

BELLTOWER

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It seems that everyone in the Christmas story takes a journey. Mary goes in haste to visit Elizabeth. Later, she and Joseph travel to Bethlehem where Jesus Christ is born. Then they flee to Egypt to escape the murderous Herod. The



shepherds go in haste to the manger to see for themselves the newborn Savior. On Epiphany we celebrate the Magi who journeyed from distant lands by the guidance of a star. Everybody is on the move somewhere.

The Church also sees herself as a people on the move. Ever since our Lord commanded us to “Go and make disciples of all nations,” we have been a missionary Church. We are also a Pilgrim People on a journey to the Promised Land of God’s kingdom. The worst thing that could happen to the Church is that she ceases her pilgrimage; that she become content to stand still and become a kind of museum or a relic of the past. No, the Church is called to courageously go forward in faith in obedience to where the Holy Spirit is continually leading her.

Since the Second Vatican Council we Catholics have been recovering the process of journeying together. In church-speak we call such a process a “synod.” That word “synod” literally means to walk together. This past October, Pope Francis opened a global synodal process for the whole Church. The Holy Father is inviting all of us to discern together where the Holy Spirit is leading us in our current age. We do this by sincere and respectful listening and dialogue in the context of prayer.

Our opportunity as a parish to participate in this world-wide synodal process will take place on Tuesday, January 25 at 6:30 pm. All are invited to join us that evening in the Mary Room for discussion of questions that have been prepared by the Vatican. The discussion questions will be made available ahead of time so that folks have the opportunity to pray and reflect prior to our meeting on January 25. There will also be opportunity to provide input online. Again, more information will be forthcoming.

As we celebrate Epiphany, we trust that God is guiding his Church by the light of the Holy Spirit, even as the Magi were led by the star. Like the Magi we are called to leave our safe and familiar spaces and make this journey together. Please join me in praying for our upcoming parish synodal process that it may truly be an occasion of grace for us, and for all our brothers and sisters in the Church.

God bless, especially in this New Year!

Father Ed

Mass Intentions for January

Fr. Lynch Intentions are italicized

Sat, Jan 1	10:00 AM Parish Family 4:00 PM David Garski
Sun, Jan 2	8:00 AM Linda Garski - Jensen 10:30 AM William Matre
Mon, Jan 3	5:30 PM Ervin Rutta
Tue, Jan 4	8:15 AM Lorraine Zurawski
Wed, Jan 5	8:15 AM Tim Planck, Lodge 1:30 PM: Karen Hintz
Thu, Jan 6	8:15 AM Janice Schulfer
Fri, Jan 7	8:15 AM Barb Mansavage
Sat, Jan 8	4:00 PM Berniece Ward
Sun, Jan 9	8:00 AM Parish Family 10:30 AM Louis Chojnacki
Mon, Jan 10	5:30 PM Loretta Steinke
Tue, Jan 11	8:15 AM Dick Bentley, <i>Henrietta Lobner</i>
Wed, Jan 12	8:15 AM Joe & Kathy Myers
Thu, Jan 13	5:30 PM Chet & Sherry Cychosz
Fri, Jan 14	8:15 AM Donna Warzynski
Sat, Jan 15	4:00 PM Parish Family
Sun, Jan 16	8:00 AM Decd mem of Joe & Dorothy Firkus Family 10:30 AM John Carponter
Mon, Jan 17	5:30 PM Bert & Helen Trzebiatowski
Tue, Jan 18	8:15 AM Conni Hunter
Wed, Jan 19	8:15 AM Joseph & Caroline Kurszewski
Thu, Jan 20	8:15 AM Stanley & Agnes Gagas
Fri, Jan 21	8:15 AM Beverly Ciesielski
Sat, Jan 22	4:00 PM Chet Danczyk, <i>Joe Pieczynski</i>
Sun, Jan 23	8:00 AM Albin Zurkowski 10:30 AM Parish Family
Mon, Jan 24	5:30 PM Jim Schuh
Tue, Jan 25	8:15 AM Lorneze & Nadine Belmont
Wed, Jan 26	8:15 AM Donna Rae Trzebiatowski
Thu, Jan 27	8:15 AM Jerry Wierzba
Fri, Jan 28	8:15 AM Leon Hintz
Sat, Jan 29	4:00 PM Parish Family
Sun, Jan 30	8:00 AM Chester & Ruth Waisbrot 10:30 AM John "Jack" Sederstrand
Mon, Jan 31	5:30 PM Steve & Mary Slesar

