

DIocese of Saginaw Catholic Schools NEWSLETTER

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Catholic Schools Week

Catholic school students in all 13 schools across the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw are celebrating national Catholic Schools Week between Sunday, Jan. 29 and Saturday, Feb. 4. The theme this year is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.” It encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of a Catholic education. First and foremost, schools are communities — small families in their own right, but also members of the larger community of home, church, city and nation. Faith, knowledge and service are foundational pillars of Catholic school education.

“At the beginning of the school year, I had the great joy of celebrating Mass at each of our Catholic schools,” said the Most Rev. Joseph R. Cistone, Bishop of Saginaw. “The faith of our young people is so uplifting, and I encouraged them to continue to ‘be the difference’ in the lives of others.”

Catholic Schools and Catholic Schools Week

The weeklong, national observance of Catholic

Schools Week serves as an opportunity to highlight the contributions of Catholic schools to the Church, local community and country. In addition to service projects showcasing ongoing student efforts to “be the difference” in the lives of others, special Masses and fun school activities.

Below is a listing of some of the activities planned across the diocese during Catholic Schools Week 2017. Several open houses also are planned to invite new families to learn about the many benefits of a Catholic school education.

Monday, Jan. 30

- Students from **All Saints Central Elementary School in Bay City** will donate food to local soup kitchens and write thank you letters to public servants such as local police, fire and rescue (all week)

- Student from **Auburn Area Catholic School in Auburn** will decorate cards with Bible verses to be distributed during meals at the East Side Soup Kitchen

- Students at **Blessed Sacrament School in Midland** will assemble donation bags to benefit foster children and victims of domestic abuse

- 8:05 a.m. **Students from St. Brigid of Kildare School in Midland** will pray with community heroes such as local police and firefighters and will serve them breakfast following

- 6:30 p.m. **OPEN HOUSE at Nouvel Catholic Central High School in Saginaw** for all families interested in learning about the many benefits of a Catholic school education

Tuesday, Jan. 31

- 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. High School Students from **Sacred Heart Academy in Mount Pleasant** will visit area nursing homes

Wednesday, Feb. 1

- Students at **Our Lady of Lake Huron School in Harbor Beach** will write letters to military men and women thanking them for their service



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ALL SAINTS CENTRAL SCHOOLS, BAY CITY
Sacred Heart Academy, Mt. Pleasant
Nouvel Catholic Central Schools, Saginaw
St. Mary School, Alma

Auburn Area Catholic School, Auburn
St. Joseph the Worker School, Beal City
Our Lady of Lake Huron School, Harbor Beach
BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL, MIDLAND

St. Brigid of Kildare School, Midland
ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL, PINCONNING
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Thursday, Feb. 2

- Students from **All Saints Central Middle and High School in Bay City** will send cards to seminarians and to the religious orders in the diocese in honor of Vocations Day
- 1 p.m., The students at **St. Joseph the Worker Catholic School in Beal City** will entertain parents and guests during a “Celebrate Rock ‘n’ Roll” mock rock/talent show
- 6 p.m., OPEN HOUSE at **Nouvel Catholic Central Elementary School in Saginaw**
- 7 p.m. **Nouvel Catholic High School students in Saginaw** will participate in a talent show. Admission for the show will be a canned food donation to benefit the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Friday, Feb. 3

- 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., OPEN HOUSE at **Blessed Sacrament School in Midland**
- 10 a.m., Eighth grade students at **Nouvel Catholic Central Elementary School in Saginaw** will “take on” the teachers and parents in a popular yearly basketball matchup. On display will be posters depicting each class’s favorite bible verse
- 1 p.m., The friendly competition of the Catholic Quiz Bowl among the diocese’s three Catholic high schools: **All Saints Central (Bay City), Nouvel Catholic Central (Saginaw) and Sacred Heart Academy (Mount Pleasant)** will be held at Sacred Heart Academy
- 12:30 p.m. Students from **St. Michael School in Pinconning** will celebrate the school’s 100th anniversary with a parade to feature religiously themed wagon “floats” designed by students. Students will also donate to several charities

“Our Catholic school students are helping to feed the poor, visiting the elderly and raising awareness of important social issues during Catholic School Week and all throughout the year,” said Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools Mary Ann Deschaine. “With the same enthusiasm that they reach out to others, they are committed to excellence in the classroom. Our schools have a 99-percent graduation rate, and 94 percent go on to college.”

The Catholic Diocese of Saginaw is home to 13 Catholic schools. School leaders, teachers and staff are committed to excellence in faith formation, academics, athletics, the arts and community service. The legacy of Catholic school education in our diocese began in 1868. **To learn more about a Catholic school education call [989.799.7910](tel:989.799.7910) to schedule a school tour.**