



# Cathedral School News—11/13/2019

## A Message from Mrs. Gallagher-Kosmatka

Second quarter has brought transitions to snow pants, boots, hats, mittens and blustery weather. As we watch the leaves continue to drop from the trees we move into the November Harvest season and prepare for Thanksgiving. **Mrs. Key and the grade 1 and 2 students** are working on Thanksgiving cards for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. They are developing some awesome cards in conjunction with learning to cut and paste in their computer classes. Our "Children Feeding Children" monthly food donation at Mass next week will reinforce the need to help those less fortunate in our community and to appreciate all that we have in our homes.

We came together as a school community to celebrate Veteran's Day last Friday. Special thanks to our **second grade Boy Scouts and Scout leaders Lance Hughey, father of Christopher, and Mark Dickson, father of Charlie,** for presenting and posting the colors at our Veterans Day Commemoration Prayer Service. They did a great job!!! Students continue to learn about the selflessness and sacrifices that our veterans have made in protecting our country.

Our annual fundraising effort proved to be very successful. Thank you to all who participated and supported this project. We will be using most of the funds to complete phase 3 of the fencing project outside. That project will completely enclose our playground equipment area with two gates for entering the area. That work should be done in the coming weeks.

I enjoyed seeing many of you at conferences last evening and look forward to seeing the rest of you tomorrow night. While you are here please build in time to look over the books in our Book Fair. There are many choices for you and your family!!!

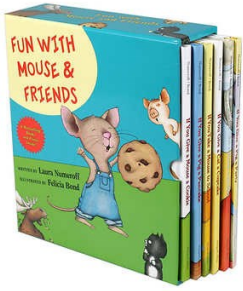
I wish you a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving. Thank you for sharing your child(ren) with us at Cathedral. I am thankful daily for their smiles, energy, and kind hearts.



In service of your children,

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

Patty Gallagher-Kosmatka  
Principal, Cathedral Elementary School



## Book Fair

Our Cathedral **BOOK FAIR** is open this week before school (7:30 - 7:55 a.m.) and after school (2:50 - 3:30 p.m.) and during conference nights (3:15 - 7:15 p.m.). Please stop and look at the displays and book options. Mrs. Key will be available to assist in purchases and answer questions.

## Mardi Gras THANK YOU

Congratulations to Mrs. Key, Mrs. Dobbins, Mrs. Flottmeyer, Mrs. Johanns, and Miss Wirth on writing a grant for STEM bins and materials, along with shelving, for their classrooms. The **Mardi Gras Grant Program** graciously approved the \$1300 request. The items have arrived and the teachers will be using them in their classrooms in the coming weeks and months. Special thanks to **Mr. Dobbins** who picked up and delivered the shelving for the bins and materials from the Twin Cities and saved the shipping costs by doing so!!!



## Children Feeding Children Food Collection-Wednesday, November 20

We will have our monthly food donation at our Mass on Wednesday, November 20. Donations will remain local to help those who are struggling to feed their families at Thanksgiving time. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness and generosity.



## PTO News



- November PTO meeting is Wednesday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m.
- Thank you to the parents who assisted with the Halloween Party: **Katie Woolever, Ryan Lorenz, Casey Lorenz, Crystal Kirchner, Steph Dickson, Sarah Ziolkowski, Meagan Waddell, and Ben Kruse**. Your support and assistance with our 6th grade students was very appreciated and helpful!!!
- Clothing ReSale and Give Away items are laid out in the hallway by the front entrance of Cathedral. Feel free to stop and pick out items as needed.



## Cathedral Christmas Concerts



Our 4K-Grade 2 Christmas Concert will be Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. with our dress rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 12. The concert and dress rehearsal will be in the Aquinas Theater. Parents, grandparents, and family friends are welcome to attend either or both performances. A reminder that for the evening of the concert the students should dress up and arrive between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m. The theater doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The students will be given an assigned room to meet in with their teachers to assist in preparation and supervision. After the concert please pick up your child in that classroom. There will be a reception in the school cafeteria after the concert.

Our 3P Christmas Concert will be on Thursday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the worship area. Parents, grandparents and family friends are invited to join in celebrating Christmas with our preschool children. There will be a reception in the 3P classroom following the concert.

## Cold Weather Wear for Recess

As the cold weather sets in I ask that parents send children to school with warm outside coats, hats, and mittens. Children will also need boots and snow pants for recess any time snow is on the ground. Students will be limited in where and how they play outside if they are missing these items.

A reminder that **solid color** tights or leggings can be worn under skirts and jumpers as part of dress code and for warmth.



## School Closings

As the winter snow and cold weather increases it is possible that school will close in order to keep everyone safe and off the roads. Please be aware that local media, both radio and television, will carry information if Aquinas Catholic Schools closes. You may also receive a Skylert phone call or text message from our President, Ted Knutson, to inform you of the closing.



## Parish News



**Blessed Sacrament Christmas Fair** = The Blessed Sacrament Christmas Fair is on Saturday, November 16 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**MMOC Cookie Walk** = Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be holding their Cookie Walk & Craft Sale on Saturday, December 14, at our Parish Hall located at 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, from 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound, plus homemade breads, pies and candies and many miscellaneous homemade craft items and Scrip gift cards available for sale. Pastries, coffee and apple cider are available from 7:30 - 11:00 a.m. and homemade soup and chili from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Dollhouse raffle, raffle baskets and hourly door prizes. Demonstrations making krumkake and Rosettes. Let us do your Christmas baking!

**St. Mary's Annual Craft Show** = SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019 ~ Come join the fun and find that one of a kind gift for the Holiday Season from several local vendors and crafters. Open from 8:00 AM-1:30 PM at the Coon Valley Village Hall, 108 Roosevelt St. Concessions available throughout the show. Visit our website: [stmarycv.org](http://stmarycv.org) and click on the Craft Show tab for information, or contact Nancy Peters at 608-790-6034 [Peters@mwt.net](mailto:Peters@mwt.net)



No School November 27-29

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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

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## School Calendar Reminders

Wednesday, November 13	PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 14	Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:15-7:15 p.m.
Friday, November 15	Last day of Book Fair
Wednesday, November 20	Mass at 9:00 a.m. led by Miss Wirth's class- <b>Children Feeding Children</b> food donation collection at Mass
Friday, November 22	Box Top Dress Down Day-Students may be out of dress code November Birthday Lunch 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 27-29	NO SCHOOL- HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Monday, December 2	Advent Prayer Service 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 4	Mass led by Mrs. Johanns' class 9:00 a.m.
Friday, December 6	Cathedral Spirit Day Mid Quarter
Monday, December 9	Advent Prayer Service 8:30 a.m. AHS Mini Concert 9:30 a.m. - all school field trip
Wednesday, December 11	Christmas Concert Rehearsal 3P-Gr.2 8:30 a.m. Mass led by Mrs. Dobbins' class 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 12	Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal 4K-Gr. 2 9:00 a.m. Christmas Concert at AHS theater 4K- Gr.2 6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 16	Advent Prayer Service 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 18	Mass led by Mrs. Flottmeyer's class 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 19	3P Christmas Concert 10:00 a.m.