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Principal

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From the Principal's Pen

Dear Families,

"Life offers only one tragedy—not to become a saint"—wrote Leon Bloy.

I used to think that being a saint was boring. And there is part of me that often holds back from the adventure, the drama of Christ's call: "Come, follow me." There is part of me (or most of me) that prefers the safe to splendor.

But my mind has been muddled. And I have been looking at the best things in life as if they would bite. Prayer is not poison. Father Pablo's unfinished painting of B. Pier Giorgio Frassati is in the Saber Café. Frassati, who died at 24, would rise early with his friends to go to Mass at 5:00 a.m. before climbing a summit. He loved the poor, politics, mountain climbing, being light hearted, and Christ and Adoration.

Here is a short story from his life:

Prayer was central to Blessed Pier Giorgio's spirituality. He was often found praying at the foot of his bed. He had rosaries made for his friends and was frequently seen with one in his hand. Once, as he left a church with his rosary in his hand, someone said to him, "So, Pier Giorgio, you have become a religious fanatic?" He calmly answered, "No, I have remained a Christian."

If you are interested in being inspired, here are a few sources of inspiration:

- If a short slideshow is your style, here it is:
<https://aleteia.org/slideshow/slideshow-7-reasons-your-family-needs-to-get-to-know-pier-giorgio-frassati/>
- If you are into videos, here are a few:
<https://frassatiusa.org/videos>
- If you are a reader, biographies:
<https://frassatiusa.org/blog/which-pier-giorgio-book-is-the-best>

Blessings of the peace and joy of Christ to you and yours,
JS

P.S. Try something new—*The Adventures of Loupio*—the comic series about a boy who meets St. Francis (they pass the kid test, for 5+, and the adult test). Here is a brief review:
<https://cedarssymposium.com/review/the-adventures-of-loupio/> You can buy the first one at Amazon for under \$4:
<https://www.amazon.com/Adventures-Loupio-Encounter-other-Stories/dp/158617526>

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

5/1-2 Junior/Senior Prom at Mackinac Island
5/3 Decision Day Ceremony (Gym following morning chapel)

5/3-5/7 6th-10th grade NWEA testing

5/4 Tutoring featuring Mrs. Kaltunas (Math all levels, 3:00-3:30) and Miss Petersen (K-5 students, 3:00-4:00)

5/5 PSAT 8/9 8th grade makeup testing

5/6 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 featuring Mrs. Henderson (K-12 general homework help, advisement and 6-12 English and History) please see calendar

5/7 Elementary Mother's Day program

Sports

4/30 Boys Girls Track at Montabella 3:30-6:30

5/3 MS Track Boys/Girls at Mason County Eastern 4:00-7:00

5/3 Boys BB/Girls SB at Bear Lake 4:30-7:00

5/4 Golf MCC Mesick at Manistee National 4:00-7:00

5/5 Boys/Girls Track at CHANGE to Brethren 3:00-6:30

5/6 Boys BB/Girls SB at home vs Pentwater 4:30-7:00

5/7 Golf MCC Benzie Central at Manistee National 4:00-7:00

5/8 Boys BB/Girls SB League Tournament at MCE 9:00-2:00

5/8 Boys/Girls Track Home Saber Flash 10:00-2:00

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. Zejlko and Fr. Basil.**



Disciple In Christ

Congratulations to Tanner Luomala (Kindergarten) for winning our Disciple In Christ drawing for the week. Students who are caught living out the virtues are given a Saber Rock and announced after the daily Angelus prayer. At the end of the week, all names are put into a drawing and the winner chooses a special prize.

Band Concert

The Saber Bands will be putting on a concert on Friday, May 14th in the gym. Please plan on attending!



MCCS Student Shadow Days

To take the place of our Open House, we will be offering one more date for prospective students to shadow: Monday May 3rd. A presentation for interested parents from 8am - 8:30am will be given to learn more about the school and then take a tour. We will have a form online for parents to fill out and submit a week prior to the respective shadow date. If you know of anyone considering MCC, please share this opportunity with them! If you have questions, contact Jenny Howes, jhowes@sabers.org

Mother's Day Program

Mothers, please join us on Friday, May 7th as we celebrate you! Mom's – please pick up your students from the classrooms at 1:45 PM. We will then head to the gym for a prayer service and crowning of Mary (socially distanced and masks required). Students can leave with their mother after the service.

Home Track Event – Saber Flash

Manistee Catholic Central is hosting our first track meet in a very long time. The meet is May 8 at the Manistee Community Track. It is our responsibility to monitor certain events, and we need at least 12 parent volunteers. 15 would be better. A volunteer signup sheet is in the main office. Please step up and help.

HARVEST meeting

Anyone that wants to be involved with planning or task management should attend a meeting on Tuesday, May 11th at 6pm in the school cafeteria.

Items Needed

Our infant and toddler care need short shelving units or toy shelves, a couch/loveseat/armchair, and well maintained toys and books. Please contact Emily Howard, ehoward@sabers.org. We also need a wheelbarrow or garden cart. Please contact Heather Janowiak, 723-2529.

Yearbooks

Attention Grades 6-12 - Order your yearbook today! www.jostens.com
Questions – Contact Mrs. McComb, mmccomb@sabers.org

Bottles and Cans

Please if you are heading to the grocery store, please stop by the school if you have time and pick up a bag of returns. We really need help with this school project. The monies from the bottle and can returns fund Washington Group for Life and Class Field trips. Thank you. If you have any question's please call Heather Janowiak, 723-2529

Virtue of the Week

Our virtue this week is s ZEAL
- The strength to pursue an objective with tremendous energy and enthusiasm. ZEAL is necessary for everything in life! We need ZEAL to succeed this year, to pursue our objectives with energy and enthusiasm if we expect to succeed, especially when things get difficult.

PRAYER:

Thank You, Lord, for this day, this opportunity, this time together. Strengthen our wills and forge our resolve to have ZEAL in everything we do. Help us to imitate You always, especially in your ZEAL to love others. Amen.

Saber Chef Dinners

Order your Saber Chef Meal today!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWU8weIDo0UZaLdQUkv5s74dTauE2beiOSnavB1GVEGDFUTQ/viwwform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

Please remember that pick up for meals is from 2:30-3:30 on Thursday afternoon or from 7:30- 9:00 am Friday morning at the kitchen door behind the school (door #12) with the doorbell. Please do not come into the school to pick up your meal. There is no change, so please pay with exact cash or write a check to MCC. If you have questions please call or text 231-887-0002. Please order by Friday of the previous week.

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