

# Little Flower Catholic Elementary School -- Newsletter for Friday, January 22, 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 staff who are able to help our children and families and parish and community to experience the benefits of a Catholic school in their midst. Because of Catholic Schools Week, we would like to finish sharing the following article.

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

Source: *Catholic School Chronicle* [continued from last week's Newsletter]

### So they can experience:

52. A curriculum designed to help students grow in spirituality
53. Learning about sacred music in music class
54. The freedom to talk about any religion, rather than no religion
55. An atmosphere that cares more about students getting in to heaven than into Harvard
56. Spending seven hours a day in a faith community
57. Learning about all vocation options including marriage, ordained, and religious life
58. Getting to listen to the Pope talk about school
59. Discussing the religious and ethical implications of stem cell research, abortion, euthanasia, and other life issues
60. Dressing up as their favorite saint for All Saints Day
61. Constant support and encouragement in their spiritual life
62. Exposure to classic spiritual works by St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Francis de Sales, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Catherine of Siena, etc.
63. Ash Wednesday Mass
64. Daily exposure to the Bible
65. Learning about the Catholic contribution to science through great Catholic scientists including Pasteur, Mendel, Lemaitre, Bacon, and Albertus Magnus
66. A mission to educate the whole child: spiritually, as well as academically, morally, socially and physically.
67. An outstanding academic program helps students become their best selves
68. The freedom to talk explicitly about the creator who has endowed us with the inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness
69. Learning about the redemptive value of suffering
70. Teachers who explicitly model their instruction after the great teacher, Jesus Christ
71. Celebrating St. Joseph the Worker
72. A natural integration with all aspects of family life, rather than a compartmentalized existence
73. The development of a Catholic world view
74. A strong intellectual history whose tradition of academic excellence is unmatched by any other organization that has ever been
75. Moral development based on gospel values
76. An antidote for the surrounding culture's materialistic, image-centric distortions of reality
77. Discovering what it means to live a "Christ-centered" way of life
78. Learning the meaning of life in its fullness
79. Coming to understand that at the heart of every subject is Jesus, "the way, the truth and the life"
80. Learning to recognize the voice of God in all creation
81. Learning to be a living witness to God's love
82. Being constantly reminded that God loves them
83. Parent Nights that begin with prayer
84. Hearing prayers at 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation
85. Mass to begin the year
86. Mass to end the year
87. Field trips to our regional Catholic high schools
88. Learning about the connection between faith and service to the poor and underprivileged
89. Field trips to retirement communities to sing Christmas carols
90. Classrooms visits by priests, deacons and women religious
91. Learning different ways to pray
92. Awards assemblies that begin with prayer
93. Sports that begin and end each game with prayer
94. Student council meetings that begin with prayer
95. Becoming comfortable talking about God and faith with peers
96. Spending more hours a day in a room with a crucifix than in a room with a television
97. Learning the history of the Catholic Church
98. Acquiring the skills to spread the Good News to all corners of the world
99. Opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration

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100. Learning about the only thing that really matters: a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, lived out in a community of faith guided by the Holy Spirit, in order to more deeply and devoutly follow the will of the Father

## 101. CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

**THANK YOU and God bless you for your support.**



[<http://setoncatholicsschool.dev.cgalvin.com/dynamic/cushwab/files/101%20Reasons%20to%20Send%20Your%20Child%20to%20a%20Catholic%20School.pdf>]  
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### ++++ Additional Information For You to Know +++++

+++ 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!!! Invite other family, friends & neighbors to join you!!!

### +++ 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 Levers 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.

+++ These are the **prayer intentions** for the week ending January 23 that LFS students and staff offered as part of the "What a Difference a Day Makes" program: 1/17=For Dorothy Deplazes on the memorial of her birthdate; 1/18=For Janice Pfeifer on her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday; 1/19=For Zach Jaeger on his birthday; 1/20=For Tallie Dosch on her birthday; 1/21=Pray to love and accept everyone: knowing God made them to look like they do and to have the personalities that they have; 1/22=For the unborn on National Right to Life Day; 1/23=For respect for life at all stages, especially the most vulnerable and that marriage and family will receive the graces to model Your church.