



## Looking Forward

Each year, MACS leadership presents a "state of the schools" address called Looking Forward. All are welcome. On April 27, we will begin at 5:30 p.m. with pizza in the McDonnell commons, followed by a presentation in the auditorium. We will reflect on this 2021-22 school year with gratitude and look forward to next year. Even though we don't know what the future holds, we can look forward with hope. Faith shines a light on hope and gives us the confidence to be open to God's plan for the future. "And hope does not disappoint, for the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Please join us on April 27!

Additionally, we continue to support the work of Chippewa GRACE, now known as Chippewa Valley GRACE, to bring awareness to healing of abuse survivors and prevention of abuse. Their next presentation will be on April 7 regarding restorative justice. Please look for more information on how to tune in and be a part of the healing process!

Finally, we are excited to present our first spring play on April 28-30, a school performance of "Murder Me, Murder Me Not," directed by Mr. Frank Rineck. [Get your tickets today!](#)

Thank you for your partnership in education, blessings on your Lent and Holy Week and have a happy Easter!



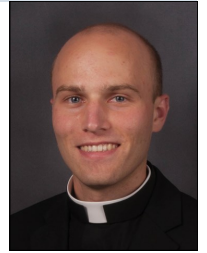
**Mrs. Molly Bushman**  
MACS President

## #TheMackWay Day

On Holy Thursday, MACS will revive a tradition that's been dormant the past two years. That day we will have our day of community service, newly dubbed #TheMackWay Day and now extended system-wide. I myself don't know all of what will be happening throughout the system that day, but I do know that our students will be doing different types of service in our community. However, that day will also be a time for us to grow together as a school family. At the high school level, this will involve things like a talent show and volleyball tournament and other fun-filled activities.

The inspiration for this day's placement comes from what the Church celebrates that evening: the Mass of the Lord's Supper. At the Last Supper, Christ gave us the priesthood, the Eucharist, and the command to love one another as He has loved us, which He expressed by washing His apostles' feet. It is a night rich in tradition.

Our tradition as a Church is what makes us a family; it is our common way of life. The heart of that tradition is Christ Himself, the love He has for us, the way He desires us to worship the Father with and in Him, and the way He desires us to share that love with others. All of our worthwhile traditions as a Church and Catholic school system find their source in what Christ gave us on that holy night and what He continues to give us from the altar each Sunday. May the upcoming Easter season immerse us more deeply into that tradition, that way of life, that has at its heart Christ and His love that conquers death.



**Fr. Ethan HoKamp**



**MACS Mission** McDonnell Area Catholic Schools are committed to the formation of community, academic excellence and the spiritual and physical well-being of each student in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

### April **EVENTS** Full listing on website.

- April 1-2** Alumni Weekend
- April 3** MAA Hall of Fame Banquet
- April 11** McDonnell Spring Concert
- April 14** #TheMackWay Day!
- April 15** NO SCHOOL-Good Friday
- April 17** Birthday of Sir Alexander B. McDonell
- April 21** Education Commission
- April 27** Looking Forward Presentation
- April 28-30** [NEW Spring Play—"Murder Me, Murder Me Not"](#)

**Education Technology & Media**



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Mr. Josh McCormick

With spring on the horizon, the IT Department is in full swing wrapping up the school year and preparing for the next. We are currently preparing for the Student Assessments. Most tests are completed with Chromebooks online. We are performing network

evaluations to make sure our network is ready, and making sure Chromebooks are up to date with the proper applications to run the tests. The middle school and high school Promethean boards arrived mid March, so we have begun installing them into the classrooms. This is a very exciting project that will help teachers with classroom instruction. The majority of classroom projectors are near the end of life, and as the year progresses, more have started failing and started to degrade. We have begun preparing for the next school year by starting the review process of student Chromebooks and teaching devices. We have a large quantity of student Chromebooks that are scheduled to be replaced that are near their expiration date, and have seen many years of wear and tear. Teachers' laptops are also due to be replaced. In the world of technology they are considered quite old and outdated. New, updated laptops will improve speed, performance and reliability in the classroom, so technology can continue to be an aide in the classroom, rather than a hindrance or a disruption when issues arise.

**SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS**



Ms. Kathleen Adams

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**Enrollment**

- MACS is beginning to work on classroom schedules for the 2022-23 school year. If you have not yet enrolled, now is the time. Log into the parent portal through [Infinite Campus](#),

select "more" and then "online registration". Contact me directly if you need assistance with your username or password.

- Choice applications are open through April 21, 2022. [WI Parental Choice application link](#)

**Scrip**

- Looking for ways to save on your tuition? Scrip purchased July 1, 2021 through June 24, 2022 will be credited to the 2022-23 school year.
- Scrip is available to buy in the central office Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and Thursdays 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- You may send your Scrip order to school with your child– our goal is to have a same day turn-a-round. you can use this process any day school is open.
- Pay one of the listed bills in the Central Office– Cenex, DJ Mart, Eric's Diamonds, Express Mart, Martell Tire, Spring Street Sports, Thaler Oil or Travel Leaders

May God fill your home with peace, hope, and love!