ST. BRONISLAVA PARISH

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SUPPORT - November 2021



Gift Cards	\$ 233.25
Envelopes and Plate Offerings	\$ 60,213.58
Online Giving with WeShare	\$ 22,824.44

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End of year contribution statements will be mailed by January 31, 2022.**

2021-2022 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Mail your pledge card and donation directly to the Diocese in the envelope they provide.

Campaign Goal	\$155,090.00
(Campaign ends June 30, 2022)	
Pledged (as of December 14, 2021)	\$ 66,715.00
Under Goal	\$ 88,375.00

Fri. Dec. 31, 2021 - Parish Offices closed & Finance Office open from 9 - 1 pm



Pacelli Catholic Elementary School-St. Bronislava: A Vibrant, Faith-Filled Community

By: Jamie Nowinski, Principal, PCES- St. Bronislava & PCES - St. Stephen

Pacelli Catholic Elementary School (PCES) - St. Bronislava is a vibrant and faith-filled place where children in preschool through fourth grade come to learn the principles of faith, community, excellent academics, and to be of service to others.



Our students and teachers have been celebrating the Advent season with much vigor. The whole school participates in ceremonies for the lighting of the Advent wreath and the opening of the Advent calendar. Our weekly Masses are attended as a whole school and a place where we rejoice in our faith.



Like all Pacelli Catholic Schools, at PCES - St. Bronislava we believe in academic excellence and have high expectations for our students. Woven into daily learning are exciting and fun activities that inspire our students to be their best.

We welcomed special visits from:

- **Author Jon Sweeney**, who came to share his book series, *"The Pope's Cat,"* with students.
- **Reigning Queen Bee** of the American Honey Queen Program. She gave us an informative presentation about bees.
- **The Plover Fire Department** visited and firefighters shared fire prevention tips during Fire Prevention Week in October.



Our fourth-grade class took their learning outside this fall and explored the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station.

Together, the students and teachers model the Gospel and work together to give to the community as well to one another. Throughout the school year, the children and families give back to the community by collecting food for the Interfaith Food Pantry, writing cards to those who are in hospitals or care facilities and giving money to the poor through various fund drives.

PCES - St. Bronislava is home to highly trained teachers and caring staff members whose main goal is providing our students and families with a safe, loving environment so that learning can flourish and individual talents can grow. For more information a call at 715-342-2015, we would love to talk with you! ♦



PACELLI CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

By Hannah Testin



Each year, Catholic Schools Week presents us the opportunity to reflect on the things that make our Pacelli Catholic Schools community special. Not only does this week give our students the opportunity for special events and activities, but we get to celebrate our Catholic faith.

While we pride ourselves on our strong academic excellence, small class sizes and individualized learning, it's about so much more than that. Our students participate in many service projects throughout the year, putting others' needs first and reinforcing the principle of servant leadership. In many buildings during Catholic Schools Week, parents or grandparents are invited to come partake in these activities, acting as one Pacelli family.

Catholic Schools Week, however, is just a snapshot into the lives of our students. From the childcare and preschool students at our Early Childhood Center to our high schoolers, faith and values are regularly infused throughout our curriculum and the daily lives of our students. We are creating future leaders of our community and our church.

We invite you to join us to celebrate Mass during Catholic Schools Week January 30 - February 5. Check out our schedule of events and activities at pacellicatholicschools.com/csw.

