



Cathedral School News—1/22/2020

A Message from Mrs. Gallagher-Kosmatka

It is hard to believe we have just completed the second quarter of the school year. How quickly the days go by as it seems we just settled into a new school year yesterday! In your folder you will find your child's 2nd quarter report card. You are asked to sign and return one copy. The other copy is for your review. Please feel free to contact the appropriate teacher if you have questions or concerns.

An exciting and busy week comes our way as Catholic Schools Week begins for Cathedral Elementary School on **Saturday, January 25 with the PTO sponsored Children's Museum Family Night from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** Our PTO is providing this opportunity for families to gather and enjoy time with each other.

Students are creating a **"THANK YOU SNOW MUCH"** card for our pastors and parishes. These cards are being bound into books. I am asking for a family from each parish to deliver these books after Mass on January 25 or January 26. If you can assist please go to our Cathedral School web page and sign up using the sign up Genius. Thank you in advance for assisting with this delivery request. I will get the book to you on Friday, January 24. Special thanks to **Mrs. Key, Cathedral librarian and technology teacher**, for creating the cover and binding the books.

We have special activities and celebration events planned for all of next week. An overview is included in your folder. Of special note is our **Parent Breakfast on Thursday, January 30 from 7:15 - 7:55 a.m.** in the gym. I hope many of you will be able to stop in, enjoy a continental breakfast, and visit with other families and Cathedral faculty and staff on Thursday morning before school. I also extend a thank you on behalf of all of the Cathedral faculty and staff for the lunch you are providing on **Wednesday, January 29.** Please note details below in the PTO update. I ask that you review all of the daily events and activities as it will be fun to ask your child(ren) about their days during the week.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our parishes and benefactors who so generously support our Catholic education through Aquinas Catholic Schools. The opportunity provided for our children through a Catholic education is a treasure - thank you!!!

Enjoy Catholic Schools Week!!!



In service of your children,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patty Gallagher-Kosmatka".

Mrs. Patty Gallagher-Kosmatka
Principal, Cathedral Elementary School



Art Contest Congratulations

The following students placed in the Christmas Artwork Contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus:

1st Place Myla Schott, daughter of Jeff and Avrie Schott
2nd Place Ingrid Wolfe, daughter of Adam and Erin Wolfe

They were recognized today at the end of Mass. Thank you to **Mrs. Linde** and the **Knights of Columbus** for providing this opportunity for all students to share their talents and reflections on the Birth of Jesus.



Mardi Gras 2020

Congratulations to **Tom and Lisa Kratt, 2020 Mardi Gras Rex and Queen**. They are both graduates of Aquinas High School as is their son **Tommy, class of 2017**. The Mardi Gras Costume Ball will be at the Radisson Ballroom on Saturday, February 8. Please go to lacrossemaidigras.com to learn more and purchase ball tickets. This is a wonderful and fun event for parents to attend and celebrate Catholic education!

5K- Grade 2 Roller Skating-Friday, January 31

The culminating activity for the 5K-grade 2 Physical Education roller skating unit is scheduled for Friday, January 31 from 12:15 - 2:15 p.m. at High Rollers Skating in La Crosse. Included in the cost of admission are roller skates, wristbands for the play area, popcorn, and decaffeinated soda, lemonade or water. Students should NOT bring additional money to spend on extra treats and/or games. Students may bring an additional \$2.00 if they are interested in roller blades rather than roller skates. Students are also encouraged to bring their own safety equipment as safety equipment is not provided by High Rollers and Cathedral School does not have enough equipment for all students. Students should also wear longer socks so as to avoid blistering and discomfort.

Parents are invited to volunteer to help during this event. Parents observing are not charged however any parent wishing to skate will be charged \$5.00 and should pay this fee when they receive their skate rental at High Rollers.





PTO Updates

February Meeting = Wednesday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Cathedral

Volunteers are needed for the Roller Skating Unit for grades 5K-2 Physical Education classes. Mrs. Czeiska is looking for volunteers to assist students with putting on skates at the start of each class period. Class dates and times are listed on the **Sign-Up Genius** schedule on our Cathedral website. Your help, if it works into your schedule, is greatly appreciated.

The PTO is sponsoring a Family Night at the Children's Museum in La Crosse on Saturday, January 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. There is no cost for Cathedral families. Please plan to attend and enjoy a family night out!!!

As part of Catholic Schools Week the PTO is providing lunch for Cathedral faculty and staff. We are looking for parents to assist in the lunchroom and either in the classroom (3P and 4K) or at recess (grades 5K, 1 and 2) from 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. with grades 3P, 4K, 5K and 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. with grades 1 and 2 on Wednesday, January 29 so that the faculty and staff may enjoy lunch together. A **Sign-Up Genius** is on our Cathedral website for parents to sign up to assist with this. Thank you!!!