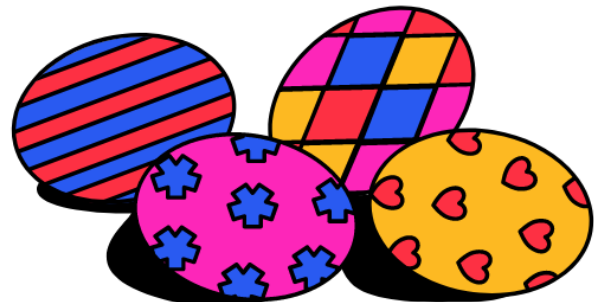
**MACS Advancement: Engaging with the Mission**



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Welcome Spring! We are happy to greet you! As we look forward into April, we anticipate more days of sunshine and warmth. Our students, faculty, and staff see the light at the end of the tunnel and will start preparing to wrap up another school year. I have witnessed some memorable events in recent weeks that have demonstrated successful applications of our Mission, Vision, and Values. Every day I am humbled by the acts of Servant Leadership that are demonstrated in our MACS community. The little things that we do to support one another builds

enthusiasm and pride in #TheMackWay. Yes, truly, it is the little things. Join me in witnessing these special moments by following us on social media. Look around, take note, and offer gratitude to God for His blessings. Thank you for continuing to support the Mission of McDonell Area Catholic Schools!



## Home and School Association (Hands)

Email: [macshomeschool@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:macshomeschool@macs.k12.wi.us)

Hello MACS families,  
As we look forward to spring and nice weather, we are excited to get the teacher grant applications out! Every year in the spring, we love being able to give back to our teachers and classrooms by purchasing materials for them. This is a small way for us to say thank you for the wonderful job they do.

Please look for more information coming out about a science night and possibly volunteers needed for a spring spruce up project.

If you are in need of spring clothes for your children as the weather gets nicer, please look in the uniform closets at St. Charles and Holy Ghost.

Feel free to contact us with any questions or ideas, and let us know if you are looking to become more involved in our planning committees- we are always looking to add more people to our meetings:)

HandS Committee



Mrs. Chelsey Lindenberg  
President

## MACS Athletic Booster Club - Grades 5-12

Email: [mcdathboosters@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:mcdathboosters@macs.k12.wi.us)

Mark your calendars, Designer Bag Bingo is back!!! - This year, on May 1, will be the 3rd annual Mack's Designer Bag Bingo fundraiser. This is an fun filled, laughter inducing, friendship bonding event that provides funds for a specific items or projects that are needed within the MACS system. In previous years, funds raised were used to purchase and install the wall mats at both the High School gym and Holy Ghost gym as well as helping to fund the updated sound systems in the high school gym, commons, and auditorium.

This year the funds will be used to help remodel the girls and boys locker rooms at McDonell.

Tickets are \$30 per person in advance or you may reserve a table of 4 for \$125.00 or a table of 8 for \$250 which means you name will be put on a table and you will be able to sit with your group. Seats are limited and we already have about 175 tickets sold. Purchase price includes 12 games of Bingo - winners get to pick from 2 pre-selected Designer Bags ( Coach, Michael Kors, Dooney & Bourke or Kate Spade), food and drink, and all the laughter you can handle for an afternoon!!

We also have basket raffles and other fun events planned for the event.

If you are interested in tickets or sponsoring a purse or basket please contact Kris Malecha at [k.malecha@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:k.malecha@macs.k12.wi.us) or any other MABC member.

For more information, you can check out the Facebook page MACS Designer Bag Bingo.



Mr. Greg Misfeldt  
President

# April



## MACS Faith Booster Club

Email: [faith@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:faith@macs.k12.wi.us)

As we roll into Spring, the Faith Boosters begins its lull for fundraising for the year. At this point we are seeing the fruits of our labors by hearing about the many Faith Ministry activities that the schools are involved in. Along with Edge and DTS regular programs, there are retreats and trips lined up for the spring and summer. Faith boosters is working with other programs such as the McDonell Alumni Association where parents and families have opportunities to do some personal fundraising with upcoming events like Alumni Weekend on April 1 & 2. Please contact the Faith Boosters for more information about individual fundraising opportunities. May you all have a blessed and reflective lent.



Mr. Rolly Enderes  
President

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



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The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter has ended and now we are heading into the home stretch. I'm happy to say that Covid has not been an issue for over a month now, so we are looking forward to a "normal" end of the school year.

The senior class trip 2022 is a go! The students with their chaperones will be flying to Washington DC on Tuesday, March 29 for a four day tour.

There will be a junior parent meeting on April 7, 6:00 p.m. to discuss the senior class trip for 2023. A representative from World Strides student tours will be presenting. The meeting will also have a virtual link.

Prom will be held on April 23 at the Moose Lodge in Eau Claire with a dinner and dance.

The high school awards program will be held in the McDonell Auditorium on Wednesday, May 18, 1:15 p.m.

Baccalaureate will be held Wednesday evening, May 18, 6:00 p.m. at Notre Dame Church. There will be a reception following in the Notre Dame Community room.

The Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony will be held on Friday evening, May 20, 7:30 p.m. in the McDonell High School Gymnasium. There will be a reception following the ceremony in the commons and auditorium. Following the ceremony the senior parents have arranged a post-graduation party for the graduates at the Chippewa Falls YMCA.

Notre Dame Middle School will have their awards program on Thursday, May 26 in the auditorium.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade commencement will be held on Thursday evening, May 27 at Saint Charles Church.

Here's looking forward to a successful ending to the 2021-22 school year and a healthy and prosperous start to 2022-23.

God's Speed in our Journey!

Mr. Schulner

P.S. Always take the opportunity to say something great about your school.

