



Mr. Jeremie Solak,
Principal

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From the Principal's Pen

Dear Families and Friends,

The Friday morning before last, I hit a buck and totaled my car. It was a big buck, and I am glad it didn't go through my wind-shield. I called my wife to let her know. She told me that she was just glad that I was alive.

That weekend Father Pablo announced that his Cardinal had moved him to his hometown to care for his family. I was (and still am) bummed . . . sometimes it is hard to trust God's plans. And we each have to take the adventure set before us. But I am grateful that Father Pablo (and Father Zeljko) so often remind us that we are loved by God—that our God loves each of us fully in this moment.

I have heard the fathers say this over and over again—that we need to rest in his love. But it wasn't until recently that I stopped to meditate on this for five minutes in front of the Cross and Tabernacle. So I am grateful to be alive, for Father Pablo's time with us, and even for it taking a long time for important things to begin to sink in.

Blessings of knowing-the-peace-that-flows-from-God's-love to you and yours,

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P.S. **Harvest thank you**—thank you for all who volunteered and donated to It's a Wonderful Life Harvest: Sam McLinden (Harvest Chair); Lynn Bringold (head of solicitations) and the solicitation crew—Teresa Fischer, Angie Krause, Julie Lipa, and Shayne Machen; raffle tickets—Lori Fortier and Jean Robke; Jenny and Danielle Oleniczak, Jenny Howes and Tammi Jackoviak; and ALL the parent volunteers who signed up to help make angel ornaments, gift bags, outdoor decorations, serving the meal, and helping with auction pick up! Thank you for growing the mission to grow for life!

P.P.S. **Try something new—Humility Rules: St. Benedict's 12-Step Guide to Genuine Self-Esteem**

<https://www.amazon.com/Humility-Rules-Benedicts-Twelve-Step-Self-Esteem/dp/162164149X>

A quote from this short, quirky, insightful book: "Forgiveness is an act of the will, so whether you feel like it or not, you have in fact forgiven your enemies the moment you ask God for the strength to do so." (This would make a great self-gift for Advent.)

Dates to Remember

Divine Mercy Parish Calendar

Please check the Divine Mercy Parish Calendar often

<http://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/calendar.php?crd=catholiccommunityofmanistee>

School

11/24 No School/Distance Learning

11/25-11/27 Thanksgiving Break

12/9 MCC Advisory Council (MCC Library) at 5:30 p.m.

12/14 Blood Drive (MCC Gym) from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

12/15 YAC-Virtual 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

12/16 Catholic Identity Meeting (MCC)

12/18 Half day for Students and Staff (Christmas Break Begins)

12/21-1/3 Christmas Break

01/4 Students Return to School

1/12 Picture Retakes from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sports

11/30 M.S. Boys Basketball (H) VS B.L. at 5:00 p.m. **Cancelled**

12/2 M.S. Boys Basketball (H) VS M.C.E. at 5:00 p.m. **Cancelled**

12/3 MCAA DRIVE-THRU FALL CHICKEN DINNER at St. Joseph Parish Center from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. (see second page for more details)

12/7 M.S. Boys Basketball (H) VS Brethren 5:00 p.m. **Cancelled**

Prayer Intentions

Daily Morning Prayer

A reminder to all that we meet daily for morning prayer at 7:55.

On Thursday's after morning prayer, parents are welcome to stay to talk about issues on faith, and parenting before the first mass at 9:00. **Please pray for our priests, Fr. Pablo and Fr. Zeljko.**

Advent Candles

Our Advent candles are now available on Etsy at <https://www.etsy.com/shop/BlockOnBlockDesign>

MCCAA DRIVE-THRU FALL CHICKEN DINNER

The MCCA Fall Chicken Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 3rd at MCC from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. This will be a drive thru / pick up dinner. **NEW LOCATION - St. Joseph Parish Center! Please drive down the alley side of the church off Hopkins Street and proceed to the main parish center doors between the parish center and church.**

Our chicken dinner will be prepared by Jerry Zupin and the Divine Mercy Men's Club and will consist of a 3-piece chicken dinner, polish sausage, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, squash, dinner roll and salad.

Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased from any MCCA member, at the school office or from any MCC coach. While this may not be what we have been accustomed too as in the past, this is the best way for us to have this dinner and still bring in much need financial support to our MCC athletic programs.

Thank you for your past support and we look forward to seeing everyone in the drive through on the 3rd.

Toys for Tots/Gifts for Teens Drive and Food Drive

We would still like to collect food for our Thanksgiving Food Drive! Please drop off food at the front office before 1 p.m. on 11/25. Thank you to all who have donated so far! Also, we have the Toys for Tots/Gifts for Teens drive to children and teens whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. You can donate a new, unwrapped gift to children/teens in need. The barrel is scheduled to be picked up by December 4th. Thank you for your contribution and continued support! Happy Holidays!



Thank You to Manistee Jaycees

The students and staff at MCC are very grateful to the Manistee Jaycees for the generous donation they gave to help support and expand our Outdoor Education Program! God bless you all and the work you do in our community.



MCC Growth

As MCC continues to grow and plan for the future, we ask that members of our Saber family and the community take this quick survey to give essential feedback. Thank you for your support!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H7C26BX>

Virtue of the Week

Our virtue this week is HUMILITY - The strength to put others before ourselves. God first, others second and ourselves last. In other words, JOY = Jesus, Others, Yourself.

Resolution

Let's practice the virtue of HUMILITY by not over-celebrating ourselves but by celebrating the successes and achievements of our teammates, our classmates and co-workers.

A Way to Live the Virtue This Week

Praise one of your teachers for the excellent job they do.

