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Dear Parents,

As we come to the close of another fruitful week, let us take a moment to reflect on the blessings, lessons, and growth we've shared as a community rooted in faith, learning, and service. If you did not receive the text messages yesterday you may have your text notifications turned off in your parent portal. When you are at your FACTS dashboard, click on preferences, at the bottom of the page there are boxes under 'Text Notifications.' If this is checked 'no' you will not receive the text notifications when we use this feature. I would recommend choosing 'yes' if you would like to get these texts. We only use this feature for quick, brief, and time sensitive information.

I am excited to share that our Gleaners Food Drive final collection was \$17,055. Thanks to 'Match your March' our donation grand total was \$34,110, which equals 102,330 meals! This will impact the lives of so many people in our community. It's a testament to our commitment to a life of service. Thank you for your generosity, and helping form our young disciples as servant leaders.

Next week we will **not** have bus transportation for the entire week, as Rochester Community Schools are on their spring break. South shuttle students will be dismissed earlier and parents should line up in the 'bus loop' rather than the traditional front loop of the school. This will allow parents to get over to the north campus for their younger children on time. Students will exit the building by 3:23, and staff will take them to the bus loop for pick-up. Please stay in your vehicles.

Data Results

In the fall our student took the Religious Perspective Survey provided by the Office of Catholic Schools. Our students were given a multiple choice question about the Eucharist. We have 92% of our students who understand the *true presence of Jesus* in the Eucharist, body, blood, soul, and divinity. Additionally, 83% of our students agree or strongly agree that they have experienced God's *grace* in their own lives. They are living examples of our Catholic faith.

Regarding our STAR results, during a regular school year all students experience academic growth. Students at Holy Family Regional School are growing (academically) at an accelerated rate. Our students grew 69% in reading and 68% in math which means they have typical to high growth. Other Catholic Schools across the nation grow 51% in reading and 49% in math. We have dedicated our professional learning to differentiation, universal design for learning, have teachers trained in a variety of specialty areas for reading and math, and have moved to an intervention model. The dedication and hard work from our entire staff has helped us reach this within a short period of time. I am humbled daily by their dedication to excellence and living our school mission.

After reviewing our scores with Dr. Bluestein (associate superintendent of Curriculum and Design) and Mrs. Vigneron (our associate superintendent), we are looking to apply for Blue Ribbon status in the Fall of 2025-2026. This would be an excellent way to celebrate Holy Family's 45th year of dedication to providing a Catholic education. When we are closer to our May testing timeframe, we will give a reminder to have students well rested, and to apply their knowledge to the best of their ability. We are excited to celebrate their growth, and we look forward to growing more dendrites.

Your disciple in Christ,

Bridget Hondzinski

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Looking Ahead:

March 24-28

No buses or shuttles to or from school

Tuesday, March 25

Super Readers are Shepherded to Success – Students can wear a superhero t-shirt with their uniform.

Thursday, March 27

School Mass – 9:00am (South Campus)

Friday, March 28

School Mass – 9:00am (North Campus)

End of Third Quarter—Parent Portal Closes

Sunday, March 30

Spring Sports Mass – 11:30am (St. Irenaeus Church)

Announcements:

MARCH IS READING MONTH ACTIVITIES - ALL SCHOOL

The following events are for both North and South Campuses to help celebrate March is Reading Month!

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

MARCH

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A NOTE FROM MRS. MYERS:

Our Patron Holy Father

St. Joseph

Feast Day March 19th



St. Joseph, the most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary and foster father of Jesus, offers us a model for virtue and holiness where the adage "actions speak louder than words" entirely applies. There are no recorded words of Joseph in the Gospel narratives; however, his actions, when considered and contemplated, speak volumes that every believer can draw upon for their own spiritual growth.

Pope Francis proclaimed the "Year of St Joseph" on December 8, 2020 to mark the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. In his Apostolic Letter, Patris Corde ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis expounds on the character traits of St. Joseph as a virtuous and loving father: welcoming of God's will, expressing his vocation of fatherhood in a creative and courageous manner, demonstrating the value and dignity of work and making a sincere gift of himself to serve the needs of Mary and Jesus as a "shadow" of our heavenly Father's love.

St. Joseph is the exemplary model of the hidden life in our Lenten practices of fasting, almsgiving and prayer called for in the Ash Wednesday Gospel reading "And your Father who sees in secret will repay you." <u>Matthew 6:1-6</u> and <u>Matthew 6:16-18</u>.

Fasting

Imagine being St. Joseph, along with Mary as the behind the scenes, the preparatory teacher for Jesus entering his public ministry as the long-awaited Messiah and getting no public accolades of recognition or credit. How often do mothers and fathers perform those innumerable and unacknowledged acts of love and sacrifice that only our heavenly Father recognizes and rewards? This is the Lenten sacrifice of "fasting" from recognition, giving without counting the cost or getting something in return, that we can embrace willingly in our state of life during this Lenten season.

