



Podcast - Mack Chat

MACS is excited to share our new podcast, Mack Chat! Eau Claire Hometown Radio will be recording, producing, and distributing the podcast episodes. We anticipate two episodes per month. The show will feature a wide variety of guests with ties to the MACS community, typically one adult and one student in each episode around a common theme.

We chose the name Mack Chat to reflect "The Mack Way" as well as the informal nature of the conversations, i.e. chats. The Mack Way refers to the culture of our schools, which projects the light of Christ and aligns to our core values: faith, honor, academic excellence, healthy living, community, and servant leadership.

[Our first episode \(click here\)](#) features Mrs. Mary Jacobson, Student Ambassador Program Coordinator, and Ann David '21, a distinguished senior student with a record of servant leadership through the ambassador program. Expect to be inspired and entertained, while getting to know more about this amazing program and two outstanding women. More information about the Student Ambassador program is also [available click here](#).

We expect to have a lot of fun while sharing some wonderful stories and (re)introducing you to guests that are living The Mack Way! Please be on the lookout for links to our Mack Chat episodes. We can't wait to share more about our mission and vision in action in this new format.

If you, or someone you know would like to be a guest on our MACK Chat please email myself or Jaynee Brannen.



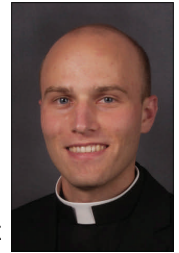
Mrs. Molly Bushman
MACS President



Happy Easter!

One thing that has been on people's mind a lot this past year as we try to navigate through this pandemic is hope. Many of the things our world places its hope in-- an effective vaccine, political parties, and technology to name just a few--are things of this world, things which will inevitably pass away with this world. But hope in something finite, something which is destined to end, is not true hope. If whatever I place my hope in will eventually end, like my life on earth, I will eventually need to find something new to hope in, something that promises me life that will not end.

Ave crux, spes unica is a Latin saying from the Church's tradition which means "Hail the Cross, our only hope." The Cross of Jesus is the only thing in this world truly worth hoping in. As Lent comes to an end at the beginning of this month, the Church again approaches the Cross of Her Lord on Good Friday and then, on Easter Sunday, before the empty tomb of Her Lord, sees proof that Her hope is not ill-founded. How blessed are we to know Christ and the power of His Cross and the hope of eternal life that springs from His



Fr. Ethan HoKamp
Chaplain

UPCOMING EVENTS

Go to www.macs.k12.wi.us for all school's entire monthly event calendar.

- Apr. 2** NO SCHOOL – Good Friday - Offices Closed
- Apr. 4** Happy Easter
- Apr. 5** NO SCHOOL – Easter Monday - Offices Closed
- Apr. 8** HandS meeting - 6:00 p.m. at SC
- Apr. 9** ND Youth Nights on Fridays 7:00-8:15 p.m. @ NDMS
- Apr. 11** Divine Mercy Sunday
- Apr. 12** McDonell Central Band & Choral Concert - 7:00 p.m. (Seating limited - two tickets per student.)
Live streamed event on MACSTV and Facebook.
Music Boosters in person/virtual meeting following concert.
Faith Boosters virtual meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 14** MABC inperson/virtual Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Apr. 15** Education Commission Virtual - 5:30 p.m.
- Apr. 17** ND Parish First Communion Sunday
Sir Alexander B. McDonell, our school system namesake's birthday. [View our history.](#)
- Apr. 25** SC and HG Parishes First Communion Sunday
- Apr. 28** MACS Looking Forward System Address
- Apr. 30** Deadline for Joseph and Olivia Bischel Teacher Scholarship nomination. Turn forms into any school office attention Kathleen Adams.

SAVE THE DATE

Families, Faculty, Staff, Community Invited

Wed., April 28, 2021

Looking Forward

McDonell Central Catholic High School

5:30-6:00 p.m.

Social with pizza provided by McDonell Culinary Staff

6:00-6:30 p.m.

Planning 2021-22 and
Witness the Difference Campaign



SCRIP Gift Card News



Kathy Adams, Executive Administrative Assistant & Scrip Fundraising Coordinator
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 Hours: 7:30-4:30 daily to 6:00pm on Thurs.