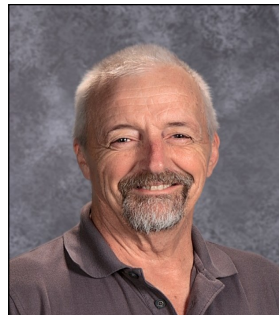
**All That Glows**  
**Junior Prom**  
**April 23, 2022**

The Moose Lodge, 3606 Curvue Rd, Eau Claire  
 Dinner @ 6 p.m. ~ Dance @ 8 p.m.  
 Grand March @ 10 p.m.  
 Tickets will be available beginning March 28  
 \$30 each

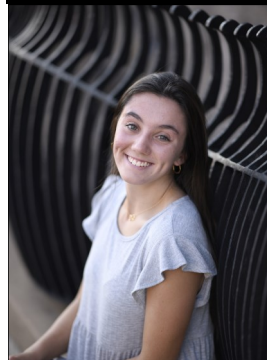
CLOVERBELT SCHOLARS



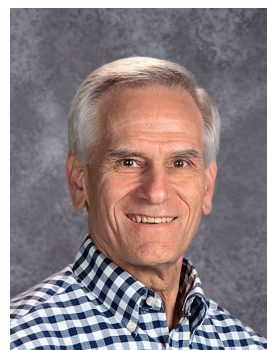
Cloverbelt Scholars Seniors Kallee LeCloux and Helen Bullard have been chosen by the administration for their outstanding academic performance. These students chose Mr. Tony Reiter and Mrs. Carrie Bullard as their most influential teachers.



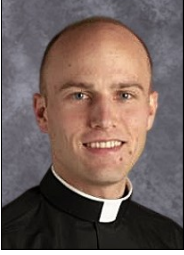
CLOVERBELT SCHOLAR - ATHLETES



Cloverbelt Scholar—Athletes seniors Sydney Flanagan and Brendan Bresina were chosen by the administration for their outstanding academic and athletic performance. These students chose Mr. Steve Roesler and Mr. Ryan Baier as their most influential coach/teacher.



## CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS



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**Fr. Ethan Hokamp**

**Ms. Erica Boehm**

### Steubenville Youth Conference 2022 for *current* 8th-12th grade students

Rochester, MN---July 15-17, 2022, *Space is limited!*  
*Steubenville is a high-energy youth conference where hundreds of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. We will drive down together, stay in a hotel, and meals will be provided while at the conference.*

**Cost: \$350** \$100 non-refundable deposit due ASAP  
 Final payment due by April 27, 2022

### Totus Tuus Day Camp and Night Program for *current* K-12 students

June 12-17, 2022, at one of our local Catholic Schools/Parishes (TBD)

*Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) is a fun and energetic summer catechetical program, for both grade school age children and junior and senior high school youth. A team of college students and seminarians lead the young people through the week after they themselves have gone through formation and training to bring a dynamic week of talks, games, and prayer to the young people.*

Cost for K-5 students: 1 child-\$50, 2 children-\$80, 3 children-\$100, more than 3-\$20 for each child after 3rd

Cost for 6-12 students: \$20 per teen

Email [faith@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:faith@macs.k12.wi.us) to register.

### Adventure Camp for *current* 6th-10th grade students

CrossWoods Adventure Camp, Mason, WI - June 26-July 1, 2022, *Space is limited!*

*Adventure Camp is a week of outdoor adventures, games, talks, prayer & Sacraments, and hanging out with other young people from our Diocese. Youth stay in cabins on the camp property (Mason, WI) and meals are provided. There is access to a bathhouse by the cabins which allows easy access to showers and restrooms as well. Adventures include activities such as canoeing, swimming, high ropes, and hiking.*

**Cost: \$450** \$100 non-refundable deposit due ASAP  
 Final payment due by April 27, 2022

Parents: Contact [faith@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:faith@macs.k12.wi.us) for more information on these events or if you'd like to be involved with MACS Faith Boosters to help with fundraising for events like these.

### Haverim Tea Society for High School Ladies

*The Haverim Tea Society is a monthly meeting of high school women to gather together as friends who are striving for sainthood. "Haverim" is a Hebrew word for friends who journey together in their Faith. This gathering is for young women to gather together to walk the path of discipleship together, wherever they may be, to challenge, to discuss, to support, and to encourage one another. Tea and light snacks will be served. It will consist of a short talk, fellowship, and discussion. Meets at McDonell HS in the Student Lounge (Room 216) April 11, 7-8:30 p.m.*

## SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWS



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### Seniors News

Continue to check the MACS website for scholarship opportunities. The more applications you complete, the greater your chances of winning scholarship monies. Keep at it and watch those funds come in! As you are notified as a recipient of scholarships, please share the name and the amount with

Mrs. Hughes ([j.hughes@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:j.hughes@macs.k12.wi.us)) so you may be recognized at the awards program.

### Senior Scholarship/Awards Day

The McDonell Central Catholic Scholarship and Awards program will be held on Wednesday, May 18 at 1:15 p.m. in the school auditorium. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend this event which recognizes the seniors for their academic, athletic, and service accomplishments.

### ACT Registration

The two remaining ACT test dates for this school year are June 11 (registration deadline May 6) and July 16 (registration June 17). Juniors should take the ACT at least one time this school year. Choose at least three schools to receive your score. Register at <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html>.