During the hidden years in Nazareth, Jesus learned at the school of Joseph to do the will of the Father. That will be to be his daily food (cf. Jn 4:34). – PATRIS CORDE

Almsgiving

Imagine how St. Joseph labored day in and day out in his trade as a carpenter, eking out a living to provide for the Holy Family's needs and allow Mary to be a stay-at-home mom to their son Jesus. Undoubtedly there was discussion about how they had to do without in order to provide for the needs of the family and charitable giving of resources. This is the unrecognized "almsgiving" that one knows in providing for the financial needs of others and putting aside our own needs and preferences that's especially called for during Lent.

Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. ... He never made himself the center of things. He did not think of himself but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus. — PATRIS CORDE

Prayer

Imagine the burden of insurmountable circumstances and hardships that confronted the Holy Family, and St. Joseph's reliance on God through trusting prayer that allowed him to remain faithful to his calling and the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The many displaced and desperate experiences that St. Joseph prayerfully endured and overcame by God's grace and provision are the "prayer" of Lent that he models for us all as we open up ourselves to God during Lent to realize and receive more of his love for us.

Even through Joseph's fears, God's will, his history and his plan were at work. Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. – PATRIS CORDE

Pope Francis concludes his Apostolic Letter PATRIS CORDE with this prayer to St. Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen. Article from UNLEASH THE GOSPEL Written by David Grobbel, Published March 15, 2021.

Peace in Our Lord Jesus Christ,

Kim Myers,

Director of Campus Ministry





UPCOMING:

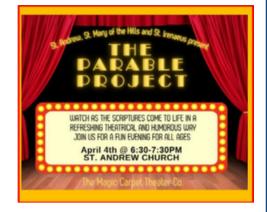
K of C Lenten Fish Fry

The Rochester Area Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Fish Fry every Friday during Lent, March 7 through April 11, at the Rochester Community House located at 816 Ludlow, Rochester, MI.

The menu includes baked or fried cod fish, mac and cheese, cole slaw, roll and butter, and choice of baked potato or French fries

Adult cost is \$15.00 and children are \$8.00.

Drinks and desserts are \$1.00. Cash or credit cards are accepted. For quesplease contact ert.w.simpson@sbcglobal.net.



DID YOU KNOW?

March is dedicated to Saint Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus Christ. This dedication offers a time for reflection, gratitude, and celebration of this great saint. By dedicating the month of March to Saint Joseph, the Church encourages believers to reflect on his virtues, seek his intercession, and deepen their understanding of his significance in salvation history.

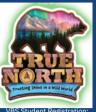
> HFRS website has a prayer button where families can submit prayer intentions. These intentions are brought to the Altar during our School Mass so that they can be prayed over.

To sub<u>mit a prayer</u> intention CLICK HERE.

We would love to pray with you.

FAMILY OF PARISHES UPCOMING EVENTS:





VBS application for youth volunteers.

For More Information Click HERE

ST. ANDREW:



For More Information Click HERE

ST. IRENAEUS:

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing, Housewares & Bicycle Drive Saturday, April 12, 2025 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

St. Irenaeus St. Vincent de Paul is conducting a **one-day** drive for clothing, household goods, small appliances and bicycles. Your generous donations of **clean**, usable clothing, well-packed household goods, working small appliances and bikes are greatly appreciated!

We will **not** be able to accept furniture nor large quantities of items, so please go to the St. Vincent de Paul website <u>www.svdpdetroit.org</u> to obtain their donation quidelines, to schedule a pick-up, or to find a local SVdP Thrift Store that is able to accept such items, or call 313-672-7837. f delivering to a thrift store, be sure to call first, to verify their specific donation hours and guidelines.

For More Information **Click HERE**

UPCOMING MASS LEADERSHIP:

03/27: Mrs. Flanigan 5th Grade

03/28: Miss Ehms Kindergarten

04/03: Mrs. Ritchie 5th Grade

St. Mary of the Hills

St. Andrew 9a

St. Mary of the Hills





Toiletry Drive March 31-April 4

Collection box by the Office

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM

In 2004 the Pontiac Area Vicariate founded Catholic Community Response Team to provide direct referral and support to those with crisis needs in Pontiac. Today, it continues to serve those who are homeless, recently released from jail, struggling with mental illness or addiction and people in need of basic necessities.

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Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Razor

Shaving Cream

Toilet paper

Paper towel

Dish Soap

Laundry Detergent

(no mouth wash or glass items)

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"as long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me."

