

Connections

Edition #1 - October 2020



Whooo Are We?



Greetings from Notre Dame Middle School and McDonell Central Catholic High School. I thought it would be best to introduce ourselves to you.

Notre Dame Middle School and McDonell Central Catholic High School are in the McDonell Area Catholic School system in Chippewa Falls. From our website: "In 1881, when our schools were forming, Father Charles Goldsmith asked the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Milwaukee to come and teach the children in Chippewa Falls. In 1882, a high school department was formed with the first class graduating in 1889." And the rest, they say is history!

The McDonell Area Catholic Schools (MACS) Student Ambassadors are students in 7th through 12th grade who volunteer to do community service in the schools, parishes, and community. Some of the areas/locations that they have served are Feed My People Food Bank, Salvation Army, Heyde Center for the Arts, St. Joseph's Hospital, the Boys' & Girls' Club, Irvine Park, the Chippewa Falls Public Library, Agnes Table, Chippewa County Social Services, and more. Additionally, they do a diaper drive, do numerous staff appreciation projects, support the parishes at various dinners and events, assist the school with special events and fundraisers.

In order to keep the students as safe as possible during this pandemic, we have had to suspend some of our projects or make modifications to them. As you are certainly aware, our lives have changed. While we put some projects on hold, we recognized new needs in our community. Our thoughts and prayers have been with the residents of senior facilities and those isolating in their homes. We felt that there was more that we could do. We wanted to find a way to reach out to you, and perhaps provide you with a few moments of entertainment.

We welcome any feedback. Feel free to answer the questions on the last page and provide us with your input. Thank you.

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MACS Student Ambassador Coordinator

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McDonell Seniors
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Saint Gerard Majella

By: Delaney Smiskey (Notre Dame 7th grade student)

A saint that we celebrate in the fall is St. Gerard Majella. His feast day is October 16th and he was born in 1726. St. Gerard grew up in a very poor family and he was the youngest of five children. When he was 12, his father died so he had to help provide for the family. When he turned 21, he earned money as a journeyman and gave some of his money to his mother and he donated the rest to the poor. After a while, Gerard began to grow very sick from fasting in prayer. Gerard applied at the Capuchin monastery, but he was turned down twice because of his bad health from the fasting. When he was 23, he joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, and a few years later became a professed lay brother. He worked as a sacristan, a gardener, a porter, an infirmarian, and a tailor. Gerard helped any way he could, including saving a boy's life after he fell off a cliff, giving many poor families food, and giving the poor some bread to eat. What we can learn from St. Gerard is to never stop trusting in God, no matter what is going on in the world. We can always help others.



Did you know...
Fall colors are
caused by the
amount of sugar
stored in the leaf?



Art by Notre Dame 8th grade student Lauren Misfeldt

Poems by Ms. Boehm:

(Ms. Boehm is in charge of Campus Ministry)

Happy Halloween
Hopefully just treats this year
The spooky season

Crunchy leaves fall down
Crushing them beneath your feet
*crunch, crunch, crunch, crunch,
crunch*

Scarecrows in the field
Jack-o-lanterns on the porch
Warm drinks in your cup



Harvest Prayer

Dear God,
Each season brings us
something new for us to
see and enjoy.
With sunny days and rainy
days, our crops grow
larger.
Fruit and vegetables ripen,
ready for us to harvest.
Thank you for all the food
we have to eat.
Let us remember the
people who may not have
enough.
Help us to be kind to
others in our thoughts,
words, and deeds.
Amen.

Applesauce Cake

½ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 cup applesauce, unsweetened
2 eggs, beaten
1 ¾ cups sifted flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. cloves
½ tsp. allspice
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. soda
1 cup raisins, or dates, cut up

Sift flour, spices, baking powder, and salt
together 3 times. Add soda to applesauce.

Crumb topping

¼ cup sugar
2 tblsp. flour
½ tsp. cinnamon
1 soft butter

Sprinkle evenly over cake batter before
baking. Bake at 350 degrees about 45 minutes.
Extra fruit may be added, it keeps moist and good a
long time.

Martha Shult

*Recipe from a cookbook from the Esther & Ruth Circles
at Our Savior's Lutheran Church In Chippewa Falls,
before 1965.*

Did you know...

- In 1927, the Town of Cooks Valley was organized & named after pioneer settler, Jacob Cook?
- In 1928, Highway 29 was paved from Chippewa Falls to Stanley?
- In 1928, NSP hydro-power plant was built in Chippewa Falls?
- In 1928, William Irvine bequeathed \$100,000 in trust to Irvine Park?
- In 1929, there were 3706 farmers in Chippewa County? 12% had electricity, 16% had central heat, 14% had running water in the kitchen, 22% had running water in the barn, and 20% had radios.

FUN AND GAMES

WISE-Cracks

Q: How do you fix a broken pumpkin?

A: *With a pumpkin patch.*

Q: Why did the scarecrow win the Nobel Prize?

A: *He was out-standing in his field.*

Q: What is a tree's least favorite month?

A: *Sep-timber.*

Q: What is a scarecrow's favorite food?

A: *Straw- Berries*

Sudoku

		3	7	2		1		
		6	9		5	8		
4	9			1			5	2
	5						6	1
8		4				2		9
7	6						4	
2	3			5			1	7
		1	2		3	9		
		5		8	6	4		

Answers to Sudoku will be in next month's issue!

Fall Word Search

S	R	L	A	U	N	S	Q	U	A	S	H	S	A
R	A	C	R	A	N	B	E	R	R	Y	R	E	B
M	D	E	C	I	D	U	O	U	S	A	A	V	R
U	T	A	O	C	N	I	A	R	T	P	L	A	E
F	L	A	N	N	E	L	M	I	A	P	U	E	E
R	P	U	M	P	K	I	N	P	L	L	F	L	Z
N	R	O	C	R	E	I	A	R	M	E	R	F	Y
A	A	T	I	L	N	O	O	M	U	O	O	H	O
O	A	E	H	A	R	V	E	S	T	R	L	A	C
A	R	Z	P	E	Z	Y	H	A	D	C	O	Y	I
S	L	A	R	U	R	V	S	F	R	H	C	R	D
S	P	O	N	A	Y	I	E	A	D	A	U	I	E
L	C	L	T	G	B	Y	N	L	N	R	E	D	R
C	R	O	R	N	E	Y	O	L	D	D	O	E	L

HARVEST
LEAVES
APPLE ORCHARD
DECIDUOUS
CIDER
SQUASH
FALL
ORANGE
RAINCOAT
COLORFUL
FLANNEL
PUMPKIN
CORN
CRANBERRY
BREEZY
MOONLIT
HAYRIDE



Whooo Are You?

We would love to hear from you! Feel free to complete this and mail to:

McDonell High School

Attention: Student Ambassadors

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First name: _____

Where do you live? _____

Where did you grow up? _____

What did you do for a living? _____

What did you do for recreation when you were a teenager? _____

What did you consider a luxury when you were a child?

What are you most thankful for? _____

We welcome any feedback. _____

Feel free to write on the back, if you need more space.