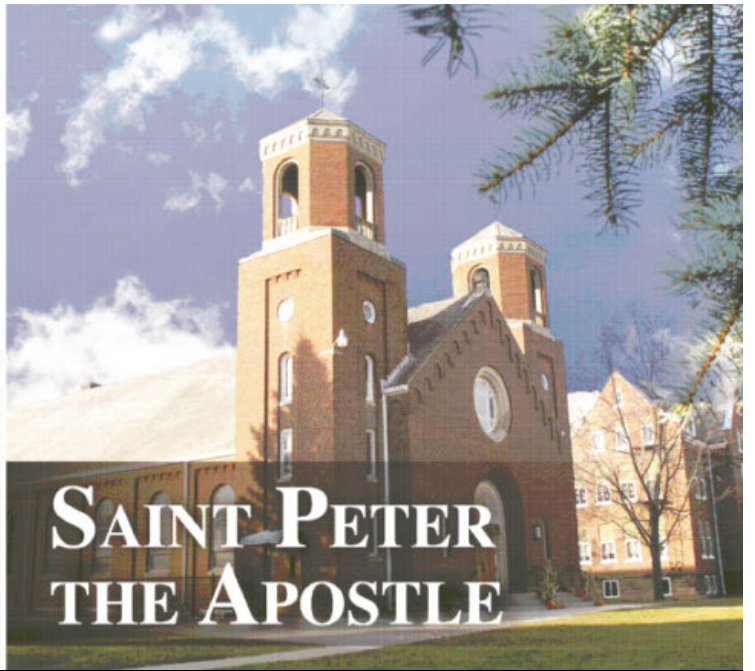


# SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO



# SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

St. Charles Borromeo, 810 Pearl Street, Chippewa Falls WI 54729 | St. Peter the Apostle, 11358 Cty Hwy Q, Tilden WI 54729



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

### March 5, 2023

#### **PASTOR**

Reverend Monsignor  
Michael J. Gorman

#### **ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

Reverend Ethan J. Hokamp

#### **DEACON**

Daniel J. Rider

#### **ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO**

810 Pearl St | Chippewa Falls

#### **Masses**

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Monday: 5:30 PM

Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 AM

#### **Reconciliation**

Monday: 5:00 PM

Saturday: 3:15 PM

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#### **Masses**

Saturday: 6:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Friday: 8:30 AM

#### **Reconciliation**

Saturday: 6:00 PM

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Closed Holidays & Holy Days

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Home & School: Nessa Bevins

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McDonellAreaCatholicSchools.org  
President: Molly Bushman

**ST. CHARLES EARLY CHILDCARE PROGRAM**

6:30AM-6:00PM | 715.723.2161 | 18m to 12yrs  
CFAUSD 4K Program (formerly BB4C)

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PRIMARY**

GRADES K-2 | 715.723.5827

**HOLY GHOST ELEMENTARY**

GRADES 3-5 | 715.723.6478

Principal: Jerry Smith

**NOTRE DAME MIDDLE SCHOOL**

GRADES 6-8 | 715.723.4777

**McDONELL CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**

GRADES 9-12 | 715.723.9126

Principal: Eric Wedemeyer

**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**

**THE TRANSFIGURATION**

Today's gospel story appears to be a direct response to the story of the temptation of Jesus in last Sunday's Gospel. Two of those temptations began with the words, "If you are the Son of God..." In today's Gospel God the Father himself affirms, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

The Transfiguration occupies a place in the season of Lent similar to its position in the gospels themselves. It occurs before our Lord's passion, during which his appearance will be far from divine, as he is beaten, bloody and weak. We will hear in the First Reading on Good Friday: "[T]here was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him, nor appearance that would attract us to him." (Isaiah 53:2bc) On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we will hear in the Second Reading: "Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:7a, 8) The Transfiguration is intended to sustain us in the face of Christ's passion, just as it was granted to the disciples who would witness his passion, so that we do not give in to despair but see the passion as the prelude to the revelation of Christ's glory. We already know the end of the story, the good news of the resurrection. This Transfiguration Sunday reminds us to keep that vision before us as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage toward Easter.

