

February 2024

What is Catholic Schools Week?

According to the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), "Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States." Although Trinity celebrates this week a little bit later than most schools, we are keeping the same national theme of "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Serve."

The NCEA also notes that the events that most Catholic schools enjoy during this week "focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation."

We hope you will tune in to our social media for our CSW events (noted right) and that the week will remind you of how blessed we are to have a well-loved Catholic school in Massena, New York.



Catholic Schools Week Schedule 2024

Friday, 2/9 CSW Opening Mass

- 9am, all welcome!
- Dress Your Best
- Early Dismissal, 11:30am

Sunday, 2/11 Pancake Breakfast

- 9am-12pm, Eat-in or Take-out
- \$10 per meal
- \$30 for 4 meals

Monday, 2/12

- *Wear Spirit Wear/School Colors/Uniform*
- AM: Volunteer Appreciation Prayer Service - 8:45am - Lead by 4th grade
- PM: Board Games

Tuesday, 2/13

- *Wear Red*
- AM: Make Valentine's Day cards
- PM: Valentine's Day parties

Wed, 2/14 - Ash Wednesday

- *Wear Purple*
- AM: Nicandri Nature Center PreK4-2nd
- Noon Mass
- PM: Lenten Activities

Thurs, 2/15

- *Wear Dress Down Clothing*
- AM: Nicandri Nature Center - 3rd-6th
- PM - Stations of the Cross

Friday, 2/16

- *Wear : PAJAMAS*
- AM Reptile Shows
- PM: Build Bridges

IMPORTANT DATES

- 2/1 Trinity Trailer, 8am-5pm
Take Time Thursday
6pm-7pm
- 2/2 Candlemas Noon Mass
- 2/4 Super Sunday - St Mary's, 9am
- 2/5 Morning Prayer - 8:45am
Miss Augenstein's 5th grade leads
- 2/6 PTC Meeting 6pm
- 2/8 "Soup"er Bowl Ends
- 2/9 9am Mass-CSW Kickoff
Early Dismissal at 11:30am
NO AFTERCARE
- 2/11 Pancake Breakfast 9am-12pm
- 2/12-2/16 Catholic Schools Week
(See schedule to the left)
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday
- 2/15 Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser paper order forms due today!
- 2/20-2/24 ** Winter Break** NO SCHOOL
- 2/26 Lenten Morning Prayer - 8:45,
Ms. Bombard's 6th Grade leads
- 2/29 Trinity Trailer - 8am-5pm

LOOKING AHEAD

- 3/4 Registration week starts
- 3/4 Wellness Week Starts
- 3/15 NO SCHOOL, staff development day
- 3/24 Holy Week
- 3/28 Report Cards
- 3/29 No School - Good Friday
Spring Break Starts



SICK CALL



If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the office. A message to the teacher is not sufficient. Our school nurse will follow up with a phone call to see how your child is feeling. Thank you for keeping your children home when they are not feeling well.

Changes in Child's Routine



To ensure your child's safety, we ask that you **call the office for any changes** in your child's routine. - i.e. Dismissal change or early pick up. While email is a great tool to communicate with your child's teacher, sometimes the messages can be missed due to the teacher not having time to check during the day, or not being in school that day.

NEED THE NEWSLETTER SENT HOME?



Just a reminder that if you would like the newsletter/calendar sent home to you please let the office know by either sending in a note with your child or calling the office at 315-769-5911.

2nd ANNUAL HEALTH & FITNESS FAIR



We thank Monica Boyea for again holding the Health and Fitness Fair, to benefit Trinity Catholic School. This is a 2 day event.

March 8th from 6pm-8pm it's all about the kids! Come try fun ways to get your body moving! \$5 per child or \$20 for immediate family.

March 9th is for the adults (16 yrs+) Join local fitness and wellness experts for a day-long event full of classes! \$25 per person.

TAKE TIME THURSDAY



Roses are red. Violets are Blue. Sugar is sweet and so are you!

Join Ms. Mather for February's **Take Time Thursday, on February 1st**, to make your own St. Valentine's Day prayer box. Punch and Cookies will also be served. RSVP to Ms. Mather at lmather@rcdony.org

"SOUP"ER BOWL UPDATE



Don't forget to send in non-perishable items for our "SOUP"ER BOWL! We have until February 8th to reach our goal of 2024 items. All of the items that we collect will go to those in need through St. Peter's Outreach Ministry and the Massena Neighborhood Center.

