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Principal**

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## From the Principal's Pen

A selection from "WANDAVISION: ABOUT GRIEF AND LOVE ENDURING" from Word of Fire.

<https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/wandavision-about-grief-and-love-enduring/30162/>

"But what is grief if not love enduring?" Vision muses to Wanda. It's one of the most profound lines uttered in Marvel's entire cinematic run of films, and it made me (and so many others) sit up straight in awe. The naming of grief as something transformative and not something to be repressed or denied struck a chord with anyone watching. This "entering into" sorrow, and experiencing the pain as it is, is something so essential and necessary to human experience—and Christian faith as well.

This reflection calls to mind two great Christian works on the nature of grief and the loss of a loved one: C.S. Lewis' *A Grief Observed* and Sheldon Vanauken's *A Severe Mercy*. Lewis and Vanauken were friends, interestingly enough, and carried on a correspondence, writing letters of encouragement in the springtime of their marriages as well as in their afterglows. The death of a loved one is an amputation of an emotional, spiritual, and physical kind, and we have medical evidence that stressful losses can be seen in verifiable "broken heart syndromes." Lewis lays bare his wrestling with God as he processes his agony, but notes that pain is part of the package:

We were promised sufferings. They were part of the program. We were even told, "Blessed are they that mourn," and I accept it. I've got nothing that I hadn't bargained for. Of course it is different when the thing happens to oneself, not to others, and in reality, not imagination.

## 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

3/16 Youth Advisory Council - Virtual 8:30-10:00

**3/16 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 featuring Mrs. Connell (K-5) and Mrs. Kaltunas (all levels Math)**

3/17 St. Patrick's Day!

**3/18 Tutoring 3:00-4:00 featuring Mrs. Henderson (K-12 general homework help, advisement and 6-12 English and History)**

### Sports \*Subject to Change\*

3/12 JV/V Boys BB vs Traverse City Christian 6:00-9:00

3/13 Bowling @ The Gate Big Rapids 10:00-2:00

3/15 V Girls BB vs. Brethren 6:00-9:00

3/17 Varsity Boys BB vs. Cross Roads Big Rapids 6:00-7:30

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3/19 JV/V Girls BB @ Tri-Unity Christian 6:00-9:00

Saber basketball fans, catch your favorite Saber team by logging into [nfhsnetwork.com](http://nfhsnetwork.com), create your account, search Catholic Central Manistee, and enjoy all the Saber action.

## 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. Basil and Fr. Zejiko.**

### Order Your Yearbooks Now!

Attention 6th - 12th graders: ORDER YOUR 2020-2021 YEARBOOK TODAY at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com). Any questions? Contact Mrs. McComb at [MMcComb@sabers.org](mailto:MMcComb@sabers.org).



### Disciple In Christ

Congratulations to Raylynn in 4th grade for winning our Disciple In Christ drawing for the week of March 1st. 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.

### Parent Community Involvement

Our Parent Community Involvement (PCI) is designed to involve parents in the life of the school. Your time and talent is an integral part of many programs at MCC. It is important that parents participate in the total educational experience of their children and PCI helps to provide this opportunity. All parent volunteers must have the necessary paperwork submitted to the school office. To be connected with PCI opportunities, please call the school and ask for Mrs. Janowiak [hjanowiak@sabers.org](mailto:hjanowiak@sabers.org) <https://www.sabers.org/pci>

### MCCS Student Shadow Days

Due to regulations on large gatherings, we are unable to have a normal Open House this year. To take the place of our Open House, we will be offering three dates for prospective students to shadow: Friday, March 19th, Friday, April 23rd, and Monday May 3rd. We will also have a small presentation for interested parents from 8am - 8:30am on those dates 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 at [jhowes@sabers.org](mailto:jhowes@sabers.org)

### March is Reading Month

Please see attached a calendar of events for Elementary's March is Reading Month activities. [https://www.canva.com/design/DAEW9R4p\\_dI/VSohRuRNd29beuNUpGzLfg/view?utm\\_content=DAEW9R4p\\_dI&utm\\_campaign=designshare&utm\\_medium=link&utm\\_source=sharebutton](https://www.canva.com/design/DAEW9R4p_dI/VSohRuRNd29beuNUpGzLfg/view?utm_content=DAEW9R4p_dI&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=sharebutton)

### Paper Truck Routes

Please see attached a letter sent to area businesses regarding paper truck routes.

### Classroom Supplies

Could you help Mrs. Pointer by donating the following? An Exercise Ball already blown up and in good condition and stools, any kind but preferable short or tall with no backs. Please contact her at [jpointer@sabers.org](mailto:jpointer@sabers.org)

### Virtue of the Week

Our virtue this week is EFFORT - The strength to combine physical and mental exertion toward a goal.

### PRAYER:

Lord, Without EFFORT we cannot accomplish our goals nor can we improve. When we come together and each member gives an all-out 100% EFFORT there are few things in life that are as enjoyable, memorable and fulfilling. Help us to put forth our best effort. Amen

### Saber Chef Dinners

Order your Saber Chef Meal today! [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqzwymdrVGPIAYtekOop\\_kLvE1Cmj-xJQq7mTkVUrwFhYrRg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqzwymdrVGPIAYtekOop_kLvE1Cmj-xJQq7mTkVUrwFhYrRg/viewform?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.