This Lenten pilgrimage is a symbol of our entire life's journey toward the "promised land" of heaven. It is not an easy journey; there are many pitfalls and stumbling blocks along the way. As people of faith, however, we live each day with confidence in God, who gives us hope. Abrah[ha]m in today's First Reading leaves everything to follow God's call to a new homeland, where he will become the father of a great nation. As the type of the man of faith, we now honor Abraham as "our father in faith." (Eucharistic Prayer I) Saint Paul in today's Second Reading exhorts Timothy to rely on the strength that comes from God with a view toward the life and immortality that is the fruit of Jesus' death and resurrection. Finally the Responsorial Psalm expresses our trust in God who is "our help and our shield." If we know the Lord, we can say with the psalmist: "Of the kindness of the **LORD** the earth is full."

This Lent it is time again for us to "turn away from sin and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:15) The sacrament of penance is the most powerful means of persevering in this resolve, because its grace is the result of Christ's obedient sacrifice for the redemption of the world. The Lenten discipline of prayer and penance finds its completion in a good confession and act of contrition. The prayer of absolution frees us from the sinful entanglements into which we fall. Remember also to participate in Operation Rice Bowl or in some other charitable cause this Lent.

Remember that the Fridays of Lent, the day of our Lord's passion and death, are days of penance, characterized by abstinence from eating meat at least by those who are 14 and older. I encourage families to come to the Stations of the Cross at 5:30 on Friday evenings at St. Charles. "The Way of the Cross" or "The Stations of the Cross" is a centuries-old devotion that gives to us who cannot make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land the opportunity to walk with Christ along the *Via Dolorosa* ("Sorrowful Street"). Guided by passages from the scriptures and prayers from the liturgy, we are able to meditate upon our Lord's suffering for the sake of our redemption. Nowadays there are few families who come. This is really sad, since families miss out on this opportunity to pray together, and children lose this opportunity to learn the story of our Lord's passion and its meaning for us. So make it a point to come to the Stations on the Fridays which remain this Lent.

May this Lenten season be one of grace and blessing for all of us, especially those who may have become estranged from the Church and desire reconciliation. Pray the Rosary this week for those preparing to enter the Church at Easter and, as always, pray for peace.

May God bless his people with peace.  
Monsignor Gorman



**Monsignor  
Michael J. Gorman**

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 6

4:15 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St. Charles  
 4:45-5:15 Confessions will be heard St. Charles  
 5:15 Benediction St. Charles  
 5:30 PM Mass, † Elaine Brennan St. Charles  
 6:30 PM Novena & Stations of the Cross St. Peter

### Tuesday, March 7

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity  
 8:30 AM Mass, † Roger Hedrington St. Charles  
 10:00 AM Mass, † Vitula McMahan Rutledge Residents

### Wednesday, March 8

St. John of God  
 8:30 AM Mass, † Evelyn Nyhus and Family St. Charles

### Thursday, March 9

St. Frances of Rome  
 8:30 AM Mass, † Donald Kerska St. Charles  
 12:00 noon, Stations of the Cross St. Peter

### Friday, March 10

8:30 AM Mass, † Lou Ann Karls St. Peter  
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross and Benediction St. Charles

### Saturday, March 11

4:00 PM Mass, † Gerald Alabado St. Charles  
 6:30 PM Mass, † Jessica Eder St. Peter

### Sunday, March 12

Third Sunday in Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins  
 7:30 AM Mass, All Entrusted to Our Pastor's Care St. Charles  
 9:00 AM Mass, † Donna and Marvin Benish St. Peter  
 10:30 AM Mass, † Roland and Margaret Schneider St. Charles  
 6:00 PM Rosary & Stations St. Charles

