

Dear Families,

Welcome back! Hope students enjoyed the long weekend!

Thank God for another successful Catholic Schools Week! Thank you to all who made it run smoothly, from opening Mass to faculty/staff luncheon. The lunch was delicious and greatly appreciated! A few CSW saint snapshots are included.

Our virtue of the month is **Industriousness: diligence, especially in work that leads to natural and supernatural maturity**. Ways to cultivate industriousness at home and at school: work to complete your duties; diligently complete a task (set small goals along the way). Thank you, Mr. Guevara and 4<sup>th</sup> grade for teaching the song and providing the skit to help all understand!

Sunday was the Feast of St. Blaise and blessing of the throats. Fr. Sebastian and Fr. Mike will visit the school today to bless the throats of our students, teachers, and staff. Please see below for a little more information regarding St. Blaise.

**SMCS History Day is Friday.** 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will be presenting their history projects; all judging takes place in Bishop Baraga Auditorium (the gym).

Set-up 7:45-8:15 a.m.

Judging 8:15 a.m. – noon (visitors will not be allowed in the gym once judging begins)

Exhibits may be viewed in the afternoon

Announcement of Winners: Afternoon Email

Elementary Division: 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> (compete against each other for placement)

Junior Division: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> (compete against each other for placement)

Categories: Documentary, Exhibit, Paper, Performance, Website

Each category, per division, could have up to three students moving on to the regional competition at LSSU in March. Good luck to all of our students in the upper grades.

God bless,  
Hedy A. Yanni  
Principal

This bishop and martyr lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast, the Church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats with candles. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. The candles are crossed against the throat, and the following prayer is said: Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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**School Office Hours:**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

**Upcoming Events:**

**Feast of St Blaise: Blessing of Throats for our students, Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Mary's History Day: Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>; 8:15 a.m.**

**Friends of St. Mary's Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>; 4:00-6:30 p.m. O'Callaghan Hall, St. Joseph Parish**

**Noah's Ark Dynamic West Assembly: Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>; 1:00pm & 2:00pm, Bishop Baraga Auditorium**

**Winter Break Day: No School, Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Progress Reports Issued: Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Regional Spelling Bee: Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m., Pickford High School**

**HASA Meeting: Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Clubroom**

**Early Dismissal: Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00a.m.; parent/teacher conference by request**

# Catholic Schools Week Snapshots

