



Prayer Intentions:

For Catholic Education: That our Catholic schools may celebrate the richness of the Catholic faith that we have inherited.

That our Catholic schools may inspire students to a life of love and service

For those sick with Covid and for those who care for them.

Please let us know if your family has an intention you would like us to include in our schoolgram.

We Pray:

Dear Jesus, let your light shine in our Catholic schools. Let your grace rain down, bringing hope to each person we encounter, wisdom to our teachers and leaders, and strength in times of trial. Protect us from harm. Let the children come to You, for the kingdom of God is theirs. St. Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of Catholic schools, and St. Aloysius, our patron, Pray for us. Amen

Calendar:

2/9

- School Mass 2:10 pm (Gr. 8)

2/15

- March lunch orders due

2/17

- School Mass 2:10 pm (Gr. 7)
- 22-23 Registration begins
- Midterm

From the Principal:

Happy Catholic Schools Week! This is not what we expected the week to look like, but this does continue a long tradition of Catholic Schools Week snow days! We will celebrate our students next week, but I don't think they mind these days off for now :)

We are grateful to you as parents for partnering with us in the education of your children. In two weeks we will be sending home registration packets for the 2022-2023 school year. When you receive the tuition paperwork you will notice that our total tuition is increasing this year, but I want to assure you that the cost to your family will only see a minimal increase if any. We are raising tuition to maximize the increased state scholarship amount, but we are also raising the amount of grants available to both parishioner and non parishioner families. Please take a look through the entire packet when you receive it and let me know if you have any questions. It is always our hope and prayer that all of our PS-7th grade students will return for the following school year. We know there are changing situations so if your family is moving away or leaving for some other reason, please notify the office that you don't need a registration packet. If you aren't returning for financial reasons or some other concern PLEASE reach out to me or to Fr. Tom. Give us the opportunity to work with you. We want a Catholic education to be accessible to all who desire it for their children.

We also look forward to more opportunities for parents to get involved here at school as the pandemic enters a new phase. Thursday, March 3rd we will have a parent presentation on internet safety in the gym from 6:30-8:30. Parents are invited to arrive after 6:00 as we will have light refreshments and an opportunity to indicate an interest in getting involved with our Parents Association as it is reestablished. We would love to have as many parents as possible at this kick off event which is also sure to be very educational!

Finally, please see the additional information below that I mentioned would be coming from the health department this week as they shift their focus away from universal case investigation and contact tracing.

God's Blessings,

Andrea Puhl

From the Office:

- **March lunch orders** are due by midnight on 2/15/22. Note that 3/7/22 & 3/29/22 are make up days and will not be available to order. You will receive an email the week the order is served **IF** your child ordered. You can also make a note of it now while you can still see the Jan. menu.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** On Thursday, March 3 we will have a parent presentation on keeping your children safe online. Please see attached flyer and plan ahead to join us.
- **NEW DATE FOR OPEN HOUSE:** 3/6/22 11:15am-1:30pm Please email Mrs. Rath if your family would like to help, schooloffice@stalschoolbg.org.
- **School Mass** can be viewed online. The link for mass at **2:10 pm on Wednesday February 9:** <https://venue.streamspot.com/event/MzAzMzMzMw>

COVID-19 UPDATE

I am happy to report that we do not have any students or staff in isolation or quarantine that we are aware of at this time. When we return on Monday, there are three students and one part time staff member who will still be “mask to stay.” This means they have a known exposure, but are fully vaccinated or their exposure happened at school or CYO. This also includes individuals who previously tested positive and have completed their initial period of isolation. These individuals can come to school if masked.

We continue to ask you to consider having your child mask during this time of increased spread in the community. Thank you for your diligence and for keeping sick students home.

From the Health Department:

These informational resources are provided to help families navigate their questions about COVID.

1. [Interactive COVID Decision Trees](#) – We all know COVID guidelines can be complicated. To help, we have built interactive web resources that provide click-through guidance for people on the following topics:
 - a. I think I could have COVID.
 - b. I tested positive for COVID.
 - c. I have been near someone with COVID.
 - d. Someone in my home has COVID.
 - e. Getting tested for COVID.
2. [Guidelines for Minimizing Contagious Disease](#) – Printable factsheets on what to do when a person is sick, has an ill household member or has been exposed to COVID. Audience-specific information has also been updated for the following:
 - a. [Guidelines for Parents and Guardians](#)
 - b. [Guidelines for Sports and Extracurricular Activities](#)
3. ODH’s [COVID Flowchart](#)
4. ODH’s [Mask to Stay, Test to Play](#) policy
 - a. Updates to this guidance allow students to remain in school with a mask, even if the exposure occurred outside of school.

From the Parish:

FAMILY ROSARY

As of right now, the Family Rosary Group plans to meet this Friday, February 4th in the narthex. We will begin praying at 6:30 pm. If the expected weather arrives as predicted, we’ll move the gathering to Zoom. Stay tuned – Tom Konecny will email you an update on Friday.

