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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Feb. 12th	CSW Mass at St. Martin 9:30
Feb 13th & 14th	K-5th grade Parent/Teacher conf.
Feb. 15th	Burning of palms 2:20 - parking lot
Feb. 16th - 20th	No School Presidents' Weekend
Feb. 19th	CSW Mass at St. Anthony 8:30
Feb. 22nd	Ash Wednesday
March 3rd	Reconciliation for 2nd - 5th graders

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

For the month of February, the students are learning about Saint Benedict:

Benedict and his twin sister, Scholastica, were born into a noble Roman family in Nursia, Italy, about 480. The name Benedict means "Blessed." His parents were wealthy so they sent him to Rome to be educated. When he was about 17, he decided to become a hermit because he was not happy with the way that students at his school behaved. With the help of an old monk, Benedict found a cave on Mount Subiaco about 50 miles south of Rome. Food was delivered to him using a basket and pulley system. He lived there for 3 years! Men soon recognized his holiness and joined him.

Blessings,
Mrs. Sowada

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

There will be no newsletter next week since Holy Family School will not be in session Thursday - Monday, February 16th - 20th. Enjoy the long break!!

BURNING OF PALMS

Holy Family School will gather at 2:20 next Wednesday, Feb. 16th in the school parking lot to burn palms for the upcoming Ash Wednesday. Families are welcome to join and bring palms from home to burn.

CHILDCARE

Our Childcare program will be closed Feb. 16th- 20th over President's Day Weekend and school break.

HFS PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE INVITATION!

Parents & their children going into Preschool and/or Kindergarten next year are all invited to **HFS' upcoming Preschool & Kindergarten Open House on Sunday, Feb. 26th from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.** Families will have an opportunity to visit the teachers and classrooms and hear more about the programs. Registration materials will be available at the event. ***There will be an informational meeting for Kindergarten parents at 12:00, and a Preschool/PreK parent meeting at 12:30.*** If you have any questions or are unable to attend, please call the school office (845-2011) for more information. We are happy to share it with you. Invitations for potential Preschool and Kindergarten students were sent home this week.

REGISTRATION FORMS

Registration forms for the 2023-2024 school year will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. Please watch in the home folders for more information.

RICE BOWLS FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd which begins the lenten season. Rice bowls will be sent home in folders this week. This Lent, as always, we are called to commit to our global human family through daily prayer, weekly fasting and alms giving. Students are asked to put collected coins in their Rice Bowls. Lenten alms from the Rice Bowls will go towards alleviating hunger and poverty in communities throughout the world. Please return the Rice Bowl donation at the beginning of Holy Week.

LUNCH/RECESS DUTY NOTICE

All parents are required to sign in the office before heading downstairs to help with lunch and recess duty by 11:20. Please mark your calendars when it is your day to help out. If you are unable to make it in, it is your responsibility to find a sub as soon as possible. Recess duty will be from 11:30 - 12:30. Please make sure to sign out when you are done. If you have made arrangements with a sub or another family to cover for you, please notify the office of any changes and send \$12 in for the sub. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

Fri., 2/10	Ben & Alicia Mergen
Mon., 2/13	Adam & Angie Rushmeyer
Tues., 2/14	Ron & Ami Ohmann
Weds., 2/15	Joe & Kristy Peternell
Thurs., 2/16	NO SCHOOL
Fri., 2/17	NO SCHOOL

SCHOOL MASS

Next week's school Mass, Wednesday, Feb. 15th, at 9:00 a.m. is prepared by Mrs. Richter's 3rd grade class. Please join us for Mass!

K-5 PARENT/ TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences will be held next Monday and Tuesday, Feb 13th & 14th. Conference schedules were sent home last week, please make sure the time works for you.

YEARBOOKS

There is still time to order a yearbook if you have not already done so. After February 24th the cost will increase to \$20 with a limited number of books available on a first come first serve basis. Online ordering will remain open until they are gone. Use the following link to order your yearbook now. [Yearbook order](#)

SPOTLIGHT ON A FAMILY

The Carbert Family

The Carbert's are a family of six along with two dogs, Maggie and Lucy. Owen is in 6th grade, Kurt is in 2nd grade, Joey is in Ms Lori's PreK class and Emmy is 3 years old and goes to daycare. They live just south of Albany and close to Grandma & Grandpa! They enjoy camping at Kamp Dels, Jellystone, and Grandma & Grandpa's lake. The boys like driving four wheeler, hunting, and playing sports. Their favorite thing to do as a family is game nights! Kurt's favorite memory of HFS is eating lunch and he looks forward to recess and playing with his friends. Joey is excited to be in PreK and make new friends and play with the toys.



BOOK CLUB

We are excited to again offer a Book Club this school year. In order to have meaningful conversations and discussions about the book, students need to be committed to reading the provided books. 'Page Turners' will meet four times this year from 2:45-3:45 on the following dates.

April 4th

ART CLUB

We are excited to offer an after school Art Club this year! Art club is for students who are in grades 3-5 and LOVE to do art, drawing, painting, creating and designing. They will meet on the following dates:

March 7th

May 2nd

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL RAFFLE

Tickets for this annual Catholic School Raffle are available! 100% of the money raised with this raffle stays at Holy Family. Tickets are \$5 for a chance to win great prizes! They are available in our school office, as well as every HFS family has books they are selling! Our goal is to sell 2,000 tickets and raise \$10,000 for the school! Visit the Catholic United Financial webpage for the Catholic Schools Raffle prize list. Check it out at <https://www.catholicunitedfinancial.org/raffle/> Thanks for your support!

You can sell tickets before or after mass at the HOH parishes. Sign up on Schoolspeak

HFS WILL BE HOSTING CAMP INVENTION THIS SUMMER

Make New Discoveries this Summer at Camp invention! HFS will be hosting camp invention again this summer June 12-16th. Camp Invention is a national STEM education camp/program. This is open to all students going into K-6th grade. (Do not have to attend HFS) Register early at INVENT.ORG/CAMP and save \$25!

RANGER FOR SALE

Greg Smoley, winner of this year's Snowball Ranger Raffle, would like to sell the ranger. If you are interested in it, please contact Greg at 320-250-7135.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Family School is a Christ-centered family. We strive to help each child reach his or her potential in an environment where our Catholic faith is lived and celebrated.