### 2022-23 Class Schedules

Class schedules will be coming out soon! Parents, please review the course requests your students have submitted. This would be the time to make changes if need be. Courses are set in the master schedule based on the number of requests submitted. We would like our numbers as accurate as possible. Remind your students to keep their work ethic strong. It is important to finish out the school year learning what the teachers are teaching. *Let's be ready for next year!*

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



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Student Council has a busy spring in store! Students are working on our Macks Community Day planning (#TheMackWay Day), and getting ready to celebrate spring and helping out in our Chippewa Falls. We will also have a talent show and a volleyball tournament in the afternoon that day. The council is also working on a legacy project, helping with Ukraine donations, and getting graduation ready in May.

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



**Mark Neppi, Choral Director**  
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### Mr. Mark Neppi Choral News

Several students will be participating in solo ensemble on Saturday, April 9 at Chippewa Falls High School. Eighteen students in grades 6-12 have prepared duets, trios, classical solos, and theater solos. On Monday, April 11 we will have our spring concert in the auditorium. This concert will feature high school band and choir.

### Band News

Congratulations to Notre Dame Middle School Students Elianna Eddy and Evelyn Doyle for Participating in the UW-Eau Claire Middle School Honors Band at the end of January.

Congratulations to Christie Abbe, Jena Geist, and Megan Hanson for their participation in the Dorian Band Festival at Luther College.

Solo and Ensemble Contest is at Chi Hi this year on April 9. The following students signed up for instrumental solos this year:

Megan Hanson, Leopold Schulte, Philomena Schulte, Mikayla Tetrault, Anfin Anderson, Jenna Proue, Maria Herron, Gretta Sokup, Micaela Moucha, Isabella Giza, Jack Hanson, Miranda Johnson, Elianna Eddy, Ryan Roach, Kherington Mosack, Sarah Buchmann, Angelo Enderes, Owen Elstran, Christie Abbe

Also, playing in Cameron during Spring Break:  
 Evelyn Doyle

Have a great performance everyone!

### Mr. Sean Hanson

## STUDENT AMBASSADOR NEWS



**Mary Jacobson,**  
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As we start a new quarter, I want to congratulate the following students who were recognized with the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter's *First You, Then Me* award:

### Mrs. Mary Jacobson

Freshman Kiara Leinenkugel, daughter of Matt & Libby Leinenkugel

Junior Grace Goettl, daughter of Jake & Elysia Goettl

Junior Sydney Retzlaff, daughter of Scott & Shelly Retzlaff

Senior Sydney Flanagan, daughter of Dave & Tracy Flanagan

These four ladies have been a big part of getting ambassador responsibilities achieved.

Earlier in March, I sent this message to the student ambassadors and their parents:

*"Since the fall of 2005, I have been running the MACS student ambassador program, with the exception of taking one year off. Once Beth, my youngest child graduated in 2011, many thought I would hang up my hat. I stuck with it because of the students, the parents, and the MACS staff. I was also still committed to the mission of the program. I have been rewarded with the interactions of the students, watching their dedication to serving others and the difference they are making, and witnessing the growth in their personal development.*

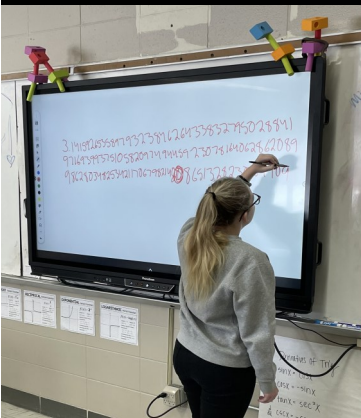
*I have decided that this will be my last year. Stepping away from running the program has been a really difficult decision. I love the students! I love my time at school. But, I find it is time for me to do other things.*

*I am working with the school in trying to create a program to succeed the student ambassador program. The school is committed to servant leadership. We welcome any suggestions or volunteers who might want to get involved in supporting community service in our schools.*

*Thank you to the many students who have filled my heart with joy. Thank you to the many parents who supported their children and thank you to the MACS staff who also supported the students and me."*

I feel sincerely blessed to have met and worked with so many amazing students. While I know their experiences while volunteering in the ambassador program helped to shape them into kind and generous young people, I know MY experiences with them also changed me. I will forever be grateful for that.

## MATH NEWS



This year Ashley Van Sleet, 8th grade, memorized 162 digits of pi. In second place, we had 8th grader Jack Hanson with 108 digits of pi.

To celebrate Pi Day, the math department sponsored a "Pie in the Face" raffle to raise money for Project Bus, a Notre Dame middle school project to thank our bus drivers. Mr. Frank Rineck, Mr. Morgan King, Callan

Laux, and Alex Tokarski volunteered to be "pied" for this worthy cause. We raised \$173 to provide gifts for McDonell and Chippewa Falls School district bus drivers.



# Principal's Corner



**Mr. Eric Wedemeyer '92, Principal  
St. Charles/Holy Ghost Schools**

Happy springtime! This time of year offers many exciting things in our MACS community. I look forward to all of them, but I also like to often pause and reflect on the school year that we have had so far. Everyday I witness the dedication of our teachers and staff and I am truly inspired by their effectiveness. I know their efforts are directly related to the growth of our students. I urge all of our families to take a moment to thank our MACS staff for everything they do for our students. Teaching is often a thankless job, but I think it's important to express to the ones that give so much

to our kids, the gratitude that they deserve.