2020-21 Enrollment



Students currently enrolled in Aquinas Catholic Schools will be receiving a re-enrollment information e-mail from the Aquinas Catholic Schools Central Office later this week. The re-enrollment information will include a 'How To' guide, 2020-21 Tuition Rates, and Financial Aid and Parental Choice Guidelines. Enrollment opens on Monday, January 27 and should be completed through your Skyward account following the online re-enrollment process. Feel free to contact the school office at (608) 782-5998 or Nancy Pederson, ACS Enrollment Coordinator, at (608) 784-8585 if you have questions.

Any children new to Aquinas Catholic Schools must complete the initial enrollment process in paper form or may use the on-line initial enrollment application form that is on the ACS web page. At Cathedral School, we will be hosting "Get To Know Us" tours on **Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, February 5 at 1:00 p.m. for interested 3P, 4K and 5K families.** This is an opportunity for new families to tour the school and have questions answered. If new families already have a comfort zone with their prior knowledge about Cathedral School they do not need to come to one of these tour dates to enroll their child(ren). The enrollment requirement is that a child is 3, 4, or 5 years of age prior to September 1, 2020 to enroll in 3P, 4K or 5K respectively. I share this information with you as a current parent so you can pass it on to any interested families you may have contact with. Please also let any interested family know that I am very open to a personal appointment and tour that better fits a family or work schedule. A call to me at Cathedral, (608) 782-5998, is all they need to make and I will work with them to set up a meeting and tour with me.



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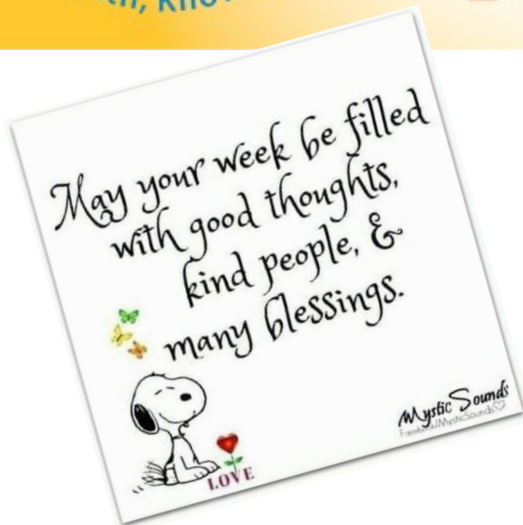
Lectio Eucharist: Lent is a time for spiritual growth. A registration form for the Lenten Adult Bible study called Lectio Eucharist went home to all of the families. The registration deadline has been extended to Sunday, January 26. Please take advantage of this opportunity to increase your understanding of the Eucharist and Mass. One person explained the class by saying, "Before I took the class it was like I had my eyes closed whenever I went to Mass. After taking Lectio Eucharist my eyes are wide open and I see and understand things I never did before! I wish everyone would take advantage of this opportunity and could experience the same thing."

To register contact Amy at (608)783-0847 or dcapelli@charter.net Online registration is also available at <https://www.stpatsonalaska.com/>

Classes begin the week of January 27th. See the list of parishes the class is offered at on the St. Patrick's Onalaska parish website once you begin the registration process.



Catholic Schools Week
Sunday, January 26
through
February 1, 2020



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AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

Aquinas Catholic Schools is a
Christ-centered family
devoted to nurturing students of all faiths
through educational excellence
in its vibrant Catholic tradition.

CORE VALUES

FAITH—Serving Jesus and His Church
INTEGRITY—Cultivating moral character
EXCELLENCE—Pursuing daily improvement
through life-long learning
LEADERSHIP—Inspiring achievement
and stewardship
DIGNITY—Respecting God, others and self

<https://www.aquinascatholicschools.org/ces-home>

School Calendar Reminders

Friday, January 24	January/July Birthday Lunch 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 25	PTO sponsoring "Children's Museum Night" from 5:30—7:30 p.m.
Sunday January 26-Feb. 1	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
Monday, January 27	Grade Level Dress Day
	Grade Level Activities 1:45-2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 28	5K-Grade 2 field trip to AHS for Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas Mass 9:00 a.m.
	3P-Gr.2 Game Day at Blessed Sacrament School from 1:00—2:15 p.m.
Wednesday, January 29	Comfy Day—wear any comfy appropriate clothes
	Teacher Luncheon 11 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Sponsored by PTO
Thursday, January 30	Book Character Day—Dress as any book character & bring that book to school
	Parent Breakfast 7:15-7:55 a.m.
	La Crosse Community Theatre Performance at CES 8:30 a.m.
Friday, January 31	Cathedral Spirit Day—Cathedral shirt with dress code or non-dress code bottoms
	3P & 4K Boot Skating field trip 8:30-10:30 a.m.
	5K-Grade 2 field trip to High Rollers 12:15—2:15 p.m.
Tuesday, February 4	"Get To Know Us" at 6:00 p.m. for new, interested families
Wednesday, February 5	Mass at 9:00 a.m. led by Mrs. Flottmeyer's class
	"Get To Know Us" at 1:00 p.m. for new, interested families
Friday, February 7	Cathedral Spirit Day- Cathedral shirt with dress code or non-dress code bottoms
Wednesday, February 12	Mass at 9:00 a.m. led by Miss Wirth's class
	PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m. (All parents welcome)