Lower 2021-22 Tuition with Scrip Credits

Ms. Kathy Adams We are working on enrollment for 2021-22 school year and a common question is "how can I save money on tuition" My suggestion - buy Scrip and earn a credit towards your tuition. There are three months remaining to purchase Scrip to be credited to the 2021-22 school year. Please review the following options for purchasing Scrip.

1. Purchase directly through the Central Office – you can call or email your order Tuesdays and Thursday 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
2. Send 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.
3. 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
4. Benefit Mobile - www.benefit-mobile.com or contact me and I can send you a direct invite to their website.
5. If you have a Kwik Trip credit card you can set your account up to give 5% back to McDonell Area Catholic Schools which will be credited to your choice of tuition.



Advancement News

Mrs. Jaynee Brannen Director of Advancement
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Involving you in our Mission & Vision

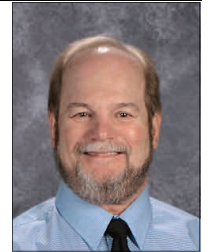
Mrs. Jaynee Brannen Celebrate good times, come on! The MACS Celebrates Committee has been busy planning and we need your help to spread the word. This full day event, free of admission, brings together friends, family and our community. You do not need to have a MACS connection to attend. The day will include a euchre tournament; live music by Troppo, Kelsey Miles and IN2ITION; a variety of raffles including a chance to win a private performance by Chris Kroeze; yard games for kids and delicious gourmet burgers.

This event will also bring the need for volunteers. We are working out the details but will need event parking attendants, ID checkers, and individuals to sell raffle and drink tickets to name a few. Questions? Please email.

**MACS Celebrates 140 Years Event
 Saturday, June 12, 2021**

Education Technology & Media

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MACS on the move

This month we highlight one of our new IT Specialists, Josh McCormick. Josh graduated from Chippewa Valley Technical College with an Associate's Degree in IT Networking Specialist. He enjoys spending

Mr. Val Knobloch



his free time exploring the great outdoors, fishing, mountain biking and snowmobiling. Josh also enjoys working in his garage on various projects including motorcycles, snowmobiles, and other small engines. We welcome Josh. He has already had a large impact. MACS can now have IT support in all three buildings at the start of every day.

Thousands connected to our streams on Facebook Live and [MACS TV](#) because of WIAA regional and sectional action. Both basketball teams went to state this year! We also helped to support the musical with remote rehearsals and other AV needs. **Congratulations to the performers and directors for a fantastic musical!**

Plans - I am updating the Media and Technology program documents based on committee input. The update that includes hardware, policy and software directions should be completed by June and will flesh out what is reported to the Commission annually. We are also doing some major network upgrades this spring and summer. Lastly, we recycled over 1000 pounds of electronic waste this month. As we update material, we will also have some Gen 2 iPads available for those interested. Please send me an email. Thanks for all your support.

Have a blessed Easter!



Home and School Association (HandS)

email: macshomeschool@macs.k12.wi.us
 web link: www.macs.k12.wi.us/parent/parent_clubs

Applications open for grants

Happy spring to all of our MACS families, We hope you had a wonderful spring break and look forward to warmer weather! Please mark your calendar for our next meeting on April 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Charles school cafeteria. We look forward to hearing new ideas from you! As always, please let us know if you need any gently used uniforms sent home, or have any to donate. If you have any pictures for the yearbook please send them to: homeschoolpics@macs.k12.wi.us Feel free to contact us any time with questions or concerns. our next meeting: **Thursday, April 8 at 6:00.**



Mrs. Chelsey Lindenberg
President

MACS Athletic Boosters (MABC)

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Spring Sports Season is Here

Good luck to all the spring sport athletes. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and you'll be able to have as normal as season as possible.

Congratulations to the girls hockey team and the boys and girls basketball teams for their great seasons. We are very proud of all your hard work and dedication.

A special thank you to Val Knobloch and Kris Horan. Without you both, many of us would not have been able to support our teams from afar. Your time and talent is so appreciated and did not go unnoticed.

April meeting will be in person on Wednesday, April 14 @ 6:00 p.m. in the school library. We will have updates on the status of Designer Bag Bingo – Sunday, April 25, 2021 held in the Steve and Deb Roesler Gymnasium and the Golf Scramble.