### Readings for the week of March 5, 2023

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)  
 2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9  
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23  
 Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19,  
 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12  
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8  
 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 @LPI

## ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO MINISTRIES

### SATURDAY, MARCH 11 4:00 PM

**SERVERS:** Sam Tietz, Eli Burmeister  
 Peter Murphy  
**READER:** Michele O'Connor, Libby Leinenkugel  
**CANTOR:** Barb Eckwright  
**EMOC:** Linda Dresel, Butch Dachel,  
 Kathy Dachel  
**USHERS:** Sheila Armstrong, Steve Armstrong,  
 Needed, Needed  
**SACRISTAN:** JoAnn Vahlenkamp  
**ROSARY:** Milford Lechleitner

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12 7:30 AM

**SERVERS:** Ryan Roach, Tessa Roach,  
 Peter Murphy  
**READER:** Cathy Greenseth, Matt Amundson  
**CANTOR:** Peter Doermann  
**EMOC:** Matt Amundson, Cathy Greenseth,  
 Kathy Bowe  
**USHERS:** Brent Franz, Otto Wagner,  
 Lucy Cushman, Ralph Cushman  
**SACRISTAN:** Cathy Greenseth  
**ROSARY:** Tom Weyenberg  
**SCRIP:** Cathy Greenseth  
**HOST:** Rolanda Rada  
**BAKERS:** Kelly Sikkink, Linda Morning, Diane Boos

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12 10:30 AM

**SERVERS:** Aubrey Buescher, Lauren Buescher,  
 Brady Rubenzer  
**READER:** Jill Pomietlo, Gini Dachel  
**CANTOR:** Adult Choir  
**EMOC:** Mike Horan, Diane Schemenauer,  
 Linda Marinello  
**USHERS:** Ron Bresina, Jim Dorn,  
 Mike Dubiel, Dick Schemenauer  
**SACRISTAN:** Beth Leahy  
**SCRIP:** Amy Underwood  
**HOST:** Delaney and Tracey Smiskey  
**BAKERS:** Lynn Hutchinson, Betty Bresina,  
 Cheryl Schroepfer  
**DONATION COUNTERS:** Amy Underwood,  
 Linda Marinello

## ST. PETER MINISTRIES

### SATURDAY, MARCH 11 6:30 PM

**SERVERS:** Bryce Meyer, Colton Meyer,  
 Zach Hunt  
**READER:** Cindy Meyer  
**CANTOR:** Janelle Dachel  
**EMOC:** Cindy Meyer, Needed  
**ROSARY:** Julie Rider  
**SACRISTAN:** Jeanne Bennesch  
**SCRIP:** Lori Eisenreich

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12 9:00 AM

**SERVERS:** Ryan Smiskey, Gavin Smiskey,  
 Francis McDonald  
**READER:** Mike Stoffel  
**CANTOR:** Mary Krall  
**EMOC:** Carrie Geissler, Seth Smiskey  
**SACRISTAN:** Lisa Stoffel  
**ROSARY:** Todd and Elly Rochester  
**SCRIP:** Tami Pieper  
**DONATION COUNTERS:** Audra Knowlton,  
 Gina Smiskey

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT





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Hello!

Alexis Pomietlo

*The Catechism in a Year* Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz, began on the first of this year. Recently, the content and reflections have, in my eyes, serendipitously lined up with where we land liturgically. We're firmly within the first part of the *Catechism* ("The Profession of Faith"), studying the Apostle's Creed. Fr. Mike has been delving into God's creation of man and our fall as a human race, before introducing us to Jesus and His identity as Christ. I found this line from paragraph 386 of the Catechism really startling:

To try to understand what sin is, one must first recognize the profound relation of man to God, for only in this relationship is the evil of sin unmasked in its true identity as humanity's rejection of God and opposition to him, even as it continues to weigh heavy on human life and history.

