 - 7:30	Boys Varsity Baseball HOME vs. BRCCA 4pm		

Lent

Due to the Holy Week Mass schedule, there will be no school Mass next week. I encourage all of you to attend the beautiful Holy Week Masses and services with your families, sharing this time with your children. The following schedule will be followed at Divine Mercy Parish:

Thursday, April 14 - Holy Thursday	Friday, April 15 - Good Friday	Saturday, April 16 - Holy Saturday	Sunday, April 17 - Easter Sunday
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm	Individual Prayer 8 am - 3 pm Divine Mercy Novena 3 pm Passion of the Lord 3:30 pm Individual Prayer 5 pm - 8 pm	Blessing of the Easter Food 11am Divine Mercy Novena 3:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass 9:00 pm	Mass 7:30 am Mass 9:30 am Mass 11:30 am

Pretzels for God: Lent and the Pretzel

Our students enjoyed Pretzels for God on Friday this week. Students enjoyed a special pretzel treat while they learned about incorporating pretzels into our Lenten journey as a wonderful and appropriate reflective time. The pretzel, symbolic of prayer and penance is a small but powerful instrument in bringing families closer to God. Ask your child(ren) about Lent and the Pretzel, and let them share what they learned with you!

Reminders/Flyers

MCCAA Annual Easter Polish Sausage Sale

When do I pick my order up? Orders can be picked up at the Manistee Catholic Central gymnasium doors on **Thursday, April 14th from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. or Friday, April 15th, 9 a.m. - 1p.m.**

Event Volunteers needed! Please contact **Mrs. Grinn** directly if you can lead the planning of end of the year programs, events, graduations or celebrations. **One lead event planner** is needed per event with additional volunteers to assist. Help us celebrate our students!

Hockey: West Shore Wolves are hosting a Try Hockey For Free event on Saturday, April 9th at West Shore Community College Ice Rink. If you would like more information please click [here](#).

Change for Ukraine

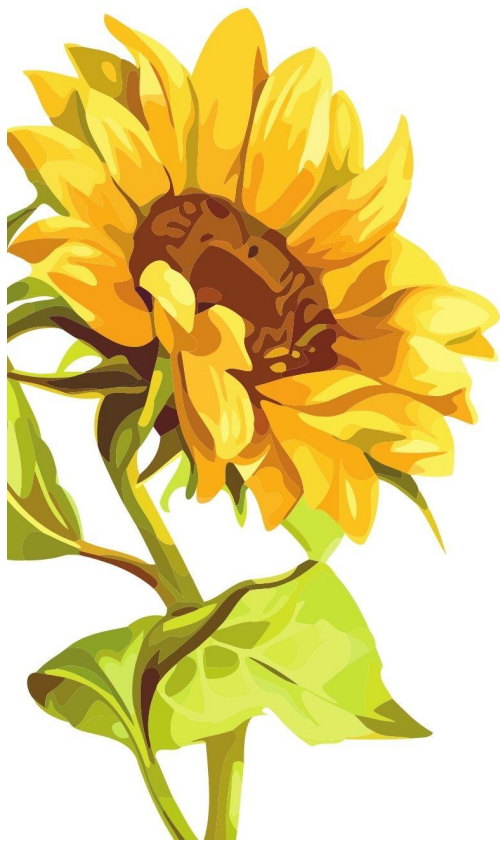
Monday Pennies
Tuesday Nickels
Wednesday Dimes
Thursday Quarters

Bring cash any day to raise more money!

As we continue to pray for Ukraine, we would like to do something extra to help in their region. Ukraine is home to many orphanages. We would like to collect our change to aid in the necessary items needed to help these children who are either displaced or needing items. We will be doing this April 11-15.

To show how much we are raising we will have a sunflower display in the front windows of the school. We would love to fill the windows with Ukraines national flower.

The class that collects the most money will have a pizza and planting party. Planting sunflowers to fill our school as a reminder of those that need our prayers the most right now.



Click [here](#) to view the flyer for the reading of **Beard Balled** by the author **Harold Cronk**.

Click [here](#) to view the flyer for MRA Summer Baseball Little League (**4th-6th Grade**).

Click [here](#) to view the flyer for MRA Softball League (**4th-8th Grade**).

Click [here](#) to view the Change for Ukraine flyer in a larger format.

Lost & Found

Click [here](#) to see items from the lost and 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](#).