So far we've collected **482** items and inching towards our first reward! Let's reach the goal of 2024! Stay tuned to social media for more updates!

BRING A FAMILY, WIN \$100



The best way to get new families to join our Trinity family is to TELL THEM why **YOU** have your children here! If you DO tell another family and they enroll their child(ren) for the 2024-2025 school year, you will receive \$100 towards your tuition for that same year! *They must let us know during their registration process what family referred them in order for the current family to receive this discount.

REGISTRATION for 2023-2024



Speaking of next school year... Re-enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year will begin on **March 4**. Please be on the lookout for a letter explaining how to re-enroll your student(s) for next year in our FACTS system (Hint: you will need BOTH of your FACTS usernames and passwords. One for enrolling, one for financial info,) as well as how to register a new student. Our PreK3 and PreK4 programs often fill up very quickly!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Kick off Catholic Schools week with a family pancake breakfast! **Sunday, February 12, from 9am-1pm**, Trinity's Dining Hall will be serving a yummy breakfast consisting of pancakes, eggs, sausage, hash browns and juice/coffee for only \$10 per meal or \$30 for 4 meals. This event will be eat-in or take our (call 315-764-0012) and will benefit Trinity Catholic School's Cafeteria.

EARLY DISMISSAL



TCS, along with MCSD, will have an early dismissal day on **Friday, February 9th**, for staff development. Trinity will be **dismissed at 11:30am**. There **WILL** be

bussing in the morning, and at dismissal, but there **will NOT** be aftercare on this day.

YOUTH CHOIR NEWS



Attention **all** students in grades 2-9.

St. Peter's Parish is forming a Youth Choir to sing once a month at the 9:30m mass at Sacred Heart Church.

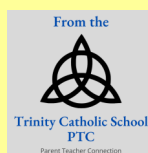
Schedule as follows:

Rehearsal: Wednesday March 20th, 3:10-3:45 Sacred Heart Church

Sing at mass: Sunday March 24th, 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church

Come and be part of our youth choir and learn how to lead song at mass. It's a beautiful way to serve our church!

PTC UPDATE



Join the PTC for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 6th at 6pm. You can join in person,

or via Zoom. The Zoom link is shared via email and the PTC Facebook page. Their topics include: G Hawk Chocolate Sale update, Teacher Luncheon date and theme, and start thinking about Play Day!



SPAGHETTI DINNER



Join us for a spaghetti dinner and Share Fair on **Wednesday, March 10th from 1pm-3pm!** The delicious dinner will consist of spaghetti, meatballs, green beans, bread and dessert, all for *\$10 per meal*. This event will be eat-in or take out (call 315-764-0012) and will benefit Trinity Catholic School's Cafeteria.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

Lent will begin this month, on February 14, with the observance of Ash Wednesday.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



With that, we'll begin to prayerfully fast and abstain. But, what exactly does that mean? Please read this brief explanation from the Catholic organization, Loyola Press.

"Fasting and abstinence are not sacrifices for the sake of pain or vain discomfort. Sacrifice for the sake of sacrifice is not a Christian virtue. We are asked by the Catholic Church to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and not to eat meat on the Fridays of Lent. Feeling an empty stomach, or fighting the urge to have that juicy steak or candy bar does more than just remind us that for some people an empty stomach is their daily bread. Fasting and abstinence help us to ask ourselves the question: "What sustains me and gives me life?" What nourishes me on my journey of life? We will find the answer, not in the steak or the candy bar, but at the end of these forty days of Lent, in the Resurrection of Jesus. We fast and abstain because, when we do, we are reminded of who we are, followers of the risen Christ.

As Catholics, we joyfully engage in Lenten disciplines because we are disciples (and yes, both words have the same root). We pray, give (almsgiving), and sacrifice (fast) because we follow Christ, who loved us so much that gave his own life so that we might share in Eternal Life."

Source: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/len/perspectives-on-lent/articles/pray-give-and-sacrifice/>

WINTER PE ACTIVITIES



Please watch for info coming home about winter PE field trips for PreK4-6th, These trips are a great way to introduce or reinforce the importance (and fun) of winter physical activity. We thank the Nicandri Nature Center for hosting us again this year.

GALA UPDATE



We are getting ready for our **2024 Gala on April 27th** and the excitement is building! Wondering what to wear? Think glitzy and elegant, in Trinity Blue, White, or Silver! We'd also love your help in making this the best Gala ever! If you'd like to be on our fun Gala teams, e-mail Sarah Tsibulsky at advancement@trinitycatholicschool.net. We'll see you soon!