Sin wasn't created by God. It's a privation, or a lack, of the good (like blindness is a lack of vision). It can only be understood in light of what our relationship with God ought to be. Of course, the most severe example of man's rejection of God (sin) is the Crucifixion. This is where Lent is headed, and what we have to put our Lenten disciplines in the constant context of— Christ's ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. For the sake of our relationship with Him.

It can be tempting to justify all of our failures and to rail against admitting our faults. It's easy to view Jesus' death as weighing on those particular high priests and the angry mob of His day, rather than equally on our shoulders. To overcome this attitude, I believe we have to recognize sin for exactly what it is— *our rejection of God*— and ask for the desire to detach from our personal sins. Hopefully, our chosen Lenten disciplines will begin to help us break our attachments and cling to God alone.



Rice Bowls are in the entrances at St. Charles and St. Peter.

We are motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in 93 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or nationality. Through the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl, we hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide, and devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to change the lives of the poor.

## St. Charles Fellowship Hall Update



Deacon Rider checks out the new oven as it was being installed. The surprise arrival happened on Ash Wednesday following the 12:10 Mass. This is the final piece of the big equipment we have been waiting for to finish up the Fellowship Hall kitchen. The final inspections have started. Look for an announcement coming soon on the Fellowship Hall dedication celebration. Anyone wishing to help with the planning please contact the parish central office.

### Save the Date

St. Peter Parish Chicken Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 19 from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. This 25-year Tilden tradition features cafeteria-style dining and carry-out pick-up in the Church basement.

### St. Peter Parishioners

All men, women, and students in grades 5 through high school are welcome and encouraged to join us as we prepare and serve our delicious chicken dinner on Wed., April 19. Please volunteer by using the SignUp Genius link found in the parish email, contacting your circle chair, or to Cathy Bohl at [cmbohltilden@centurytel.net](mailto:cmbohltilden@centurytel.net), 715.456.0824 by March 16. *Your help is greatly appreciated!*

St. Peter Catholic Church  
**MEGA RAFFLE**  
DRAWING:  
**MARCH 12, 2023**  
ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH  
After 9 a.m. Mass  
Only 200 tickets will be sold. Need not be present to win.

Prizes:	Get your ticket today!
• Grand Prize: \$4,500	• Before and after the 6:30 p.m.
• 2nd Prize: \$2,000	• Saturday night Mass and the
• 3rd Prize: \$1,500	• 9 a.m. Sunday morning Mass or
• 4th & 5th Prizes: \$500	• email <a href="mailto:spparishofficers@gmail.com">spparishofficers@gmail.com</a>
• 6th thru 10th Prizes: \$200	

### Mega Raffle

We have 52 Mega Raffle tickets left to be sold. We need everyone's help to make this fundraiser a success. Contact Megan McChesney or Cindy Meyer for a ticket, or purchase one before or after St. Peter weekend Masses. Drawing will be held Sunday, March 12 after the 9 AM Mass.

## Tilden Lions Sheepshead and Euchre Tournament

Join us March 12 at 1:00 pm in the St. Peter Catholic Church basement for our annual Sheepshead and Euchre Tournament. Entry is \$10 which includes lunch.

## St. Peter Home & School Breakfast - March 12

Breakfast served from 8:30 to 11:30 AM (free will offering).

### Menu includes:

pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, yogurt bar, donuts and cinnamon rolls.

*Please support our parish school.*



## Taste of Tilden Meeting - March 14

At 6:30 PM in the church basement, we will be discussing last year's event and look forward to the 2023 event. All men and women of St. Peter are welcome to attend.

## Catholic Women's Club Luncheon - March 16

### Note: Change of Location

The Chippewa Falls Area Catholic Women's Club will have its March Luncheon on Thursday, March 16, at the **Fill Inn Station**. Social hour is at 11:30 followed by lunch at 12:30. Wear green in honor of St. Patrick.

Menu will include roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn, coleslaw, rolls, dessert, coffee and milk. Cost is \$15.00.

For reservations call Lorraine Gardow at 715-723-0579.