Interested in learning more about Pacelli Catholic Schools? Enrollment for the 2022 - 2023 school year is now open and we believe the cost of tuition should never be a barrier for your family's Catholic education. Visit pacellicatholicschools.com or call 715.341.2445 to schedule a tour today and ask how you can qualify for free or reduced tuition.

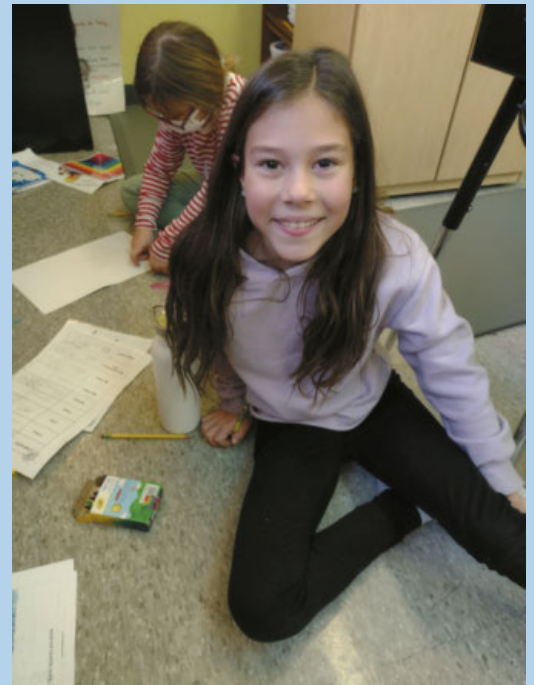
What are parents and students saying.....

"My husband Edward and I have 4 children and all have had the pleasure of attending Pacelli Catholic Schools. Each year we are continually impressed with the quality of education our children receive, second only to the faith-filled atmosphere they are able to experience each day in Catholic schools. As a parent, there is comfort knowing that our morals and religious beliefs are mirrored in their daily life at school, and that their teachers serve as role models. This strong foundation in Catholic faith helps them develop a life-long relationship with Christ and the Catholic Church."

-Monica & Ed Grabiec, Parents of Maxwell '24, Samuel '25, Vincent & Ruby '30

"I love that I get to learn about Jesus in school and that we can honor Him with pictures and signs throughout our school."

-Ruby Grabiec, 4th Grade



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PACELLI CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK CONT.....

"As a teacher, parent & parishioner, I feel fortunate to be a part of education that is rooted in faith. My husband Jared and I both graduated from Pacelli and we feel that the Catholic schools give our children the best foundation with which to grow into adulthood. Pacelli Catholic Schools give our family a true sense of community."

-Jenna (O'Sullivan) Feltz '09, Wife of Jared '09 & Parent of Grace '34, Jack '36 & Layla '38

"I love to sing, play, and learn with my friends!"

-Grace Feltz, Kindergarten



"Sending our son to a Catholic school was always our intent, but we had no idea what a gem of an education Pacelli Catholic Schools would provide for him until he started school this fall. The family feel of St. Bronislava, the caring and overly dedicated teachers and staff, the endless exposure to faith activities and prayer opportunities are a treasure to behold. We love that our son has the Catholic faith incorporated into all his lessons, and we can tell he is seeing life from a more spiritual perspective from the stories he shares with us. We are beyond grateful that our son is receiving not only a rock solid education, but an ever-growing faith life that he can continue to nurture. Enrolling in a PCS education is worth every penny in our book."

-Kevin & Lindsay Reimer, Parents of Bo '34, Autumn '35 & Finn '38

"I like playing with everyone in my class because they are all my friends."

-Bo Reimer, Kindergarten

"We have had four kids come through St. Bronislava over the last 15 years and we have 2 more to go! They have truly loved the teachers and support staff they have been blessed to have. Several of the teachers have been there for all of our kids and they are truly some amazing women whose love of children is evident! We love the smaller class sizes and the ability to have an aid in the larger classes when necessary."