Email the club or attend the meeting for more information if you would like to participate. Please check our page on the MACS website for more details.

Have a blessed Easter.



Mrs. Janet Roth
Secretary



MACS Music Boosters (MMB)

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 web link: www.macs.k12.wi.us/parent/parent_clubs

We are planning on kicking off our June 2022 trip to New Orleans for band and choir following the McDonell Central Catholic High School band and choral concert on April 12, 2021. The meeting will also be available on zoom for those who are not in attendance in the building for the concert. Please email us to receive the information.



Mrs. Megan McChesney

MACS Faith Booster Club

President **Rolly Enderes**
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 website: macsfaithboosters



Mr. Rolly Enderes
President

Happy Easter!
 Our next parent virtual meeting is Monday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. email us for the link to attend virtually.

Middle School Youth Nights & Parent Involvement

MACS Campus Ministry is starting up weekly NDMS youth nights in April on Fridays from 7:00-8:15 p.m. Most of these nights will involve a talk, games, and small group time led by adults and high school students. There are also some nights that are social nights in the gym. The social nights can only happen with parent supervision. Please sign up to supervise in the gym so our youth have a positive environment to be in on Friday evenings. Sign up here: bit.ly/socialndms

The Faith Boosters Club is continuously trying to help our faith ministries with their activities and events. Remember if you are swinging by the school office, purchase some envelopes of 5 cars washes each for \$40 to help support our fundraising efforts.

MACS Faith Booster Club is open to anyone. If you are called to support our children in the development of their faith, you are welcome to attend any or all meetings.

REMINDERS

Nominate a Teacher for a Scholarship

Please complete the Joseph and Olivia Bischel Teacher Scholarship nomination form by April 30, 2021 and turn into any school office attention Kathleen Adams. See fillable flyer in this newsletter.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

Go now to WPCP link available on our site under ADMISSION—WPCP The application period runs from February 1, 2021 through April 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. This is an income-based program offering tuition free education! Check the adjusted gross incomes to see if you family qualifies [click here](#). **You may be surprised!**

Wisconsin Tuition Tax Credit

[Schedule PS Form](#)

You will need our official name, address and FEIN:

McDonell Area Catholic Schools, Inc.
1316 Bel Air Blvd., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729-1908

School FEIN number: **39-1032800**

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



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I guess we can look back over the past year as one of disappointment, loss and missed opportunities. A year ago at this time we were preparing for an endeavor we had never tried before in respect to teaching our students at home on a remote format. We canceled banquets, programs and sports seasons and did what was necessary to stay afloat and beat the virus that was closing in on us. There was no prom and graduation was a remote presentation.

The 20-21 school year began face to face with mask and distancing requirements. It took until the end of the first quarter before we began having cases pop up within our population. We switched to hybrid schedules, went back to total remote for a while and have dealt case by case with students and staff testing positive and the quarantines that followed.

In January we began to see relief as some of our staff began receiving vaccinations. We returned to face to face learning, but still had up to 20% of our students missing due to COVID related reasons. Many sports contests were canceled and it was doubtful that we would make it through the basketball season.

While we are not out of the woods yet, we are in a much better place than we were a year ago. We celebrated the successes of our students in Volleyball, Cross-Country, Boys and Girls Hockey and Boys and Girls Basketball and we have hardware to show for it. While it seemed impossible, we managed to pull off a school musical production. We have plans for face to face prom, awards and graduation. While all of these events may be restricted in attendance and require masking and distancing, I will personally take that over the lost events from a year ago.

While we are being cautious moving forward, it's beginning to look like "normal" again. We are running pretty close to full throttle with very few students still on remote. I can't say enough about the efforts, patience and versatility our staff has shown throughout all of this. It definitely wasn't something they signed up for.

Here's looking forward to a successful ending to the 2020-21 school year and a healthy and prosperous start to 2021-22.

God's Speed in our Journey!

Mr. Schulner

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

CLOVERBELT SCHOLARS



Cloverbelt Scholars Seniors Ann David and Elizabeth Eckes have been chosen by the administration for their outstanding academic performance. These students chose Mrs. Mary King and Mrs. Jennifer Rubenzer as their most influential teachers.