We invite new members to attend and join our Catholic organization to promote fellowship among women from local parishes who support the McDonnell Area Catholic Schools. Annual dues are \$10.00 and start each year in October.

## Eucharistic Revival - A minute with Jesus

We can always deepen our understanding and devotion to this great mystery of Jesus' *true* Presence in the Eucharist.

**20) As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.** We humbly give our assent to what has been handed on to us for the last 2,000 years through the one Church that Jesus founded. This assent (giving our "yes, I choose to believe") involves our commitment to persistence in prayer and study of Scripture in asking the Jesus for deeper understanding.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: *Lord Jesus, "I believe; please help my unbelief."*

This week, read how a father gives his assent to believing that Jesus can heal his son in Mark 9:20-27

## St. Charles Borromeo Altar Server Training

Sunday, March 5 | 11:45 AM Following 10:30 Mass

Thank you for bringing your children to serve.



## Monday, March 6

- 4:15 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 4:45-5:15 Confessions will be heard
- 5:15 Benediction
- 5:30 Mass

*Come spend time at St. Charles Borromeo with the LORD and pray for the needs of our Parishes.*



## Stations of the Cross

### St. Charles:

- Sundays @ 6:00pm Rosary and Stations
- Fridays @ 5:30pm Stations and Benediction

### St. Peter:

- Mondays @ 6:30pm Novena and Stations
- Thursdays @ 12:00 noon

## St. Peter Monday Night Novena

Every Monday night at 6:30, Deacon Dan Rider leads the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions in the church. We recall how she helped others. Her whole life was a lesson in love. *Do you have petitions of sick loved ones or deceased family members and friends you would like prayers?* Bring your petitions with you to give to Deacon Dan and please join us. During lent the Stations of the Cross will follow the Novena.

## Nominations for McDonnell Honorary Alumni

The McDonnell Alumni Association is looking for nominations of individuals who exemplify the McDonnell spirit of community and servant leadership, who give back to McDonnell as if it were their own alma mater. If you would like to nominate someone, please visit our website at [www.mcdonellareacatholicschools.org/alumni/honoraryalumni](http://www.mcdonellareacatholicschools.org/alumni/honoraryalumni) or contact the MACS Central Office at 715.723.0538. Deadline is March 15, 2022.

## McDonnell Alumni Weekend

The 37th annual Alumni Weekend, including a basketball and volleyball tournament, is coming up quickly on March 31 - April 1. This event is open to all alumni as well as parents of future alumni! There are incredible raffles, prizes, delicious food, and fun. Please like and follow the MACS Alumni Facebook group for more information. Email Kari Stepp with any volleyball questions: [k.stepp@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:k.stepp@macs.k12.wi.us) or email Chris Eckes with any basketball questions: [eckes22@gmail.com](mailto:eckes22@gmail.com).



## SPRING AHEAD

Move your clock forward one hour before going to bed Saturday, March 11.

# FINANCES

February 26, 2023

ADULT GIVING	ST. CHARLES	ST. PETER
Weekly Budget	\$9,390.00	\$4,386.00
Envelope Contributions	\$4,621.00	\$2,250.00
Online Giving	\$1,762.68	\$ 415.10
(Shortfall)/Over	(\$3,006.32)	(\$1,720.90)
Budget Thru 06/30/2023	\$488,280.00 (100%)	\$228,072.00 (100%)
Budget Thru 02/26/2023	\$328,650.00 (67.3%)	\$153,510.00(67.3%)
Collected Thru 02/26/23	\$284,907.19 (58.3%)	\$123,181.46 (54.0%)
(Shortfall)/Over *	(\$43,742.81)*	(\$30,328.54)*

This section shows the weekly and yearly budget for adult envelope giving. \*This last number shows the amount that we are (short) or over to make our adult envelope budget from 7/1/2022 through the current week.