The season of Lent reminds us of the importance of almsgiving. In the past couple of weeks, I've been so humbled and impressed by the generosity of our community in giving and donating to the cause of helping the people of Ukraine during the current crises in the region. Please continue to pray for the leaders that are making decisions during the conflict that those decisions will bring peace to the country.

As we move through the Easter season, we continue to pray and offer our sacrifices to God as a way to remember and honor the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for all of us. With that in mind, I want to extend my gratitude to all of our families for the sacrifices that they have made during the COVID-19 pandemic. I also want to profoundly thank you for your patience and understanding as we, together, have traveled through this challenge. There wasn't any part of this that has been easy for any of us. However, I believe this very difficult situation created an opportunity for all of us to grow together. God bless!



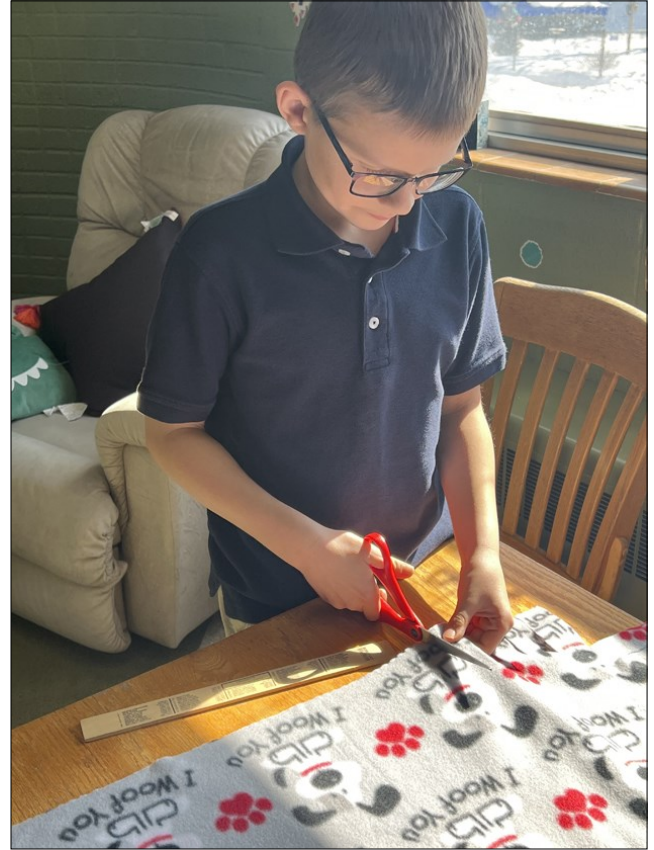
**Fr. Brandon Guenther visits Holy Ghost third grade classes (above). Fr. Guenther talked to the class about the Eucharist.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**St. Charles and Holy Ghost Schools – April 2022**

- April 1** Report cards go home
- April 6** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- April 11** MACS Music Boosters Mtg. – 6:00 p.m.  
MACS Faith Boosters Mtg. – 7:00 p.m.
- April 13** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- April 15** **NO SCHOOL – Good Friday**
- April 17** **Happy Easter!**
- April 18** **NO SCHOOL – Easter Monday**
- April 20** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- April 21** Education Commission meeting– 5:30 p.m.
- April 23** First Communion Retreat– St. Charles and St. Peters 8:00 am -12:00 p.m.  
Notre Dame 8:00-1:00 p.m.
- April 24** First Communion Sunday  
Notre Dame Parish 10:00 a.m.  
St. Charles Parish 10:30 a.m.
- April 27** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- May 1** First Communion Sunday  
St. Bridgets Parish-9:30 a.m.  
Holy Ghost Parish 11:00 a.m.
- May 8** First Communion Sunday  
St. Peters Parish 9:00 a.m.

# Holy Ghost Student Council members make tie blankets



SPRING IS IN THE AIR!



Holy Ghost student council is learning how to make tie blankets (above) as a project to be given to a local facility of their choice. What a great way to show teamwork and learn new skills in making blankets (lower right). Students can make a difference, one blanket at a time in sharing the gift of giving. Mrs. Brittany Sikora Guidance Counselor wanted to do something the help students learn about giving back to the community.



# St. Charles and Holy Ghost students prepare for the 40 Days of Lent



Msgr. Michael Gorman (above) prays before setting ablaze a pile of dry palm branches. Last year's palms will become this year's ashes that are distributed on Ash Wednesday.



In the afternoon, the student body gathered outside to watch Msgr. Michael Gorman burn the palms for Ash Wednesday's prayer service (above).



These kindergarteners have been studying the stations of the cross in their classroom (above).

EASTER Blessings



Without prompting, these four girls knelt beneath the stations of the cross and prayed the Lords prayer (above).

# Chippewa Steel Hockey Players visits Holy Ghost



Mrs. Bridget Ericksen's fourth grade students get a visit from the Chippewa Steel Hockey Players (above).