CLOVERBELT SCHOLAR - ATHLETES



Cloverbelt Scholar—Athletes seniors Elise Bormann and Jackson Bushman were chosen by the administration for their outstanding academic and athletic performance. These students both chose Mr. Marty Bushland as their most influential coach/teacher.



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS



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Spiritual Adoption at McDonell/Notre Dame

Students and staff are taking part in a spiritual adoption for the nine months leading up to 2021 Christmas. It will involve praying for an unborn baby, learning the development of that baby over the nine months through age-appropriate images and information, and the opportunity to participate in the annual diaper drive in the Fall.

EDGE Notre Dame Youth Night

NDMS students are invited to attend weekly youth nights from 7-8:15 p.m. at McDonell. Nights will include a variety of games, talks, small groups, and prayer. The following nights denoted by an *asterisk are social nights in the gym for NDMS students. **7-8:15pm at McDonell on the following evenings:** April 9, *April 16, April 23, *April 30, May 7, *May 14, May 28 *Social nights are dependent upon parent sign up and supervision Sign up before the previous EDGE night or the social night will be canceled. Please sign up at the following link: bit.ly/socialndms

Exalt

Join us for an evening of Adoration and worship for high school and middle school youth and their families. Open to all in the Chippewa Falls area, not just MACS families! **Time is 7:00-8:30 p.m.** at St. Charles Borromoe Church on April 6 and May 4.

Follow **@macsministry** on Instagram and **MACS Faith Boosters** on Facebook to stay up to date in events and ways to get involved!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



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Greta Jorgensen

Student Council is back in action now that almost everyone is back in class! Students are working on a talent show for the end of April that we can hold in the gym so everyone can enjoy. The council is

also working on a legacy project to honor graduates of 2020 and 2021 in the COVID environment. *More to come!*

MACKS magnets available for purchase. See magnet image at right \$5.00 each.



SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWS



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Mrs. Ruthann Proue

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) 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 19 at 1:45 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 13 (registration deadline May 8) and July 18 (registration June 19). 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>.

2021-22 Class Schedules

Class schedules will be coming out soon! When they do, 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!*

MATH DEPARTMENT NEWS



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Mr. Tony Reiter

Congratulations to Peter Herron for his memorization of 1000 digits of π . In the middle school, David Anderson memorized 54 digits. π day is celebrated each year on March 14 which is the ratio of the circumference of a circle divided by its diameter. It is a transcendental number which means it never repeats or ever ends. π is also found in many other branches of mathematics. It is even calculated in the Bible, 1 Kings 7:21!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



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Mr. Mark Neppi

Mr. Sean Hanson

Choral News

Congratulations to the theater department for providing the first live performance of the year! The production of *My Fair Lady* was performed the last weekend of February and first weekend of March. Live music will continue with the McDonell Central band and choir concert at 7:00 p.m. on April 12. Seating is limited - each student is two tickets.

Band News

Solo and Ensemble is virtual this year and all events need to be registered by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9. The students should all have eligible solos in their folders if they want to participate. If they want to submit a solo for the contest, they have to create a non-edited video of an introduction and the solo. Once completed they should save the video to Google drive and share it with Mr. Sean Hanson for registration.

Save the Date

We have been asked to participate in the Memorial Day Parade this year, so we will be marching! *Info to come.*

New Orleans in 2022

We are planning on kicking off our June 2022 trip to New Orleans for band and choir following the concert on April 12. This will also be available on zoom for those who are not in attendance in the building for the concert.

STUDENT AMBASSADOR NEWS

Mary Jacobson,
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Mrs. Mary Jacobson

It is hard to believe we are entering the last quarter of the school year. While it was disappointing to not be able to do many of our normal service projects, I know we still generously shared our gifts and time, especially for those most impacted by the pandemic. One of my disappointments was not being able to spend as much time with the students. I always enjoy working with them, listening to them talk about their future plans, their families, and their interests. I love seeing their confidence and maturity grow. I look forward to being more engaged with them next school year.

Speaking of next school year, **applications will be out this month of April.** It is a simple form, mostly, so I can collect names and contact information.