-Jason & Jodi Moss, Parents of Makayla '21, Lorali, Shyan '28, Isaac '33, Mariana '36 & Trinity '38

"I love playing with my friends at school!"

-Isaac Moss, 1st Grade ◆



Got Questions? Try ALPHA.....

By Julie Studinski



What exactly is ALPHA?

Alpha is a multi-week course that creates a space where people come to discuss life's big questions. Everyone should have the chance to explore faith, ask questions, and share their story.

What to expect:

First there is food....

Whether it's a group of friends gathered around a kitchen table, or a quick catch-up over coffee and cake, food has a way of bringing people together. It's no different at Alpha. We start with food, because it's a great way to encourage community and get to know each other.

Then a talk....

The talks are designed to engage and inspire conversation. Generally thirty minutes long, they can be given as a live talk or played as a video. They explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions such as *Who is Jesus?* and *How can we have faith?*

Followed by discussion....

Probably the most important part of any Alpha: the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything. And there's nothing you can't say. It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

We can come up with plenty of excuses not to try something new....why don't you just try it, and bring along some friends! For more information on how to register, go to our website stbrons.com or contact Julie Studinski Julie@stbrons.com.

Next session begins January 24, 2022.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM

**Did you know that the parish participates in the PCS Gift Card Program?
How much will it really help? Do you purchase groceries and gasoline?**

Purchase \$100 in Metro Market cards and a 4% profit helps the Parish.

Purchase \$100 in Kwik Trip cards and a 5% profit helps the Parish.

Commit to buying that every two weeks and the profit is \$9.00.

That totals to \$234 per year for purchases you made of groceries and gasoline.

Now what if 10 people purchased \$200 worth of these cards every two weeks?

- That translates to.....\$2,340 per year profit!
- If 20 people would commit.....\$4,680 per year profit!
- If 30 people would commit.....\$7,020 per year profit!
- If 40 people would commit.....\$9,360 per year profit!
- If 50 people would commit.....\$11,700 per year profit!



And don't stop with just gas and groceries, there are many other places that you may spend money that are in the gift card program. Stop by the information desk to pick up an order form. Then stop by the Parish Office, Monday through Friday, during regular office hours to purchase cards. You may want to call first, just to make sure we haven't sold out of the card you need (715-344-4326).

**What a great way to give to the church
without extra money coming out of your personal budget!
Please consider purchasing gift cards through this program
and support our Parish!**

HELMETS OF HOPE

By Jody Glodowski



“Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.” (CCC 1817)



Our families in our Family Formation program put the amazing gift of hope in action in the Advent season.



Students created and put on *“the helmet that is hope for salvation”* (1Thes 5:8) as an activity with their home lessons. Then, some families went out to bring HOPE to our community by ringing bells for Salvation Army and donating toys for Toys for Tots.

Hope is a firm confidence that God is with us. Remember that Christian hope is for everyone. Because God is love, we know He wants everyone to be saved. Knowing this, we must pray for and help others all the time.



Go into 2022 with an abundance of HOPE. ♦



A FAMILY COMMUNITY IMPACT

By Jody Glodowski

Andrew ‘A.J.’ and Carie Ligman joined St. Bronislava in 2004 and have been active raising a family



in Plover since. They have three daughters, Haley, Hanah, Haydn and a son, Garrid. Carie volunteered as a small group leader for their daughters during the middle school Faith Formation years. Currently, A.J. volunteers as a 5th grade Family Formation catechist and has Garrid in his class. A.J. is a fourth year volunteer catechist in our Faith Formation program. The Ligmans are making a **St. Bronislava parish community impact** by sharing their faith through teaching in the Faith Formation program.