Matthew 25:40

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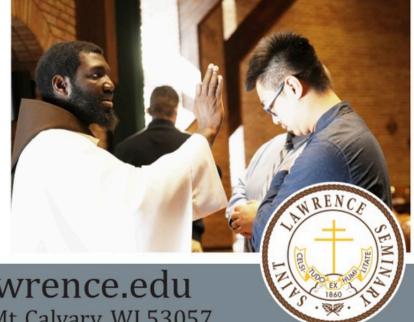


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Connecting Parents, Teachers and Students

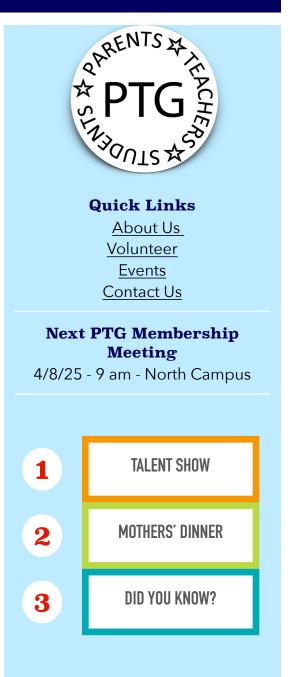


"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...He knows your weakness. He only wants the chance to love you."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

Talent Show

If you have not had a chance to purchase the professional video of the talent show, you still can purchase it by clicking on the link here. Access the flyer here!



Mothers' Dinner

Thursday, May 8th The Palazzo Grande

Save the date for the 42nd Annual Mothers' Dinner: "A Royal Tea Affair" on May 8, 2025 at Palazzo Grande. Consider donning your tiaras and become sponsors for our event. Queen and Princess sponsors will receive tickets and special experiences. Please see more details on the attached information. Tickets will go live on April 7th to the whole school community. We are also collecting bottles of wine valued over \$20. If you have one to donate, please drop off at either school office. You won't want to miss this beautiful evening -- if you prefer to volunteer, please click here to find available opportunities. https:// www.signupgenius.com/go/

www.signupgenius.com/go/ 10C084CA9AC2AA4FA7-55410497mothers?useFullSite=true#/.

The volunteer link will go live at 5pm today. Thank you.

Did You Know?

Did you know that all PTG events are run by parents like you? All events are organized by parent committees. If you have an interest in organizing an event, signups for the next school year will open up this April.

PTG Executive Board

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We are seeking bottles of wine valued at \$20 or more for our upcoming Wine Pull fundraiser. Your donation will help make this event a success! Bottles can be delivered to the office at North or South Campus. If you need your donation picked up, we are happy to arrange it.

Bottles will be collected until April 4th. For more information or to schedule a pickup, please contact Stella Aldo at 248-839-1625. Thank you for your support.

Volunteer Opportunities

We invite parents to get involved and support this special event. If you are interested in volunteering, please see the link below for available opportunities.

This is a wonderful way for dads of boys to participate and be part of the experience

be part of the experience.

Sign Up Link



Event Sponsorship Form

PLEASE FILL OUT/SCAN AND SEND TO: stella.actisaldo@gmail.com

NAME:	
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	Please turn into Stella Aldo OR Main office attention: Lisa Davis
	QUEEN - \$2000 donation
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	and tea served at your table on a 3 tiered tray and special linens
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1 1	(3 Tickets to event included)
ш	 Business/Individual name displayed at the event (tables, video, posters, etc.)
	 Half page ad in digital program.
	 Deluxe table experience during event dining including plate of desserts served at your table.
	DUCHESS - \$500 donation
Ш	 Business/Individual name displayed at the event (tables, video, posters, etc.)
	 Quarter page ad in digital program.



IT'S GAME TIME

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ATHLETIC NEWS FOR THE WEEK

BOWLING

Saturday, March 22nd

CYO Bowling
Final Position Round

1:00PM

Bowl One Lanes

1639 E. 14 Mile Road, Troy, 48083

WINTER SPORTS SEASON SURVEY:

We would appreciate your honest feedback so that we can better serve you and your athlete. Please complete 1 survey per player. You will be asked to sign in to complete the survey but your answers will be anonymous and strictly confidential.

The survey will remain open until Sunday, March 30th.

Winter Sports 2024/2025 Season Ending Survey







WINTER UNIFORM RETURN

Uniform Return has ended, Please return your Basketball and Cheer Uniforms ASAP to avoid being charged replacement fees.

Athletes may drop off their uniforms on the labeled metal rack just outside of the gym doors.

<u>Basketball</u>: return <u>washed</u> shorts and jerseys in a gallon size Ziploc bag with your player's jersey number, size, and name clearly labeled (<u>Smith, YXL, #8</u>). Do not return practice jersey.