Any parent of a grade 7 through grade 12, please encourage your student a nudge to join for the 2021-22. I often hear students say that they join the ambassador program so they have something to put on their resume when applying for jobs, college, and scholarship. What comes out of the program for the students is:

1. they have a lot of fun,
2. they learn a lot about themselves
3. they learn about their community
4. they have a different point of view about some social justice issues.

If you have any questions, check out our page on the MACS website or feel free to email me at my email above.

NOTRE DAME MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



Nordson Tech Time Winners

renewable energy, which type of energy would you choose and why?"

We had some really wonderful essays come out of this school, however, there were only nine students who received the top prize: a new iPad! There were three winners per grade and they are as follows:

Eighth - Karley Ferguson, Daniel Fritz, and Ana Rubenzer

Seventh - Elyse Bushman, Owen Clark, and Angelo Enderes

Sixth - Thomas Fedie, Miranda Johnson, and Hannah Leet

Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to all students who participated!

For the last few years Notre Dame Middle School has been competing in an essay writing competition called Tech Time. Tech Time is put on by a company called Nordson who is very interested in getting young people excited about careers in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM).

The students were given an open ended prompt. They had to perform research and argue their points. The three prompts were as follows:

- Eighth Grade - "Are robotics the future of humanity?"
- Seventh Grade - "Genetic engineering: for or against?"
- Sixth Grade - "If you had to build a middle school using

SCHOOL MUSICAL NEWS

McDonell Central Catholic High School — 40th Consecutive Musical



My Fair Lady is the tale of Eliza Doolittle, a cockney flower girl transformed into an elegant lady features one of musical theaters' greatest scores, including: "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?," "With a Little Bit of Luck," "The Rain in Spain," "I Could Have Danced All Night," "On the Street Where You Live," "Get Me to the Church on Time," and "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face."

Eliza Doolittle is a young flower seller with an unmistakable Cockney accent which keeps her in the lower rungs of Edwardian society. When Professor Henry Higgins tries to teach her how to speak like a proper lady, an unlikely friendship begins to flourish.

CAST

Eliza Doolittle - Ann David
Henry Higgins - Drew Hunt
Colonel Pickering - Jackson Bushman
Mrs. Eynsford-Hill - Eva Bushman
Freddy Eynsford-Hill - Harrison Bullard
Jamie - Paul Tetrault
Harry - Ezekiel Murphy
Alfred Doolittle - Peter Herron
Mrs. Pearce - Kelly Cushman
Mrs. Higgins – Sam Wirtz
Mrs. Hopkins – Megan Hanson
Professor Zoltan Karpathy - Ezekiel Murphy
Dr. Themistocles Stephanos – Peter Herron
(heavily disguised)
The Queen of Transylvania - Mrs. Mary King
Policeman – Selena Suckerman
Mrs. Higgins Maid – Evelyn Doyle

Servants in the Higgins Household

Reginald Dowdingle Higgins Butler – Paul Tetrault
Servants Maria Herron*, Eva Bushman, Kallee LeCloux, Helen Bullard*, Ezekiel Murphy

A BIG THANK YOU! The production of the McDonell Musical "My Fair Lady" was a great success. We would like to thank all the directors: Show Director Greta Jorgensen, Vocals - Mark Nepl, Stage Crew - Erica Boehm, Technical - McDonell's Xtreme Team, Costume – Helen Bullard, Eva Bushman and Samantha Wirtz.

Thank you cast, stage crew, lighting and sound boards who helped make "My Fair Lady" a HUGE success!

Look for photos on the next page by Cathy Greenseth and all photos at:

**Website: macs202021.shutterfly.com
Password: 202021**

Lords and Ladies at Ascot & the Embassy Ball

Helen Bullard
Elyse Bushman
Eva Bushman
Evelyn Doyle
Lily Edison
Isabella Giza
Kennedy Giza
Megan Hanson
Maria Herron
Kallee LeCLoux
Lucia Pries
Ryan Roach
Ella Rubenzer
Robert Schwetz
Delany Smiskey
Selena Suckerman

Street performers, Cockney folk, Flower girls

Helen Bullard
Elyse Bushman
Eva Bushman
Evelyn Doyle
Lily Edison
Isabella Giza
Kennedy Giza
Megan Hanson
Maria Herron
Kallee LeCLoux
Lucia Pries
Ryan Roach
Ella Rubenzer
Robert Schwetz
Delany Smiskey
Selena Suckerman

MY FAIR LADY MUSICAL PICTURES





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 humbled 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.