You may know this family from St. Bronislava, the skating rink, the

volleyball or basketball court, the softball field, scouting and more. In addition to their community involvement, the Ligmans are members of Catholic Financial Life (CFL) Branch 11, where A.J. is the Vice President and Carie is the Secretary/Treasurer. CFL supports and encourages members to make a positive impact in their community. The first words of CFL's mission states that they put values in action by **"Serving God through serving others."** Through the opportunity of community impact, CFL Branch 11 earned \$500 from the CFL corporate office to donate to an organization or program in our community.

We appreciate that A.J. recently delivered the generous donation to the St. Bronislava Faith Formation program. Carie and A.J. feel that this donation is a win/win for their family, CFL Branch 11 and the St. Bronislava Faith Formation community.

For more information on Catholic Financial Life's community impact program, visit catholicfinanciallife.org/cfl/community-impact. ◆



Baptism Preparation

We receive the gift of grace through the Sacraments which draw us closer to Christ, and what a gift you are giving to your child! God has entrusted the well being of this child to you. God has called to you to be first and the most important person in this child's life - the 'primary educator'.



Preparation and planning for the Sacrament of Baptism should be arranged and completed *PRIOR* to your child's birth. We have resumed in-person Baptism Preparation meetings for the first-time parents. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 8, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. We are planning baptism dates for after Easter.

For information on planning for your child's baptism, please contact jody@stbrons.com.

**For Faith Formation news go to our web site
www.stbrons.com.**

Faith & Family Formation dates: (grades 1-6)

Wednesday, January 5 – 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm Family Formation night (Church)

Wednesday, January 12 – 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Family Formation Open Table (MR)

Youth Ministry/Faith Formation dates:

Wednesday, January 5, 7:00-8:30 - Youth Group (Youth Room)

Friday, January 7, SPASH LUNCH

Saturday, January 8, 5:00 PM – Youth Talent Show!
(Second Saturday Supper)

Monday, January 10, 7:00-9:00 PM – Rosa Mystica
(Ladies' Group, Youth Room)

Wednesday, January 12, 6:00-7:30 PM – Faith Formation
Grades 7-8, Confirmation Year I

Thursday, January 13, 7:30-9:00 PM – DTS (Youth Room)

Wednesday, January 19, 6:00-7:30 PM – Faith Formation
Grades 7-8, Confirmation Year I

Sunday, January 23, 12:00-1:30 PM – Confirmation Year II
Class

Monday, January 24, 7:00-9:00 PM – Rosa Mystica
(Ladies' Group, Youth Room)

Wednesday, January 26, 6:00-7:30 PM – Faith Formation
Grades 7-8, Confirmation Year I

With Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers the following who have died and the family & friends who survive them:

Leonard Bannach who died on 11/6/21

Kevin Gavin who died on 11/23/21

Joan Kaszubski who died on 11/29/21

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord."

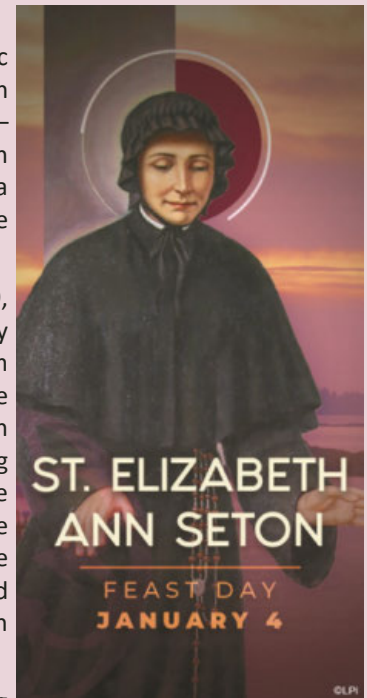
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith.

When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "Saint." ©LPi



The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before the scouting anniversary day as Scout Sunday & recognizes the contributions of young people & adults to scouting. Scout Sunday will be on Sun. Feb. 6, 2022 at the 10:30 Mass. Any scouts interested in participating, serving as a greeter, reader, musician or gift bearer contact Liz S. at spoelstraelizabeth@gmail.com. If you will be completing a religious award & getting recognized please let me know.

