

SABER NEWS & NOTES

March 4, 2022

Dear MCC Families,

The season of Lent can be like a personal retreat and mission. Over forty days we live three themes: penance, baptism and the passion of Christ. It is a time when we are encouraged to take time out, to go to our room, close the door and pray to our Father in private (cf. Matthew 6:6).

Lent invites us to an inner change of heart and an opportunity for us to walk in a new direction. In the Gospel passage proclaimed on Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that the traditional works of penance are fasting, almsgiving and prayer. These can be inseparable when looked at through God's eyes – what prayer asks for as we knock on heaven's door, fasting successfully begs for and mercy humbles us to receive. This holy season invites us to renew our dedication to prayer and reflection and to give God time to work in our lives. As we embrace fasting this year, this can also be reflected in giving to the less fortunate or supporting the efforts to protect others, knowing that God's grace and blessing is showered upon us as we are, in the words of St. Therese "his hands and feet".

Pope Francis based his message for Lent 2022 on a passage from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians, "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (6:9-10). Beginning with the image of sowing and reaping the Holy Father points out that "Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness". God, he explains, is the first to sow, sowing "abundant seeds of goodness in our human family."

During the period of Lent, "we are called to respond to God's gift" by listening to His Word, so that it might "bear fruit in our lives." In this way, we become "God's co-workers," which is a grace of sharing in God's own "bountiful goodness." This, in turn, leads to a harvest. When we sow seeds of goodness and kindness, "no matter how small," in our own lives, we radiate light and carry "the fragrance of Christ to the world."

Pope Francis reminds us that "we see only a small portion of the fruits we sow." The Pope explains that "sowing goodness for the benefit of others frees us from narrow self-interest, infuses us our actions with gratuitousness, and makes us part of the magnificent horizon of God's benevolent plan."

As we walk this Lenten journey together, remember to pray for one another, to show kindness and to grow in faith. I am blessed to walk this journey beside all of you and pray that God will bless you and your families abundantly during this beautiful holy season.

Blessings,

Mrs. Catherine Grinn, Principal

A Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2022

Click [here](#) to view the message.

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Lent 2022
CALENDAR
Daily At-Home Lenten Activities for Families
MARCH

SUN 6	MON 7	TUE 8	WED 9
<p>"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days." Mk 1:12</p> <p>The season of Lent lasts for forty days. Use this or another calendar to count how many 40 days is with younger children. Consider how you will use this time to pray, to ask God for his forgiveness, and to help those in need.</p>	<p>"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Mt 25:40</p> <p>Look for ways to treat each person you encounter today as you would treat Jesus.</p>	<p>"This is how you are to pray: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." Mt 6:9</p> <p>Offer an Our Father together. Pray it slowly and pay attention to each word and phrase.</p>	<p>"A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me." Ps 51:12</p> <p>Be aware of your words and actions today. How can you make each one more loving and kind?</p>
THU 10	FRI 11	SAT 12	The image is a purple ichthys (fish) symbol with a yellow cross inside its body, a common Lenten symbol.
<p>"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Mt 7:7</p> <p>What does your family need to be happy and holy? Offer a prayer together and bring those needs to God.</p>	<p>"Go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come offer your gift." Mt 5:24</p> <p>Talk about any ways in which your family members need to forgive and reconcile with one another. Offer words of forgiveness to one another.</p>	<p>"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." Mt 5:44</p> <p>Make an effort to be kind and patient today with someone who is difficult to love.</p>	

Prayer

O my God, I love Thee above all things with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art all good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon for all whom I have injured.

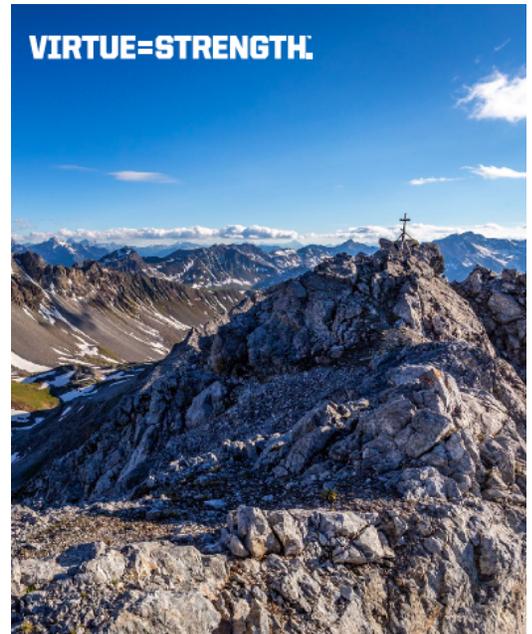
Divine Mercy Parish Calendar

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

February 28-March 4 Virtue of the Week: Justice

Matthew 5: 3-12 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the land. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when they shall revile you, and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, untruly, for my sake: Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in heaven. For so they persecuted the prophets that were before you.