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 you all have made during this past year. 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!



Monsignor Michael Gorman and a second grade cross bearer (above) lead the St. Charles students and staff in "The Stations of the Cross", a powerful 14-step devotion that commemorates the Passion of Jesus leading up to His death on the Cross.

UPCOMING EVENTS

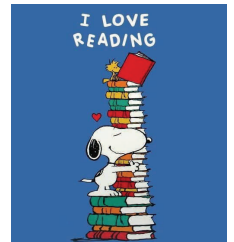
St. Charles and Holy Ghost Schools – April 2021

- April 2** NO SCHOOL – Good Friday
- April 4** Happy Easter!
- April 5** NO SCHOOL – Easter Monday
- April 7** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grades 3/4)
- April 8** HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grade 5)
HandS Virtual Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- April 9** SC/HG Report Cards Go Home
- April 12** MACS Music Boosters Virtual Mtg. – 6:00 p.m.
MACS Faith Boosters Virtual Mtg. – 7:00 p.m.
- April 14** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grades 3/4)
MACS Athletic Booster Virtual Mtg. – 6:00 p.m.
- April 15** HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grade 5)
WI Statewide Tornado Drill – 1:45 p.m.
Education Commission Meeting
- April 17** Notre Dame Parish First Communion
- April 21** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grades 3/5)
- April 22** HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grade 4)
- April 25** First Communion Sunday
Holy Ghost and St. Charles Parishes
- April 28** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grades 3/5)
- April 29** HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grade 4)

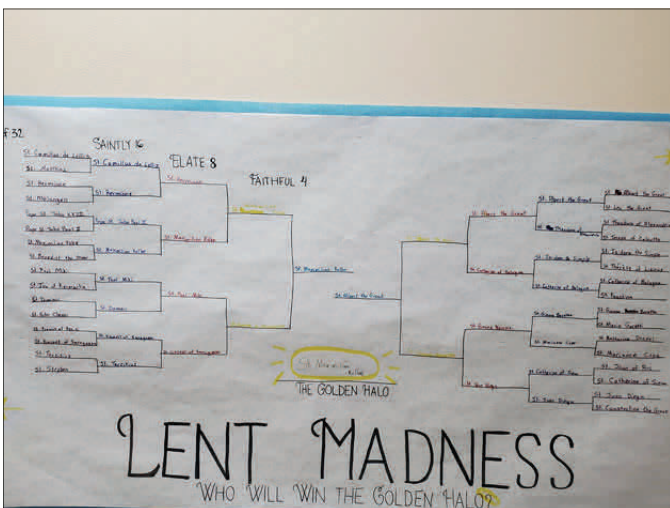
“A book is a gift you can open again and again.” ~ Garrison Keillor



The written word is alive and well at Holy Ghost and St. Charles! Both schools offer library time for students and gives them the opportunity to check out books. Two fifth grade girls search the library shelves for exactly the right book (left), while a trio of fifth grade boys (above) appear to be immersed in their stories.

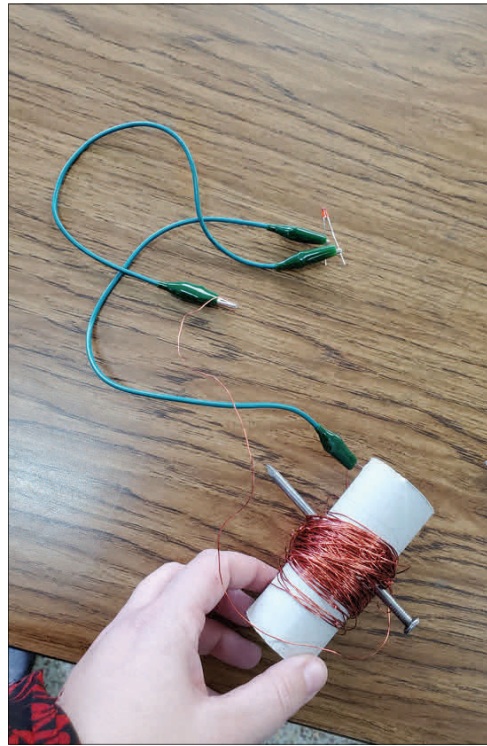


Lent Madness: Who will win the “golden halo”?