Please reply if you have any questions. Thanks, Liz

January 2022 Events

● Also see weekly highlights next column **Here & There**

Sat	1	New Years Day Masses, Mass 10 am - Mary Mother of God 4 pm Mass - Epiphany
Sun	2	Misa en Espanol - Spanish Mass - St. Bronislava 1:00 pm
Mon	3	Friends in Grief, St. Bronislava Parish LIB, 6:30 pm
Wed	5	Prayer Shawl Meeting, St. Bronislava Parish LIB, 9 am
Thur	6	Social Concerns Meeting, MR, 6:30 pm
Sat	8	Second Saturday Supper Potluck & Talent Show, St. Bronislava Parish MR, 5 pm
Tues	11	KC meeting - St. Bronislava MR, 6:30 pm
Sat	15	KC's Free Throw Contest, St. Bronislava in school gym, 8 am Community Friends Luncheon - St. Bronislava, 12 - 3 pm
Sun	16	Misa en Espanol - Spanish Mass - St. Bronislava 1:00 pm
Sa-Su	15-16	Food Collection weekend - Operation Bootstrap
Wed	19	Wed. Club, St. Bronislava JR, 10 am - 2 pm RSVP to Parish Office
Thur	20	PCCW meeting, St. Bronislava MR, 6:30 pm (6 pm prayer in Church)
Mon	24	Alpha Starts, St. Bronislava MR, 6:15 pm

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Weekly highlights at St. Bronislava Parish

Mondays: Alpha 6:15 pm MR
(Begins Jan. 24)

Tuesdays: Woman's Bible study 9 am JR
Prayer Group 1 pm LIB (no Jan & Feb)

Wednesdays: Faith Formation
Youth Group 7 pm - Rock (2x month)

Thursdays: Adoration 9 - 6 pm,
Prayer & Benediction 6 pm,
1st Thurs of the month Holy Hour 6 pm,
Confessions 5 pm,
Scripture Study in LIB 5 - 6 pm
Wild Goose in JR 6:15 pm

Fridays: Morning coffee & sweets after Mass MR

Saturdays: Confessions 9 am

Social Concerns food collection is January 15 & 16, 2022 for Operation Bootstrap.

Items needed are your favorite soups & cereal, can tuna, can chicken, can salmon, beef stew, beefaroni, peanut butter, jam, jelly, bake beans, pork & beans, vegetarian beans, elbow macaroni, pasta- penne, rotini, spaghetti, pasta sauce, taco mix, rice- white, brown, & wild, hamburger helper, microwave popcorn, canned fruit in it's own juice or lite syrup. Any soap products- laundry, bar, liquid.

Monetary donations accepted. **Checks written to Operation Boot Strap.** Place monetary donations in wood box on wall outside of Parish Office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Social Concerns

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Call the Parish at 715-344-4326 to make sure
the Parish & Faith Formation offices are open.

**For a complete listing of Staff emails, go
to stbrons.com - Welcome - Contact Us**

St. Bronislava Parish General Information

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 pm
Sunday, 8:00 am (Live-Stream), and 10:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday, 5:30 pm
Tuesday - Friday, 8:15 am (Live-Stream)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Evening prayer & Benediction:

Thursday, 6:00 pm

Holy Hour

1st Thursday of the month, 6 pm

Confessions:

Saturday, 9:00 am & Thursday, 5:00 pm

All Parish Offices are closed on:

*New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial
Day, Independence Day, Labor Day,
Thanksgiving Day (and the day after),
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.*
If the holiday falls on a weekend, the office
will be closed on a Friday or Monday.

PCES - St. Bronislava School and PCS Information

St. Bron's School Office - 715-342-2015 - Monday - Friday: 7:30 - 3:15 - school year

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