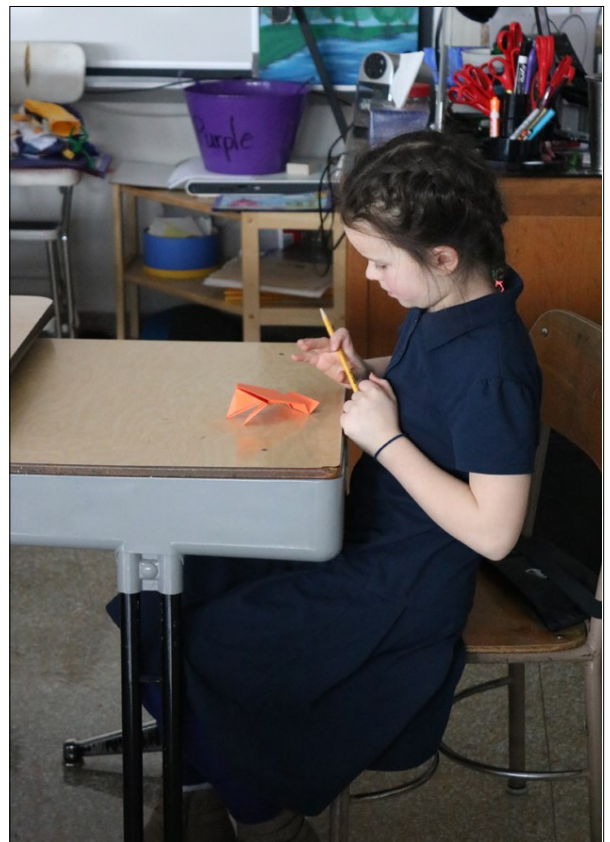
The halls of Holy Ghost are alive with Chippewa Steel Hockey Players! The students were excited to have the Hockey Players come and read a story to them (above).



Third grade art class learned how to make origami (above). The two most important folds and the simplest are the valley fold and the mountain fold. They form the foundation of all origami models.

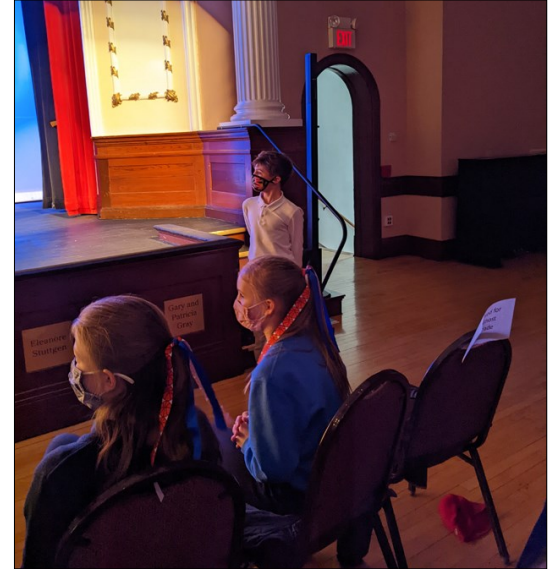


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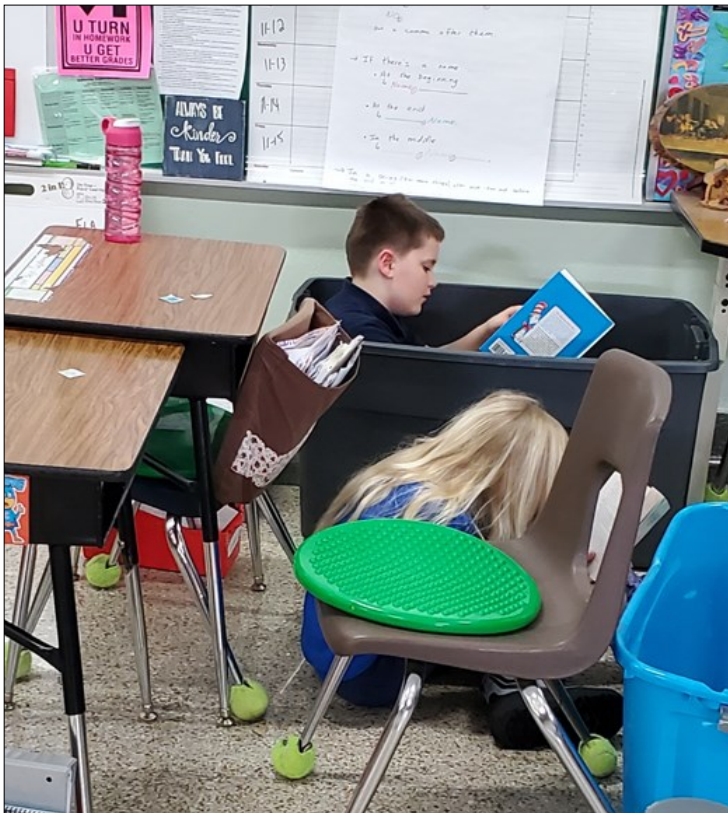
A third grade girl (above) is working on her origami frog. Her frog will hop along her desk when she is done creating her work of art. These easy to fold *origami* jumping frogs are so much fun play with!

# Fifth Grade field trip to Heyde Center for Arts



Fifth grade students go on a field trip to Heyde Center for the Arts to see Bright Star Theater Company Jackie Robinson (above). Students learn about “42” Jackie Robinson.

Fifth grade students (above) learn about the biographical tale which follows the life of Jackie Robinson, the first black baseball player to cross the lines in the Major Leagues.



Ms. Erica Abramowicz fourth grade class is celebrating Read Across America Day (above). This day was established by National Education in 1998 to help get kids excited about reading.



Ready, Set, Read Across America! This Fourth grade boy is quietly concentrating and reading the classic Robin Hood book (above).

# Holy Ghost and St. Charles show support for Ukraine



# LITTLE MACK MESSENGER

APRIL 2022



**Looking Forward**

## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD?