As part of religion class, fourth grade students worked on “Lent Madness”, a counting down of saints in a bracket system until the winner of the “Golden Halo” is revealed. Students researched the history of different saints, presented their findings, and voted on their favorites. Eventually only one saint remained. Who was the ultimate winner? St. Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941), a Polish Catholic priest who died in a Nazi death camp while helping other prisoners and telling them about God’s love. St. Maximilian Kolbe’s feast day is on August 14. The brackets, along with three saint researchers, are pictured above. What a novel way to learn about the saints!

It all started with a windmill . . . students learn about energy

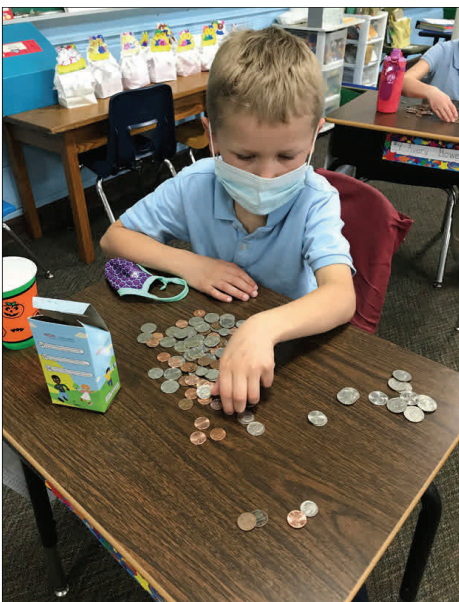


Fourth grade science students (above left) work on putting together their homemade generator. The finished product is shown above right. Will the simple generator be able to turn on a light? They will find out in the next step of their experiment!

Fourth grade science students have been learning about energy transformation and energy transfer. It all started with a windmill.

The students initially learned that the wind transfers its energy to the windmill blades causing them to spin and create motion energy. That energy then entered a "box like" device that creates electrical energy that travels through the wire to turn on a LED (light energy). In this lesson, they learned that the "box like" device is called a generator, so their goal was to build a simple generator using a paper tube, copper wire, nuts, a nail, and really strong magnets.

Mite box collections during Lent help the poor throughout the world



A first grader counts the coins in his mite box – a math and religion lesson all rolled into one!



During Mass on March 30, St. Charles students processed into church with their mite box offerings. This boy (above) places his gift in a basket while Msgr. Michael Gorman watches.



During the Holy Week Mass, a kindergarten girl (above) folds her hands in prayer.

EASTER
Blessings

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APRIL 2021

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD?

In the month of March we talked about Spring and weather.

We focused on rain and clouds. In our Explorers room we have been completing science experiments on Thursdays, the kids have loved it! With the warmer weather approaching, don't forget to change the "extra clothes" in your student's backpack. Please watch for a sunscreen form coming soon. Early Childhood will be closed on Friday, April 2 and Monday, April 5 for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BB4C?

In the month of March we focused on the letters P, B, D, J and G! We celebrated Dr. Seuss week by reading lots of fun books! We practiced counting by 10s to 100. Please make sure to RSVP to our Hot Dog Supper. The supper will take place on Thursday, April 8th from 4:30-6pm at St. Charles.



Looking Forward

April 2

**Good Friday-Early
Childhood closed**

April 5th

Easter Monday-

Early

**Childhood/BB4C
closed**

April 8-

Hot Dog Supper

4:30-6pm



**29th Annual
Joseph and Olivia Bischel Teacher Scholarship
Teacher Nomination Form**

The McDonell Area Catholic Schools are now accepting nominations for the twenty-ninth 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's recipient was Gretchen Jorgensen.

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 no later than Friday, April 30, 2021.

Name of Teacher Nominee: _____

How does this teacher exemplify the essence of Catholic education?

Name

Date