

St. Mary's School

January 26, 2018 Newsletter



The past three and one-half days (North Country weather!) have been busy preparing for Catholic Schools Week. At our 9:00 a.m. Sunday mass, students will be greeting, singing, reading, serving, and generally representing the faith they are learning and practicing here each day. As you can see from our schedule, the remainder of the week is packed with a multitude of activities. We invite you to participate in any or all events.

In particular, we hope to see all of our families at **our Family Fun/Curriculum night on Thursday, February 1**. Students will have work displayed, along with curricular items that will give parents insight into the major themes and skills that are taught at various grade levels. There will, of course, be games and refreshments to go along with the academic information.

Today marks the end of the second quarter of our school year. Report cards will go home next week. If you wish to schedule a mid-year conference with your child's teacher, please feel free to reach them through email, or by calling the school office.

Looking ahead, **February 5 will be our Student of the Month celebration** for our chosen students for January. **February 9 will be our second Senior tea** – we will also offer coffee this time. And, very importantly, the week of **February 19th will be our winter break** – time to relax and refresh!

Blessings to all as we begin Catholic Schools Week.

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Upcoming Events

Catholic Schools Week Schedule

Jan. 28 – Sunday -Opening Mass 9 am

Jan. 28 – Sunday - Pancake Breakfast 9:30 – 12:30

Jan. 29 – Monday – Living Rosary at the Church after 8:10 am Mass

Jan. 30 – Tuesday – Ice Skating – 12:30 – 1:50 pm

Jan. 31 – Wednesday – Dress like your favorite Book Character

Jan. 31 - Grandparents & Volunteers Luncheon – 11:00 am - Hot lunch served for all

Feb. 1 – Thursday – School-wide Olympics in the gym – 12:30-2:00

Family Fun/Curriculum Night – 6:30-7:30pm

Feb. 2 – Friday – Mass with Bishop LaValley 9:30 am.

Feb. 2 - Visit from our Catholic School neighbors

Important Announcements

There has been some clearing out of decorations from St. Mary's Church. Please come see if there is anything you might like. We have some artificial Christmas Trees that we are giving away as well as some odds and ends.

Our school day starts at

8:00am

Please have your student come to school on time!

Our Saint of the Week



St. Blaise– February 2
*Patron of throat illnesses,
animals, wool combers, and
wool trading*

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor. The first known record of the saint's life comes from the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, where he is recorded as helping with patients suffering from objects stuck in their throat.

Saint Blaise is believed to begin as a healer then, eventually, became a "physician of souls." He then retired to a cave, where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles.

In 316, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, Agricola, arrested then-bishop Blaise for being a Christian. On their way to the jail, a woman set her only son, who was choking to death on a fish bone, at his feet.

Blaise cured the child, and though Agricola was amazed, he could not get Blaise to renounce his faith. Therefore, Agricola beat Blaise with a stick and tore at his flesh with iron combs before beheading him.

In another tale, Blaise was being led to the prison in Sebastea, and on the way came across a poor old woman whose pig had been stolen by a wolf. Blaise commanded the wolf return the pig, which it did - alive and uninjured - to the amazement of all.

When he reached Sebastea, the woman came to him and brought two fine wax candles in an attempt to dispel the gloom of his darkened cell.

In the Middle Ages, Blaise became quite popular and his legend as a beast tamer spread. He was then referred to as the "saint of the wild beast."

A Blessing of the Throats ceremony is held every February 3 at Saint Etheldreda's Church in London and Balve, Germany.

A Catholic middle school was named after Saint Blaise in Bradford, West Yorkshire. The name was decided upon when the link between Bradford and the woolen industry was connected to the way St. Blaise was martyred: with a woolcomb.



**Crane Band and Music
starts Feb. 6**