

# Little Flower Catholic Elementary School -- Newsletter for Friday, January 15, 2016

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The **mission** of Little Flower Catholic Elementary School is to cooperate with parents to provide our children a strong foundation, rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in academic excellence, for a life of faith, integrity and service.

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We at Little Flower School are grateful that we can be a part of a team of educators and workers who are able to help our children and families and parish and community to experience the benefits of a Catholic school in their midst. **In recognition of the upcoming Catholic Schools Week**, we would like to share the following article.

## 101 Reasons to Send Your Child to a Catholic School

Source: *Catholic School Chronicle*

### So they can experience:

1. Prayer each morning before the school day begins ;
2. Prayer before eating lunch;
3. Prayer at the end of each school day;
4. A Christmas concert rather than a "Winter Concert" ;
5. Weekly Mass with their closest friends ;
6. Learning about Saints and other heroes of faith ;
7. Praying the Rosary;
8. Participating in the Stations of the Cross;
9. Spiritual retreats ;
10. Celebrating the true meaning of Christmas;
11. Reading scripture regularly;
12. Praying with the entire school when disasters or tragedies occur;
13. Celebrating All Saints Day instead of Halloween;
14. No school on Easter Monday!
15. Learning responsibility for their own education by fundraising;
16. Learning the connection between faith and reason;
17. Being able to talk to a teacher about religion;
18. Sharing faith journeys with each other ;
19. Seeing priests on a regular basis;
20. Celebrating Mary in May;
21. Halls decorated with a manger during Advent and Christmas;
22. Talking with friends about what to give up for Lent;
23. Congratulating second graders on receiving First Communion;
24. Helping Catholic Charities with service projects;
25. Hearing Jesus' name regularly, and not as a swear word;
26. Getting pets blessed on the feast of St. Francis;
27. Getting throats blessed on the feast of St. Blaise;
28. Celebrating the Immaculate Conception
29. Seeing teachers at Sunday Mass;
30. Connecting service with Catholic social teaching;
31. Hearing a consistent pro-life message;
32. Easy shopping for school clothes!
33. Being able to discuss the religious symbolism in works like *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *The Lord of the Rings*;
34. St. Nicholas parties;
35. Epiphany parties
36. Seeing the same friends at church that they see at school ;
37. Learning about liturgical colors and seasons;
38. Discipline based on gospel values;
39. Crucifixes on the walls;
40. Statues of Mary;
41. Religious-themed bulletin boards;
42. Nearness to the Blessed Sacrament ;
43. The chance to lector at school Masses;
44. The chance to serve at the altar at school Masses;
45. Making Rosaries during art class;
46. Learning that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit;
47. Hearing "Make room for Jesus!" at school dances;
48. Seeing teachers wear religious-themed jewelry or clothing to school;
49. Hearing a teacher witness to his or her faith ;
50. Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus at Easter;
51. Religious art on the walls;

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+++++ **Additional Information For You to Know** +++++

+++ Our **third grade students** will have **Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, January 16, 8am-12noon, beginning with Mass.** Parents will receive reminder emails regarding tasks they have volunteered to help with for the retreat. Please make sure you and your third grader have completed the Confirmation workbook by this time.

The second **First Reconciliation Parent meeting** will be held on **Sunday January 31 at 9:30 AM** in Dorothy's Room . Children will receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation on February 27 .**

Thank You, May God Bless you this New Year, Rebecca Leier

+++ **Little Flower PTO invites you to attend the Little Flower Carnival on Sunday, January 31** at the Rugby Armory; Noon – 3:00PM. Concessions will be served! Come for a day of fun, food and games for all ages!!!

+++ **Little Flower School raffle tickets are for sale now!** The drawing will be January 31 at the school carnival. The tickets are \$10 each or 11 for \$100 with the chance to win one of six prizes: Grand Prize: \$1000 cash; 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$500 cash; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: ipad Air2 16GB; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Family Weekend Getaway in Grand Forks 1 Night stay at Canadinn with 4 water park passes, \$50 meal certificate, 4 passes to Northern Air Family Fun Center; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: \$250 Envision Gift Card; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize: \$200 Leever's Foods Gift Card.

+++ **RE: Raffle Tickets** – It takes a TEAM EFFORT to make the fundraiser successful. We have more than enough books turned into the office and would like YOUR help making sure that they all get sold. Feel free to stop by the office and check out additional books. LFS PTO appreciates your hard work.

+++ **Catholic Schools Week Activities:** **Sunday,** January 31 – CSW Mass 10:30 AM, Carnival Noon-3:00 PM All Welcome; **Monday,** February 1 – Teachers & Staff honored all week, Sports Day; **Tuesday,** February 2 – Students may invite special guests to lunch, Mix-Match Day; **Wednesday,** February 3 – Cookies for a Cause 2:00-3:00 PM, Red, White & Blue & Wacky Hair Day; **Thursday,** February 4 – Open House, Supper & music Performances, Cookies for a Cause 5:30-7:00 PM, Pajama Day or Lounging Wear Day; **Friday,** February 5 – Pilgrimage to Holy Doors at St. Ann's in Belcourt, Mass at 1:00 PM, Family Dance Memorial Hall 7:00-9:00, Color Day.

