

St. Ignatius Catholic School

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Special Dates of Interest:

- March 2: Science Olympiad
- March 3: Paczki Sale
- March 4: Girls Volleyball Home Game w/Bishop Baraga
- March 6: Ash Wednesday
- March 7: Girls Volleyball Away Game w/Bishop Baraga
- March 8: K of C Fish Fry
- March 11: Tour of the Church at 6:30 PM for 2nd Graders
- March 11: Girls Volleyball Away Game w/Atlanta
- March 12: PTG Meeting at 6:30 PM
- March 13: Girls Volleyball Home Game w/Posen
- March 15: Stations of The Cross at 2:10 PM
- March 18: First Reconciliation for 2nd Graders at 6:00 PM, Girls Volleyball Away Game w/Hillman
- March 19: 8:30 AM Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph
- March 21: Volleyball Home w/Bishop Baraga & 8th Grade Parents Night
- March 22: Dismiss at 11:45 AM, End of 3rd Marking Period, K of C Fish Fry
- March 25 - 29: Spring Break
- March 31: Parish Breakfast

From the Desk of the Principal, Amy Rabeau

Ash Wednesday, March 6, marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a forty-day season in preparation for Easter. The Bible tells us how Jesus fasted and was tempted in the wilderness for forty days in preparation for His public ministry that would end in His death and resurrection. The church sets aside the forty days of Lent, so that we might imitate Our Lord through fasting, prayer, and good works to prepare ourselves for an Easter renewal. During the Lenten season, the children will be following the Way of The Cross every Friday at 2:10 PM in the church. The 5th – 8th grade classes will take turns leading us through this prayer. Parents and parishioners are welcome to attend. The first Station of the Cross will be Friday, March 15.

We encourage the children throughout the year, especially during Lent, to share what they have with others. One service project that we are supporting this year is Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl.

Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Community in the United States. Your contributions through Operation Rice Bowl support CRS projects around the world as well as projects in our own diocese. Seventy-five percent of the contributions go to CRS to support development programs that help families and communities overcome the challenges of hunger and poverty. Twenty-five percent remains in our diocese to support local

hunger and poverty efforts. Rice bowls will be sent home with the children on Ash Wednesday.

The end of the third marking period is Friday, March 22. Report Cards will be sent home when we return from spring break on Friday, April 5.

There will be no school for St. Ignatius students on Friday, April 26. The staff will be setting-up for our Harbor Nights fundraiser.

May we walk through our Lenten Journey with our hearts ready and open to a time where we are more prayerful, make sacrifices, and give generously to others.

Love & prayers,

Mrs. Rabeau

Parent Teacher Guild & Paczki Sale

The Parent Teacher Guild will be having their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 PM in the club room. All parents are encouraged to attend. This is a reminder that the PTG donates \$20.00 for the classroom with the most parents in attendance.

The PTG will be holding their annual Paczki sale on Sunday, March 3. Many

volunteers are needed to make this event successful. If you are willing to volunteer your time on Sunday, please call Lacey Smolinski at 989-766-3137. Help is also needed on Friday, March 1 at 1:00 PM to mix the frosting. Please show support for your child's education by lending a hand. The apple pie sale was a great success because we had so many volunteers.

Parish Breakfast

Mr. Darga will be having a parish breakfast on Sunday, March 31. The kindergarten through second grade classes are asked to provide desserts and fifth & sixth graders are asked to work.

Spring Break

School will dismiss at 11:45 AM on Friday, March 22 for Spring Break. School will resume on Monday, April 1.

Thank you Rogers City Knights of Columbus!

I would like to personally thank the Knights of Columbus for all their hard work hosting the dinner to benefit our school. The men raised a total of \$2,616.00 for the school. Our 8th graders waited on tables and made \$475.00 in tips. This money will go towards their Mackinac Island trip in June. It was a very successful evening, and we are grateful for everyone's hard work!



Circle of Grace

The teachers will be presenting lessons from the Circle of Grace program to all grades the week of March 6. This program is a Diocesan effort to help create and maintain safe environments for children. This faith-based curriculum teaches that each person is sacred and encourages children to have greater respect for themselves and others. God intends our relationships in life to be experiences of divine love. Respectful, nurturing, loving relationships increase our understanding of our own value and help us to love others. A pamphlet explaining the lessons was sent home with the

students. Additional information can be found at <http://www.dioceseofga.org/circle-of-grace-annual-review-756/>.