“We are to love God for Himself, because of a twofold reason; nothing is more reasonable, nothing more profitable.” - **St. Bernard of Clairvaux**



Important Upcoming Events and Reminders

Monday 7	Tuesday 8	Wednesday 9	Thursday 10	Friday 11	Saturday 12
Breaded chicken drumstick, Coleslaw, Corn	Baked potato bar, Broccoli, Pretzel	Sausage and cheese biscuit, Warm apple	Chicken parm. sandwich, Kale chips, Italian roasted potato	Cheese pizza, Dill dip	MCC Hall of Fame Dinner 5:30pm
Sacramental Prep for Confirmation & First Eucharist - Parents & Children (St. Joseph Parish Center) 6:30pm - 7:30pm		Faith Formation (Pre-K - 7th Grade) (SJPC) 6:15pm - 7:30pm Boys DISTRICTS-FRANKFORT 7:00pm	Mass (Chapel - Elementary) 9:00am Mass (Chapel - Middle/High School) 10:00am	Boys DISTRICTS-FRANKFORT Winner vs Winner 7:00pm	

Lost & Found

Please claim from the office. If these are your shoes please claim them, next week they will be taken to Goodwill.



Events Report

The 30th Annual MCC Hall of Fame Dinner is [Saturday, March 12th](#).

Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30pm
Dinner starts at 6pm

This event will be catered by Jerry Zupin. Tickets are \$15 each and are available in the school office. We would love to have you join us to celebrate those who are being inducted into the Hall of Fame this year: [Carolyn Kosibiski](#), [Tom Kaminski](#), [Dan Picardat](#), [Heather Janowiak](#), [Mary Lynn Burchard](#), and [the MCC Class of 1970](#).

* Please note: The MCC NHS members are expected to serve this event. If your child is in NHS please plan to have them at the school by 5:15pm. Thank you!

Open House/Kindergarten and Preschool Round Up is [Sunday, March 20th](#) from 11am-1pm.

Spread the word! Please join us and bring friends who are interested in MCC! The Divine Mercy Men's Club will be serving a free pancake breakfast in the cafeteria. Our Saber robotics program will be doing demonstrations in the robotics lab and will also have a robot available for prospective robotics students to drive.

All teachers, [Preschool thru 12th grade](#), will be in classrooms to answer questions about curriculum.

Enrollment for the 2022/23 school year will be **OPEN** and staff will be on hand to help with admissions questions. We hope to see you there!

Our Saber boys basketball team will start their district tournament on [Wednesday, March 9](#) in [Frankfort](#). Click the GoFan [link](#) to take you to the Saber fans page to purchase tickets online for upcoming District Tournament Action. Tickets **must** be purchased online.

Concessions will be available throughout the games.

Be on the lookout! Coming home soon will be a permission slip for Circle of Grace class. Click [here](#) for more information about Circle of Grace.

They are heading to Worlds! Phin Kieszkowski and Brennan Sturgeon qualified for the **Robotics World Championship!** They will be heading to Texas in **May** to compete.



It's Reading Month!

The fun of reading month is to promote the love for reading all of our children should have. This month we will be celebrating reading month with a number of different activities, dress days, events and family fun! The reading month calendar is included below. Please review the many activities and note the explanation boxes across the bottom of the calendar. Additional information and details will be shared throughout the month on activities and events in the [Saber Newsletter](#) – please look for these updates next to the Dr. Seuss Hat each week.

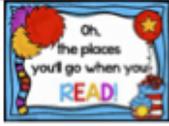
Enjoy the month and **READ EVERY DAY!**



MCC March Is Reading Month

All dress days must be followed as listed -- Students not following dress day must wear school uniform



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Dr. Seuss Birthday fun! 	3	4	5
6 Dr. Seuss Spirit Week for ALL SCHOOL PK-12 Grade!	7 Green Eggs and Ham - Dress in Jeans and Green	8 Fox in Socks – wear silly, crazy socks	9 Wacky Wednesday Wear mismatched, wacky clothes	10 Cat in the Hat – wear a crazy hat or headband DEAR! Bring your favorite book!	11 Oh, the Places You'll Go! Wear jeans and school spirit wear	12 Take a family trip to the library!
13 Reading under the stars this week!	14 Buddy Reading! 10:00 – 10:30 AM PK-12	15 DEAR! Remember to bring your favorite book!	16 Favorite bedtime stories! Pajama/Sweats Day with favorite stuffed animal	17 St. Patrick Day Jeans and Green! Reading is Golden Treat Bags 1:30 Leprechaun Assembly K-12	18 Last Day to donate book swap books! Parent/Family "star" Read-a-thon 2:00 in gym	19 Read to a family member or friend!
20 Reading Camp this week!	21 Favorite Book/Movie popcorn Day!	22 DEAR! Remember to bring your favorite book!	23 BOOK SWAP! Buddy Reading! 10:00 – 10:30 AM PK-12	24 Raffle Day Assembly 2:00! SMORE reading fun!	25 Camo and Jeans Day! Parent/Family Read-a-thon Camp 2:00 in gym	26 Spring Break Next Week – Have fun and remember to READ every DAY!
Extra Reading Fun! During March Is Reading Month our school will be enjoying the following activities in addition to our calendar events. Please watch for emails, reminders or Saber News updates!	Mystery Reader! Please contact your child's teacher for mystery reader opportunities to read to your child's class	Book Swap! It's time to share all the great books you have read! Between March 7-17 bring your gently used books to school to donate to the book swap. Bins will be in the front foyer.	DEAR! Drop Everything and Read will be done throughout the month in every classroom! Bring your favorite book to read in class.	Raffle Fun! Fun reading prize buckets! It's simple – read every day, collect your raffle tickets and drop them in your classroom bucket!	Buddy Reading! Our elementary students will team up with our middle and HS students to share their favorite books!	

Click [here](#) to get the pdf of the Reading month calendar.