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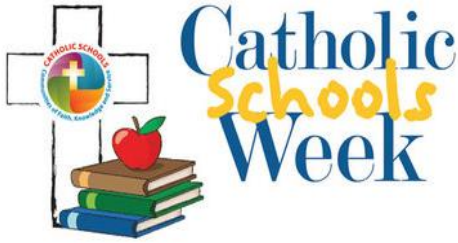
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Newsletter



January 27 to January 31, 2025

Catholic Schools Week was a huge success! Our students celebrated with a variety of activities including Mass, service projects, and fun spirit days. It was wonderful to see the school community come together to celebrate our Catholic faith and the gift of Catholic education. A special thank you to all the parents and volunteers who helped make this week memorable.

As we enter the month of February, we continue to grow in faith, hope, and charity. This month, we celebrate the Feast of St. Valentine, a day that reminds us of God's love for us and encourages us to share that love with others. It is also a time to reflect on the importance of community, kindness, and compassion — virtues that we strive to nurture in our students each day.

Thank you for your continued support, and may this month be filled with blessings for you and your family.

A Prayer for February:

Dear God,

As we journey through the month of February, we thank You for the many blessings in our lives. Help us to live out Your love by showing kindness, compassion, and generosity to others. May this month be a time of growth in faith, hope, and charity for all of us.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

In the Spirit,
the Staff at St. Anthony

**school
registration**



**NO
SCHOOL
February 14th
&
February 17th**

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year was sent home soon with the oldest. Please share with families that may be considering sending their child (ren) here. Have them check over the information on the WI School Choice to see if they may qualify or if they have any questions, PLEASE have them call the school office! We will gladly answer any questions they may have.



Spelling Bee Results: Our school spelling bee, which included students from grades 5 through 8, was held on Friday, January 10th.

Our top 5 spellers were: Mary Lu Dalbec (8); Ceilah Schreiner (7); Lillian Schreiner (8); Emma Krueger (7); and Macey Beran (6). These 5 went on to compete against the top 5 spellers from St. John, Edgar, St. Mary, Marathon and St. Joseph, Stratford on Wednesday, January 22nd at St. Anthony's. The top 3 winners from each school will go on to the next level, which will be on Tuesday, February 12th at 1:00 pm at the Stratford Middle School. Our top 3 winners were: Lillian Schreiner, Macey Beran & Emma Krueger. **CONGRATULATIONS!** Wishing you the best at the regional contest!



The Wisconsin Tax Deduction for Private School Tuition Expenses form is attached to this newsletter. Please remember that it is only for tuition you paid from January to December 2024. It does not include the computer/supply fee or any scrip tuition credit you received. If you need a total amount, please call the school office or email Krissy, and she will let you know your total.

Scrip Program: Families, please remember - any scrip cards you purchase, you get 4% off your tuition!! Any questions about how SCRIP works or any concerns, please contact Joanne or Lil - 257-9274.

On January 15th, Athens Police Chief, Aaron Stencil, visited the Pre K/Kindergarten classroom to teach the students about gun safety. He used the Eddie Eagle GunSafe program to help the students to remember standard safety procedures. The students were taught that if they encounter a gun in a place they don't expect, they need to: stop!, don't touch, run away, tell a grown-up. We appreciate Chief Stencil for taking the time to teach us this important lesson and helping our children stay safe.

We will be praying the **Rosary** one more time before Lent on Friday, February 7th at 2:15 in church. During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be done. Please feel free to join us anytime.



To all of you who save those "priceless" pull tabs from your cans. **THANK YOU!!** Someone dropped off a **HUGE** bag of them at conferences. Ronald McDonald House in Marshfield smiled from ear to ear with joy!! By all means, continue to save them and drop them off. They, in their own small way, help others, and isn't that what we're all supposed to be about???

Essay Winners Announced

Prior to Catholic Schools Week, each middle school student participated in writing an essay. The theme of the essay was 'Why My Catholic Education is Important to Me.' Essays were judged on content, organization, and grammatical correctness. The winners were divided into two groups: 5th and 6th grade, and 7th and 8th grade. In the 5-6 group, the top two were Vanessa Dalbec and Kirianna Boneske and in the 7-8 group were Amia Boneske and Tryce Schreiner. There were several outstanding essays from other students as well.

Quiz Bowl will be held on Wednesday, February 26th at St. Joseph Catholic School in Stratford. Students from St. Anthony, Athens; St. John, Edgar; St. Mary, Marathon and St. Joseph, Stratford will compete in teams.



School Bus Appreciation Week is February 10 - 14. It would be nice for students who ride the bus to show their appreciation in some way. As a school, we are planning our own way of showing our appreciation.

With this in mind, just a reminder of what the dangers are of speeding up to pass a bus when its Amber Lights are flashing. Flashing amber lights are a signal that the school bus is preparing to stop to pick up or drop off children, so drivers need to slow down, pay attention and proceed carefully. Drivers are allowed to pass a moving school bus with its flashing amber lights activated, but they must do so cautiously. Remember the school bus is transporting our most precious commodity and speeding up just to get around the bus before the red lights are turned on is dangerous for us all. Once the bus displays flashing red warning lights, drivers both in front of and behind the bus must stop at least 20 feet from the bus and remain stopped until the red lights are turned off or the bus resumes travel. The driver must stop even if the red stop-sign arm on the side of the bus is not extended.

A citation for illegally passing a school bus costs a minimum of \$326.50 and adds four demerit points on a driver's license. When they are passed illegally, school bus drivers are authorized to report the violator to a law enforcement agency and a citation may be issued.

A WisDOT You Tube video <http://youtu.be/llpXv7ChbKk> explains the amber light regulation and what drivers should do when approaching school buses.



Mass Schedule **FEBRUARY**

Tuesday, February 4th - 3 & 4
 Tuesday, February 11th - Staff
 Tuesday, February 18th - 7 & 8
 Tuesday, February 25th - 5 & 6

Mass Schedule **MARCH**

Wednesday, March 5th - Whole School
 * Ash Wednesday
 Tuesday, March 11th - Staff
 Tuesday, March 18th - 7 & 8
 Tuesday, March 25th - 5 & 6



- 10 - Molly Boneske
- 12 - Ellie Borchardt
- 17 - Carissa Osborn
- 19 - Isabel Heier
- 26 - Kolten Cracraft

happy birthday
 wishing you
 love
 happiness
 peace



CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