Bowling: Keep until after the Bowling Finals on 3/29/2025.

<u>Cheer</u>: Return washed uniforms in a gallon Ziploc bag with your athlete's name and team clearly labeled (Smith, JV Cheer).

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MAY 19, 2025

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Shotgun start: 9:00 am





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- 2025 Scholastic Art & Award Winner
- 2025 Navel Academy **Summer Seminar Acceptance**
- 2025 CHSL Athletic Awards

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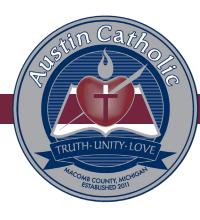
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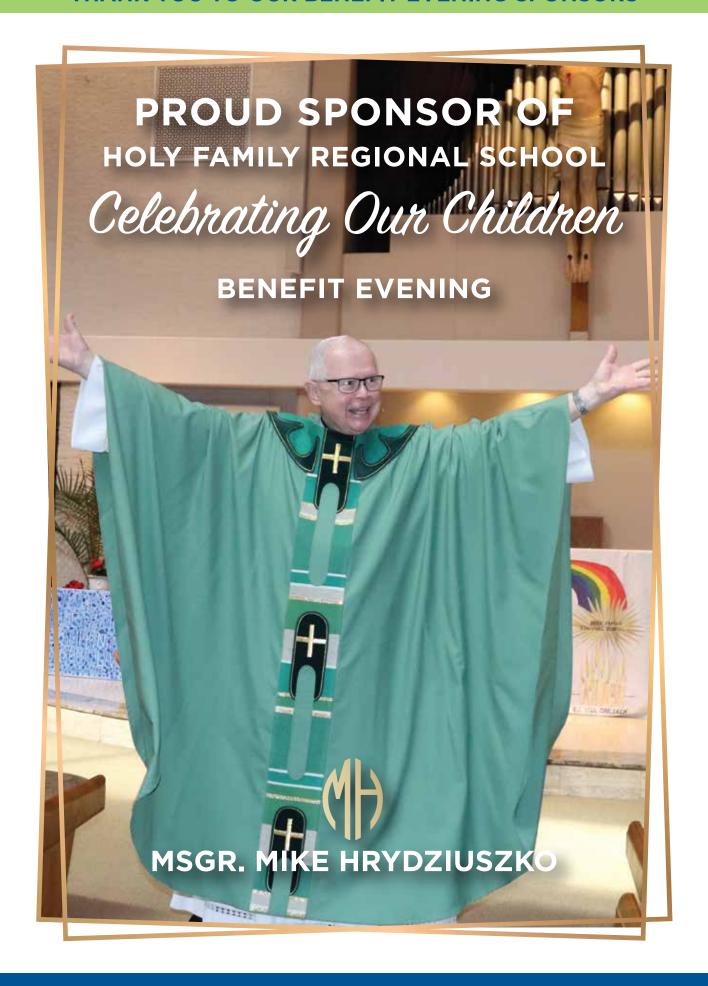
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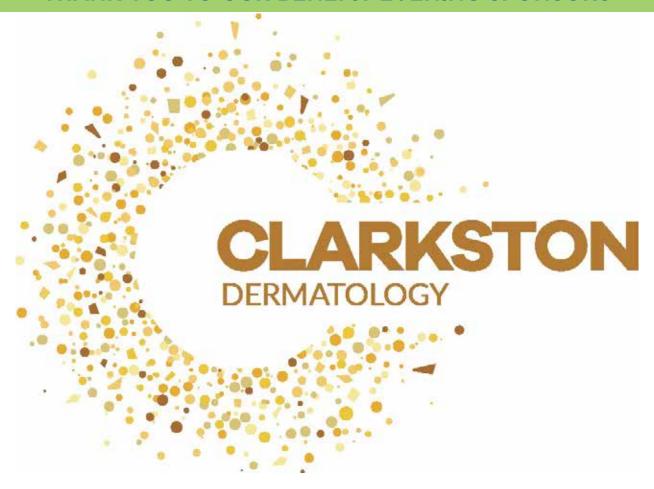




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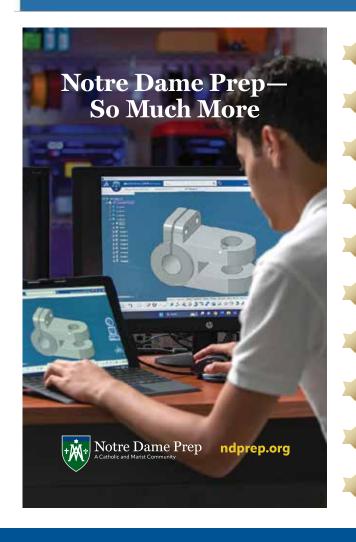
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