16th Annual Harbor Nights Fundraiser

St. Ignatius Harbor Nights is scheduled for Saturday, April 27. Our next planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 PM in the school library. If you have any suggestions or would like to be

more active in the planning of this event, please attend the meeting. This is a fun night of dinner, auction, and fellowship. Tickets are \$25.00 each and will be on sale in the school and parish office. We are

accepting new donations for the auction at any time. We hope that your generosity will continue.

Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad is scheduled for Saturday, March 2 at Alpena Community College. I'm excited to announce that this is our tenth year of competition. All students competing are asked to wear their spirit gear t-shirt. Sign-in is at 9:00 AM and events begin at 9:30 AM. Our room is located in

CTR 114. Go inside the door closest to the big lumberjack statue and proceed down the hallway past the gymnasium to find the room. Each student competing will receive a ticket for lunch. The cafeteria is open from 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM. Students may bring snacks to eat in the room throughout the

day. Vending machines are also located throughout the college. The awards ceremony begins in the gymnasium around 4:00 PM. We are so proud of the fifteen students who have been busily preparing for their events over the last few months. Good luck to all of them!

The Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for second grade students will take place on Monday, March 18 at 6:00 PM in the church. The third grade students and their sponsors have a Confirmation retreat on Sunday, April 7 from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM in the school youth room.

The third graders will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on Sunday, June 23 at the 9:30 AM Mass. Please keep our second and third graders in your prayers as they prepare for these two special Sacraments. We would like to thank Mrs.

Wilbert for their support in preparing the students for these two Holy Sacraments.



Lunchtime News

We are in need of parent volunteers to assist during the student lunch hour. Lunchtime duty is from 11:05 AM to 12:05 PM. A calendar for lunch duty volunteers is displayed on the front counter in the school office. All families are asked to work at least three lunches. Please remember to sign the sheet of paper on the clipboard by the calendar so you will

be given proper credit. Thank you and God bless you for volunteering!

All checks for hot lunch need to be made out to Rogers City Schools. When your child's account is low, you will receive an email from the public school. All parents are encouraged to fill out a free and reduced lunch form at the beginning of the school

year or throughout the course of the year if their financial status changes. This information is kept strictly confidential.

St. Ignatius School Mission Statement

St. Ignatius Catholic School provides a Christian Education through the cooperation of our families, the primary teachers of our children. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the love of God, and Christ-like living, St. Ignatius is committed to nurturing all children through a strong formation of faith, academic excellence, and compassionate discipline.

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Box Tops Success!

Our annual Box Tops raffle held during Catholic Schools Week was a grand success! We will soon be receiving a check for \$477.10 thanks to all of your clipping! Please continue to save Box Tops and send them into school. As you can see, they really do add up!

March is Reading Month

To celebrate March is reading month, Mrs. Kohart planned a whole month of fun activities for our students. A schedule of our day to day activities was sent home. Thanks Mrs. Kohart!

St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church 100th Anniversary Celebration

2019 is the 100th anniversary of St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Parish!

As part of our celebration we are looking for pictures to display at our anniversary events. The anniversary committee is looking for any pictures you have commemorating St. Ignatius events. In particular, we are looking for pictures of First Communion classes, class pictures, Confirmation classes, Harbor Nights, church construction photos and other pictures of a historical significance to the parish.

To share your photos with us, we ask you put your name and the year of the event on the back of the photo. A drop box will be provided at the parish office for your convenience.

All photos will be returned.

Protection of Children and Young People

The Catholic Diocese of Gaylord is committed to the safety and protection of all children and vulnerable adults in its care. Victims of abuse are encouraged to contact the diocese by calling 800.727.5147 extension 3534 or 989.705.3534.

Individuals may also contact their local office of Michigan Department of Human Services. For more information on Diocesan policies and procedures for reporting abuse as well as to view the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please go to <http://www.dioceseofgaylord.org/child-protection-policy-208/>



Thank you for ALL your donations for the Cheboygan County Humane Society. Director of the shelter, Mary Talaske, was overwhelmed and extremely grateful for the numerous donations. She said not only will the donations help the shelter, but they have several individuals providing homes to animals throughout Cheboygan and Presque Isle County that cannot afford to supply the animals with food. This will go to help them as well. The students were excited about this service project and were eager to bring in donations. We believe that the education of our students is certainly significant, but our Catholic faith also teaches us that we must use what we learn to be of service to others. This is an important part of our lives, our parishes, and our schools.