Our students have been spending more time outside now that the weather is finally warming up! Our classes had fun on St. Patrick's Day by playing Bingo and learned about what St. Patrick's Day is all about. In the coming weeks we will learn about weather, seasons, and Disney!

**April 15**

**EC Closed**

**No 4K**

**April 18**

**EC Closed**

**No 4K**

**April 22**

**4K in session**

**April 28/29**

**4K**

**Parent/Teacher  
Conferences**

## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN 4K?

Our class has learned all of our letters and we have moved onto writing them. We still review our letter sounds and stories. Our room celebrated Dr. Seuss week with fun dress up days! We made leprechaun traps for St. Patrick's Day and even had one stop by and make our classroom messy!



# Looking Forward Presentation

Join us as we reflect with gratitude on the 2021-22 school year and look forward with hope to the next year!

Wednesday,  
April 27,  
5:30 p.m.



McDonnell Central  
Catholic High  
School Auditorium  
1316 Bel Air Blvd.

## Presenting

MACS President, Molly Bushman  
Education Commission Chairperson, TJ Proue

Virtual option available

Pizza dinner included

**30th Annual  
Joseph and Olivia Bischel Teacher Scholarship  
Teacher Nomination Form**

The McDonell Area Catholic Schools are now accepting nominations for the 30<sup>th</sup> recipient of the "Joseph and Olivia Bischel Teacher Scholarship."

The scholarship, established by the family and friends of the Bischel family, will be given annually to a teacher that best exemplifies what Catholic education is, both in and out of the classroom. The recipient of the award will receive a cash scholarship to be used at his or her discretion.

The Joseph and Olivia Bischel Scholarship also recognize the contributions made by the total staff of the McDonell Area Catholic Schools. The Joseph and Olivia Bischel Scholarship will be presented during the Staff Appreciation Breakfast. Last year the Bischel family was extremely generous to recognize the entire MACS staff.

**To nominate a teacher for this award, complete the nomination form and return to the MACS Central Office attention: Kathleen Adams or email [k.adams@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:k.adams@macs.k12.wi.us) no later than Friday, April 30, 2022.**

**Name of Teacher Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

How does this teacher exemplify the essence of Catholic education?

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**Name**

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**Date**

# 2 Divine Mercy Events

## April 1-3 | Divine Mercy **Lenten Retreat**

### **Friday, April 1**

*Mercy: God's Greatest Attribute*

6-7:30 pm | St. Charles | Chippewa Falls

### **Saturday, April 2**

*A New Heart I Will Give You*  
(presented at 2 locations)

10 am-noon | St. Paul | Bloomer

1-3 pm | St. Charles | Chippewa Falls

### **Sunday, April 3**

*Bid Distrust Goodbye*

2:30-4 pm | St. Charles | Chippewa Falls

(Confessions available throughout)

Presenter:

**Sr. M. Confida Gilera S.O.L.M.**

is a Spiritual Director and Retreat Director who spreads the message of Mercy to prisons and parishes, offering retreats and conferences where the Lord calls.

Sr. Confida's current assignment is with the S.O.L.M. community (Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy) in Massachusetts, the same order as St. Faustina.

## April 24 | Divine Mercy **Sunday Celebration**

**The Church  
of Notre Dame**

Chippewa Falls

**3-4:40 pm**

- ✠ Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image
- ✠ Adoration
- ✠ Confession
- ✠ Closing Prayers



# Designer Bag

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*Proceeds from this year's event will go towards the new sound system in the McDonell Central Catholic High School Gymnasium.*

**Date: Sunday, May 1, 2022  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Doors Open at 12:15 p.m.

**Location: McDonell High School  
1316 Bel Air Blvd  
Chippewa Falls**

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**12 Games Of Bingo For:**

**\$30** per person in advance

**\$35** per person at the door (if available)

**\$125** reserves a table for four  
and includes four beverage tickets.

**\$250** reserves a table for eight  
and includes eight beverage tickets.

*Extra bingo sheets may be purchased for each game.*

**Cash Bar And Food Available**

For more information or to reserve tickets:

**Email:** [kmhoran15@yahoo.com](mailto:kmhoran15@yahoo.com)

**Call:** 715-864-9452

**Mail to:** Designer Bag Bingo c/o MACS  
1316 Bel Air Blvd., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

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# Chippewa Valley GRACE

## Restorative Justice - Healing the Harm

Thursday April 7th

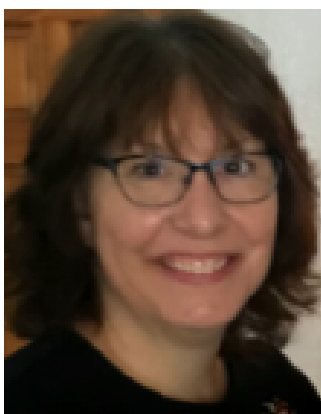
7:00 - 8:30 pm CST on Zoom

The Virtual presentation will also be available for viewing at Holy Ghost Church located at 412 S Main St, Chippewa Falls.

*As defined by UW Madison Law School, **Restorative Justice** seeks to examine the harmful impact of a crime and then determines what can be done to repair that harm while holding the person who caused it accountable for his or her actions. Accountability for the offender means accepting responsibility and acting to repair the harm done.*



**Father Daniel Griffith**, a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, was ordained in 2002. The youngest of nine children, Griffith grew up in Northeastern Wisconsin and is an avid golfer and sports fan who enjoys music, travel, and cooking. Fr. Griffith joined the University of St. Thomas School of Law faculty in 2011 and currently serves as the Wenger Family Faculty Fellow of Law. At St. Thomas Law, Griffith teaches courses in Catholic Thought, Law, and Policy, Jurisprudence, and Restorative Justice, Law, and Healing. Fr. Griffith is the founding director of the Initiative on Restorative Justice and Healing (IRJH) which launched in fall of 2021. Rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition, IRJH seeks to respond to harm that occurs from leadership and institutional failures, racial injustice, and polarization in a way that promotes accountability and healing.



