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### **Mission Statement**

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PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

May 15, 2017

*Dear Jesus, Please give me a thankful heart, realizing that all I have comes from You!*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that all of the moms in our school family had a wonderful Mother Day! The weather certainly cooperated to make the day very special for all of those outdoor barbecues and picnics!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the beautification of the parish and school grounds this past Saturday. We appreciate your time and efforts!!

### **FUN RUN**

This Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, is our Annual Fun Run! Students received their pledge cards last Friday. We are hoping to reach our goal of \$3000 and 100% participation. Students will walk, run, or jog measured laps and supporters can pledge a certain amount of money per lap—or it could be just a general amount. This event kicks off right after lunch with the first group, followed by a second group of the students. Won't you consider pledging a certain amount to support our students and our school!!

### **ENDOWMENT DINNER!!**

**COME JOIN US FOR A FUN FIESTA!! SATURDAY, MAY 20TH FROM 7-11 PM IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL GYMNASIUM. \$15 PER PERSON; \$25 PER COUPLE; \$150 FOR A TABLE OF TWELVE. INCLUDES ENTERTAINMENT (MUSIC BY ORPHEUS). AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD, DANCING, CASH BAR. GAMES AND 300 CLUB. YOU MUST BE 21 YEARS OR OLDER TO ATTEND THIS EVENT. CONTACT AARON WARNEZ TO RSVP (269-720-8940, OR EMAIL: [AWARNEZ@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:AWARNEZ@SBCGLOBAL.NET).) PLEASE JOIN US AND HELP SUPPORT ST. MARGARET SCHOOL!!**

### **TRASH DASH**

The Middle School students spent the day today competing in the Trash Dash Competition which was held at the Allegan Tech Center. In preparation, all of the students were on a team of two and had to “build” their own racing car. Trash Dash Trials took place last week at our school. The cars looked great and were pretty fast, but what I was most proud of was their positive way of working as a team and how supportive the students were of one another’s efforts. Congratulations!!

### **TRACK AND FIELD DAY**

The Middle School students will once again this year compete against rival teams from area schools at the annual Track and Field Day in Hopkins. Each of the students can participate in several field events during the day. This is always a fun part of the year. We hope the weather cooperates. We look forward to hearing the results!

### **OPEN HOUSE**

We are hosting another evening **Open House on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 PM.** If you know of someone who has a child(ren) entering preschool or kindergarten through eighth grade, please let them know about our open house.

### **NOTICE PRE-SCHOOL PARENTS**

Parents interested in enrolling their child(ren) in preschool should send in their \$50 registration to hold their child’s spot for the 2017-2018 school year. We only have a couple of openings left. If you would like more information, please call the school office.

### **VIRTUE OF THE MONTH**

During the month of May, we are learning about and practicing the virtue of **gratitude**. Students will focus on practicing being thankful—having a thankful disposition of mind and heart. At the end of this month, students will receive a card of “**Blessed**” **Solanus Casey**.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

All parents wishing to volunteer in our school, or chaperone on field trips, MUST complete a *Protecting God’s Children* training session, AND complete an Authorization Form to have a criminal history check completed through iChAT (Michigan State Police.) In each Principal Newsletter throughout the year, a schedule of local training sessions will be included. For more information, please visit the following link to register:

[https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list.cfm?theme](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme) . Current training sessions:

St. Bernard Catholic Church (Benton Harbor) 555 E. Delaware Ave Tuesday, May 16, 2017 6:30 PM  
Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish (Bridgman) 3903 Lake St, Monday, June 5, 2017 6:30 PM

### **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS**

Just a reminder, that if you are interested in driving for field trips ***you must update/complete your driver information.*** Vehicle registrations, insurance, and driver’s license *must be current.* You will need to complete a Driver Information Form and we will need to see a current drivers license to verify. ***Only those parents with current driver information on file will be allowed to drive for any upcoming field trips.*** If you would like a Driver Information Form, please call the school office and we will send a form home.

## **HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS**

Please remember the Holy Father's, Pope Francis' intentions in prayer through the month of

**MAY:** Christians in Africa—

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

*Reminder: On the Parent Calendar, originally, May 26th was listed as a NO SCHOOL day, however, because we started school this year after Labor Day, this date, **May 26<sup>th</sup> is now a half day of school.** Also, since we **WILL be in school for half day on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, our Feed Our Friends Casual Day will not be on May 19<sup>th</sup>, but rather now on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.** Also, please see the revised calendar dates for **Fun Run and the Endowment Dinner.***

May

18	Fun Run
20	Endowment Dinner
23	LCAB Meeting 7 PM; Track & Field for Middle School
24	PS 4's final day & Graduation
25	PS 3's final day; Girls on the Run 5k at Waldo Stadium, WMU.
26	Half Day; Memorial Weekend; Preschool Picnic; Feed our Friends, Casual Day (changed from May 19 <sup>th</sup> ).
29	NO SCHOOL, MEMORIAL DAY

Sincerely,

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## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, VIRTUES IN EDUCATION

**FAMILY CALENDAR for May, 2017**

What does this virtue look like when put into action: **GRATITUDE**



**St. Margaret School**  
**Disciples of Christ, Education In Virtue**  
**Virtue for May--GRATITUDE**

**Meaning:** Thankful disposition of mind and heart..

**Opposing trait:** Not expressing appreciation; taking things and other people for granted.

**Corresponding Gift of the Holy Spirit:** Piety

**Prayer to memorize:** Dear Jesus, Please give me a thankful heart, realizing that all I have comes from You!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Which saint is a Doctor of the Church?	2 Which saint was a Caapuchin friar & lived in Detroit?	3 Which saint was the first to learn that Christ had risen?	4 Read about St. Augustine	5 What can you do today to show your gratitude?	6
7	8 Scripture: Psalm 9:1	9 Read about St. Mary Magdalene	10 Scripture: Luke 1:46-55	11 Read about St. Josephine Bakhita	12 Think of others' needs before your own.	13
14	15 Scripture: Luke 17: 11-19	16 Read about Venerable Solanus Casey	17 Which saint was born in Sudan and served as a slave?	18 Which saint had seven demons cast out by Jesus?	19 Scripture: Luke 21: 1-4	20
21	22 Scripture: Luke 22: 14-20	23 Which saint was a doorkeeper at a Michigan friary where he lived?	24 Scripture: Colossians 2: 6-7	25 Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:18	26 Which saint was born to a pagan father and Christian mother?	27

<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Write a thankful note to someone today.	<b>30</b> Smile and tell someone thank you.	<b>31</b> What does venerable mean?			
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**Some saints that modeled the virtue of Gratitude:**

<b>SAINT NAME</b>	<b>BIRTH</b>	<b>FEAST DAY</b>
St. Augustine	354-430	1 August 28 <sup>th</sup>
St. Mary Magdalene	1 <sup>st</sup> Century	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>
St. Josephine Bakhita	1869- 1947	February 8 <sup>th</sup>
Venerable Solanus Casey	1870-1957	(not determined yet)

