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Students to Thank Police and Firefighters, Visit Elderly, Hold Talent Shows, and More During Catholic Schools Week

More than 2,000 Catholic school students across the Diocese of Saginaw will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 28 to Feb. 3 along with nearly 2 million Catholic school students across the United States. A detailed schedule of events is available below:

SAGINAW — Catholic school students in all 13 schools across the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw are participating in the nationwide Catholic Schools Week celebration from Jan. 29 to Feb. 3. The theme this year is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.”

“Catholic schools have made a tremendous contribution to the intellectual and moral strength of our country and, indeed, the world,” said the Most Rev. Joseph R. Cistone, Bishop of Saginaw. “Founded on the generosity and sacrifice of parents and parish communities, they have excelled due to the commitment and expertise of many priests and religious congregations, as well as dedicated lay faculty and staff.”

Catholic Schools and Catholic Schools Week

The week-long, 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 the service projects planned, special Masses and fun school activities will be taking place. There also will be several open houses for families interested in learning more about Catholic school education.

As a group, Catholic school students perform among the top in the country. They have a 99-percent graduation rate and 94 percent go to college. Additionally, Catholic school students are known for the countless hours of service they provide in their local communities. In the Diocese of Saginaw, students help feed the poor, visit the elderly, and raise awareness of important social issues.

Here is a listing of some of the activities taking place across the diocese during Catholic Schools Week. Photos of these events will be available on the diocesan website, Saginaw.org and on the Diocese of Saginaw Facebook page:

Monday, Jan. 29

- Students from All Saints Catholic Schools in Bay City will collect personal care items and raise money to purchase items for families in need.
- 9 a.m., Students from Blessed Sacrament School in Midland will present gifts to local police and firefighters in appreciation for their service.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

- 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Students at St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic School in Midland will present an art and talent show.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

- 9:30 a.m. to 10:25 a.m., Students from Sacred Heart Academy in Mt. Pleasant will host guests from area nursing homes. The group will play bingo together.
- 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Students from Nouvel Catholic Central Elementary School in Saginaw will participate in 30 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration.
- 10 a.m., Students at St. Mary Catholic School in Alma will visit residents at the senior living center, Masonic Pathways in Alma. This will include a sing-a-long.
- Students from St. Joseph the Worker Catholic School in Beal City will visit the Giant Mysterious Dinosaur Exhibit at the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science in Midland.

Thursday, Feb. 1

- Students from All Saints 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.
- Students from St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School in Reese will visit and participate in fun activities with residents at Great Lakes Rehab Center (senior care and rehabilitation center).

Friday, Feb. 2

- 9:30 a.m., Students from Blessed Sacrament School in Midland will be treated to a chemistry demonstration by Michael Garlick, a former technician for Dow who has been featured on the Discovery Channel.
- 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.
- 12:30 p.m. Students from St. Michael School in Pinconning will hold a parade to feature religiously themed wagon “floats” designed by students and will perform skits. Students will also donate to several charities
- 12:45 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 (Mt. Pleasant) will be held at Nouvel Catholic Central High School
- Our Lady of Lake Huron School in Harbor Beach will deliver care packages to various community organizations and businesses.

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. Our Schools include: Our Lady of Lake Huron School, Harbor Beach, St. Brigid of Kildare School, Midland, Blessed Sacrament School, Midland, St. Joseph the Worker School, Beal City, Sacred Heart Academy, Mt. Pleasant, St. Mary School, Alma, St. Michael School, Pinconning, Auburn Area Catholic School, Auburn, St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School, Reese, All Saints Central Middle and High Schools, Bay City, All Saints Central Elementary School, Bay City, Nouvel Catholic Central Elementary School, Saginaw and Nouvel Catholic Central High School, Saginaw.

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