**Teresa Brown**, the Director of Safe Environment and the Intake Agent for the Diocese of La Crosse. She assists the schools and parishes in the Diocese with the Protect and Heal program. Through this program the Diocese of La Crosse is committed to helping victims and survivors of sexual abuse and is dedicated to protecting children. In 2020-21, more than 30,000 people were trained in the Diocese with 13,950 of those being children.

Learn more how to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse and the resources available for you at the diocese. The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor, or volunteer).

Please register to participate at [www.chippewavalleygrace.org/events](http://www.chippewavalleygrace.org/events)

Questions - contact us at [chippewagrace@gmail.com](mailto:chippewagrace@gmail.com)



**Basketball Team Registration \$80 until March 15, and go up to \$100 afterwards.**

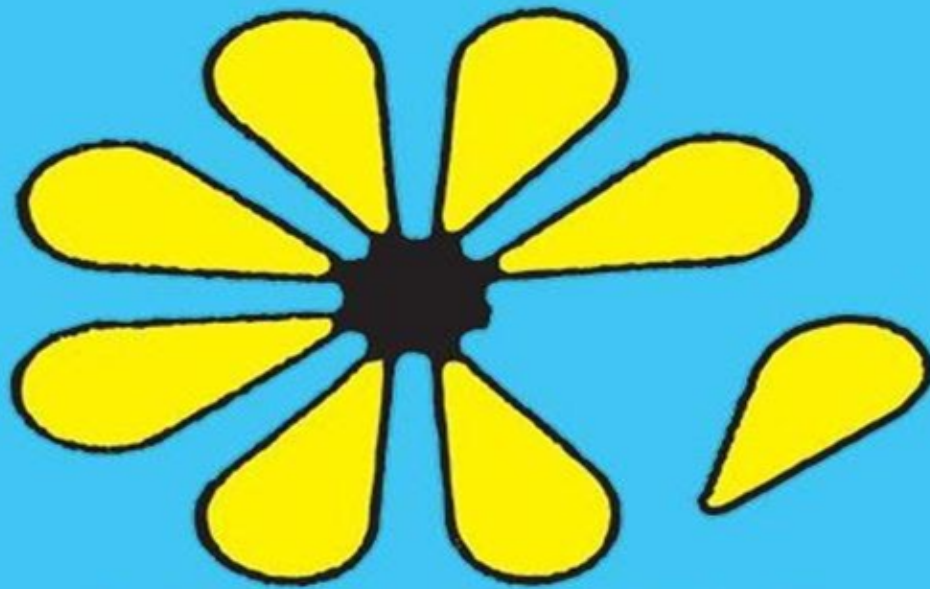
- New this year is a Champions Division which will be the highest tier of competition with aggressive pace & play.
- Recreation Division is now co-ed with a friendly competitive play and relaxed pace.
- Parents of MACS students are welcome to play in both the competitive and recreational division but players are not allow to play on 2 teams in the same division.

**Volleyball Team Registration \$80.**

**All registrations are due by MARCH 23.**

**Register and pay for your team today at**

**<https://www.mcdalum.com/registrations>**



**MURDER ME,  
MURDER ME NOT**

McDonell Central Catholic High School proudly presents it's first, spring time, non-musical, theater performance.

Directed by Mr. Frank Rineck

**SHOWING**

**Thursday, April 28 at 7:30 PM**

**Friday, April 29 at 7:30 PM**

**Saturday, April 30 at 7:30 PM**

**[CLICK HERE TO ORDER TICKETS](#)**

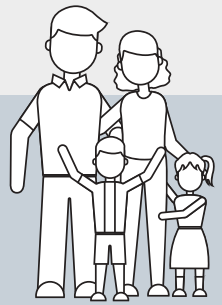


## WISCONSIN PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM



### WHAT IS THE WISCONSIN SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM?

The state of Wisconsin has a program that allows eligible students to attend a participating private school in grades K-12. The private school, on behalf of the student's parents and guardian, receives a state aid payment for each eligible student.



### HOW IS A STUDENT ELIGIBLE?

Student eligibility is based on a combination of student residency, income and age. Students from a public school may apply for any grade. All families must provide documentation that they live in the state of Wisconsin. Acceptable documentation may include a utility bill, W-2, or property tax bill.



### WHAT IS THE INCOME REQUIREMENT?

The state of Wisconsin determines the income limit at 220% of the federal poverty level. Parents must enter their adjusted gross income from their federal tax return and provide a copy of their current year taxes to the school system.

To learn about the income limits, please visit our website under Admissions/WI Parental Choice Program.



### HOW DO I APPLY?

Each year, families can apply at **[dpi.wi.gov/choice](http://dpi.wi.gov/choice)**. The application period is February - April. Current Choice families are required to re-apply.

For more information visit our website under Admission or contact Teresa Dachel, Business Manager, by email [t.dachel@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:t.dachel@macs.k12.wi.us) or call 715.723.0538 x3323.