EXTRA COLLECTIONS	ST. CHARLES	ST. PETER
Youth	\$ 5.00	\$ 21.22
Easter Flowers	\$20.00	\$321.00
Fuel Fund		\$170.00

## St. Charles Building Fund

5/1/2019 thru 02/21/2023

Beginning Balance	\$ 307,915.45
Pledges Received	\$2,130,689.48
Interest Earned	\$ 110,222.30
Less Expenses	-\$2,229,429.11
<b>Total in Savings</b>	<b>\$ 319,398.12</b>
<b>Diocesan Loan</b>	<b>\$ 846,647.48</b>

## Adoration at Goldsmith Chapel

123 Allen St., Chippewa Falls



By leaving us the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus gives us the chance to be with Him every day. An adorer is needed for the following hours. **BOLD** hours are most urgent in need of an adorer.

**Tuesday at 11 PM**

Wednesday at midnight, 1 AM

Please call Andy at 715.568.5243 to sign up and try any hour or choose an hour that is greatly needed.

## St. Peter 2023-24 School Year Enrollment Open

Please contact our school if you and your family would like to take a tour, meet our teachers and see how a Catholic education can make a difference. We partner with your family offering a Catholic education for your grades 1-8 students. Call 715.288.6250.

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' NEWS



### St. Peter 2023 Christian Mothers' Officers

President: Megan McChesney  
 Vice President: Position Available  
 Treasurer: Position Available  
 Secretary: Position Available  
 Email: ssparrishofficers@gmail.com

### March Church Cleaning: St. Monica Circle

Weekly please vacuum church entrances, wash windows on doors, sanitize doorknobs and handles, clean restrooms, do a walk-through of the church, check the basement. Circle chairs are Amanda Anderson and Jill Schwartz

### Collection for St. Francesca Food Pantry

There will be a second collection for St. Francesca Food Pantry on the weekend of March 25-26.

**St. Peter's School Cleaning during Spring Break — March 18-26.** St. Mary, St. Rose, St. Rebecca, and St. Cecilia Circles. Circle chairs, please contact your circle members. Thank you!

**COME ONE, COME ALL ...** to the 25th Annual St. Peter Chicken Dinner on April 19. We are excited to have this event as a cafeteria style dinner and to be able to work together (hand-in-hand) again. The community and fellowship is what makes it so great at St. Peter. More details will be forthcoming about the dinner and schedule. We look forward to working together with all of you again at this parish-wide event!

## Peter's Patter

St. Peter Catholic School  
 715.288.6250  
[www.stpeterschooltilden.com](http://www.stpeterschooltilden.com)

We've turned the calendar yet once again, and here is March! The sixth, seventh, and eighth grades have been busy in the classroom. We spent time discussing the three pillars of Lent—Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—before choosing our Lenten sacrifices. In Religion the sixth grade has been learning about the eighth commandment while grades 7-8 have been studying the moral and theological virtues.

Sixth grade students have been simplifying fractions, converting fractions into decimals and then decimals into fractions. Prealgebra students are solving multi-step equations with whole numbers, decimals, and fractions. Meanwhile, Algebra students are learning different methods to solve systems of equations.

Sixth grade students wrote a biography about someone they know who has a special skill. Seventh and eighth grades have begun to read *Unbroken*, a story about a former Olympian who became a prisoner of war in WWII.

In Science, sixth grade is learning about forces, gravity, and magnetism. Seventh and eighth grades wrapped up their study of bacteria, protists, and fungi. Everyone is excited as we are working to grow bacteria in petri dishes. We swabbed different items in the classroom and throughout the school and now are patiently waiting to see if there were bacteria on the surfaces we swabbed.

Our brat sale continues through March 8. If you are interested in seeing what we are offering, please contact the school office and we'll help you out.

Make plans to join us next Sunday, March 12, for the Pancake Breakfast. It will be served from 8:30-11:30 AM. Enjoy some tasty food while supporting our school.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great week! Mrs. Dachel and the students in grades 6-8.



**McDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (MACS)**  
 1316 Bel Air Blvd., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729  
 McDonellAreaCatholicSchools.org \* 715.723.0538

**Enrollment is open for the 2023-24 School Year**

**All current MACS families - please complete your enrollment by March 6 in order to hold your child's spot in their class.**

We have waiting lists due to capacity limitations. We are saving the seats for currently enrolled students until March 6, but at that time we will need to open them up to families on the waiting list. We only have a few spots left in our new faith-based Little Macks 3K and 4K programs, so don't wait to apply! Contact:

Admission Coordinator Kathleen Adams for enrollment questions  
 <k.adams@macs.k12.wi.us>  
 Business Manager Teresa Dachel for financial questions  
 <t.dachel@macs.k12.wi.us>

**Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)**

- Review the income bracket on our MACS website under Admissions - Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. If you qualify, you will receive a FREE MACS education!
- WPCP is currently open but closes for applications **Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**
- Late applications and late required documents will not be accepted due to DPI requirements.
- If you are a current MACS family participating in the Choice program you will need to re-apply.

**Host Families Needed**

Have you ever thought about becoming a host family? We have students that attend McDonell every year that are from all over the world. Places such as Spain, Ukraine, China, Japan, Italy and many others. They are eager to learn about the US, our culture, our education and ways of life. If you have an interest in expanding your home to one of these students and making a life long friendship please contact Laurie Francis at [lfrancis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lfrancis@sbcglobal.net). Laurie can share personal experiences, the perks of being a host family and also share how you can find a perfect match for your household. You do not need to be a MACS family or have children in high school to host an international student.

**Chippewa Valley GRACE sponsors Zero Abuse Project Workshops**

On March 15, MACS is hosting two personal safety workshops at McDonell High School, sponsored by Chippewa Valley GRACE and presented by the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center's Zero Abuse Project, for parents to attend either on their own or with their child(ren). "Empower Me" from 6:00-6:45 is an elementary-age appropriate presentation including topics such as the buddy system and identifying trusted adults. "Smart Not Scared" from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. is a middle-high school appropriate presentation including topics such as consent and bystander intervention. Free and open to the public. For questions email <[chippewagrace@gmail.com](mailto:chippewagrace@gmail.com)>.

**The Shroud of Turin March 10-12**

A presentation by an expert on the Shroud of Turin will take place at St. Matthew's Parish in Wausau on Friday, March 10 at 6:30 pm; Saturday, March 11 at 5:30 pm and Sunday, March 12 at 1:00 p.m.

The Shroud of Turin is a centuries old linen cloth that bears the image of a beaten and crucified man. A man that millions believe to be Jesus of Nazareth. Is it really the cloth that wrapped His crucified body, or is it a medieval forgery, a hoax perpetrated by some clever artist? Modern science has completed hundreds of thousands of hours of intense research on the Shroud. It is, in fact, the single most studied artifact in human history. We now know more about it than ever before.

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**Who is a parishioner?**

One who is registered and regularly participates in the liturgical life of the parish and demonstrates support of the parish mission by completing and fulfilling an annual commitment of time, treasure and talent.

**To register in the Parish:** We welcome anyone interested in being an active member of our parish. Please call the parish office (715-723-4088) and make an appointment with Msgr. Michael Gorman.

**Baptisms:** First-time parents must attend an instruction class, which is held every three months. Parents are encouraged to plan ahead and attend the class prior to the birth of their child. Please contact the parish office to sign up for the class.

**Marriages:** Couples are required to contact Father at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date and BEFORE making any other arrangements or reserving a reception hall.

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please see Father after Mass. The sacrament is available to all who are ailing physically, mentally or spiritually.

**Hospitalized/Homebound:** If you are in the hospital or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

**Phone or Address Change:**

Please contact the parish office if you no longer have a landline phone, moved, or have a new address.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Please have all information to the office by Friday noon, one week before the date printed in the bulletin or two weeks before a holiday bulletin.

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