



Prayer Intentions:

For one of our librarians, Mrs. Zera, who is recovering from an illness.

For the victims and all those impacted by the violence at Michigan State University.

For those impacted by natural disasters, especially the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

For those in areas of the world in conflict, especially the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

Please contact the school office if you have a prayer you would like included.

We Pray:

Thank you for the gift of the coming season of Lent. Thank you for knowing our hearts and our need for rhythms in our lives and drawing us into a deeper communion with you throughout the coming 40 days. May we walk through this season intentionally, removing distractions that take our gaze away from your glory. May we quiet the noise that pulls us from adoration of you and puts our attention on lesser things. May we simplify where we have been stressed, may we surrender what has been burdensome, may we repent of what has been sinful. Amen.

Calendar:

2/16

- Mass 2:10 pm (Gr. 7)

2/17

- Pastries with Parents 7:45 am -8:30 am

2/18

- Reverse Raffle 6:00 pm

2/20

- **NO SCHOOL:** President's Day

2/21

- Mardi Gras
- New preschool family registration begins

2/22

- Ash Wednesday
- **Mass 9:00 am (Gr. 6)**

From the Principal:

I look forward to seeing many of you at Pastries with Parents tomorrow and at the Reverse Raffle this weekend as we enjoy fellowship and support our school. There are still a couple volunteer spots available for Saturday night if you are interested in helping and seeing what the event is all about. Just let me know. There are also many opportunities to help on Tuesday at Mardi Gras so look for that info below! It's a busy, fun time as we fit a lot in before Lent begins!

Speaking of Lent, our student management system, Option C, has partnered with the Catholic app, Hallow, and Hallow is offering a free premium membership for Lent to all of our faculty, staff and parents. I enjoy their free content, but am happy to have access to more to help make Lent more meaningful for me and my family. You can sign up for the free premium membership for Lent by signing in to your Option C account. I encourage you to check out this opportunity to grow in faith.

God's Blessings,

Andrea Puhl

From the Office:

- **Mardi Gras** is back this year! Please see the flyer with today's mailing for more information on this fun event for our students on February 21st. Presale tickets end tomorrow and there are many ways you can get involved through food or prize donations and/or volunteering at the event and you will find them all here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49AAAD22A2FEC25-mardi> If you are not a virtue approved volunteer, please contact the school office ASAP so we can get you cleared to help that day.
- **23-24 KR-8 Registration** packets will be sent home next Thursday.
- **Grandparents and Special Friends Day** will be held this year on Thursday, April 20th beginning with lunch and ending with our school Mass. Please let grandparents (or other special friends/relatives if there aren't grandparents able to attend) know to mark their calendars. More info will come home closer to the event.
- Attached to today's email is a flyer about a meeting at BG Christian next Tuesday about the proposed Backpack Bill. Consider attending to learn more about the proposal for funding to follow every child to their school of choice and how you can show your support to our elected officials.
- **School Mass** can be viewed online. Click the link for mass at **9:00 am, Wednesday, 2/22/23:** <https://venue.streamspot.com/event/MzY3NDE4Nw>

From the Diocese:

Golden Apple Award Nominations Are Now Open! The nomination form was attached to last week's email and is due to Mrs. Puhl by March 1st. Each year, the Golden Apple Award is given to nine teachers. The award includes a cash award, a Golden Apple award and a dinner. To be nominated a teacher must be a practicing Catholic who has taught full time for at least 5 years in a diocesan school.

From the Parish:

Made For More

with CHRISTOPHER WEST & MIKE MANGIONE

Brought to you by St. Aloysius, St. Thomas More, & The TOB Institute

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

7:00-9:30 PM

Lenhart Grand Ballroom, BGSU Student Union

MADE FOR MORE is an inspired blend of teaching, live music, and art that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. Want to be inspired by beauty and the wisdom of the Church? Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

Tickets are on sale now and are limited! Grab your tickets today in the parish office or online at m4mbowlinggreen.eventbrite.com Tickets are \$25. Please contact Justin Leiner at St. Thomas More if you would like more information.

W(h)ine & Crackers

W(h)ine & Crackers Returns!

Sunday, March 5, 4-6 PM

Davis Narthex & Hartmann Hall

Taco Bar Provided by St. Al's Parish Life Committee

Bring Your Own Beverages

W(h)ine & Crackers is the younger-person-ish version of Dine & Wine! Ideal for young adults, families of all sizes, and anyone under 50 years old (at least at heart!).

Cerealously, We're Building Rosaries

LENTEN ACTIVITY FOR ALL!

When: Friday, March 3; 5:30-7 PM

Where: Hartmann Hall

Who: Anyone Who Wants to Help Make Rosaries--Families, Grandparents, Young Adults, High School Students, Etc.

What: Eat dinner at the Cereal Bar, build rosaries, and then pray a rosary together. Any surplus rosaries made will be sent to the missions in Africa.

