

# Little Flower Catholic Elementary School -- Newsletter for Friday, January 23, 2015

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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; First Communion;
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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[<http://setoncatholicsschool.dev.gcalvin.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** +++++

**+++ Security System.** For the safety of your children and the school staff, a new security system has been installed in the Little Flower School. The security measures will go into effect on Friday, January 23, 2015. The doors will be locked between 8:40 AM and 3:20 PM. During that time you will need to be “buzzed” in to the school building. Please read the sign at the front door for instructions; you will need to press the intercom button to gain admittance. On Fridays (during Mass time-8:45 to 9:45) there will be NO admittance to the school building, because no one will be in the office at that time. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to provide a secure environment for your children.

**+++ Little Flower PTO invites you to attend the Little Flower Carnival** on Sunday, January 25 at the Rugby Armory; 11:30 AM – 3:00PM. Concessions will be served starting at 11:30! 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 25 at the school carnival. The tickets are \$10 each with the chance to win one of seven prizes: \$1000 cash, Ice Fishing House, Weber Gas Grill, Beats head phones and speaker, \$250 Cenex Card, \$250 Leavers Gift Card, & \$250 in cash.

**+++ Cookies for a Cause.** As part of Catholic Schools Week the students will be selling “Cookies for a Cause” at the open House on Thursday, January 29. Proceeds of the sale will go to support Brazilian orphans who are cared for by our Franciscan Sisters. Please bring your home baked cookies to the school library by noon on Wednesday, January 28. Please wrap them individually or in bags of 6 or 12.

**+++ Important Legislation. Please contact the House Finance and Tax Committee Members** (see below). **HB 1254**, would provide a tax credit for books and tuition for children in nonpublic schools. This credit would help relieve the burden of parents who exercise their right to choose a non-government school for their child’s education. **Send committee members this message** within the next week: Please give a DO Pass recommendation to HB 1254 to give a reasonable tax credit to relieve the expenses of parents with children in nonpublic schools.

**HB 1278**, was heard by committee and would provide a sales tax exemption to charitable and religious organizations. This exemption would help charitable and religious organizations better serve the public by giving them some tax relief. **Send committee members this message** Now: Please give a Do Pass recommendation to HB 1278, which would give a sales tax exemption to charitable and religious organizations so that they can better serve the people of North Dakota.

**House Finance and Tax Committee Members:** Chairman Craig Headland [cheadland@nd.gov](mailto:cheadland@nd.gov) ; Vice Chair Mark Owens [mowens@nd.gov](mailto:mowens@nd.gov) ; Jason Docter [jddocter@nd.gov](mailto:jddocter@nd.gov) ; Glen Froseth [gfroseth@nd.gov](mailto:gfroseth@nd.gov) ; Patrick Hatlestad [phatlestad@nd.gov](mailto:phatlestad@nd.gov) ; Tom Kading [tkading@nd.gov](mailto:tkading@nd.gov) ; Matthew Klein [mklein@nd.gov](mailto:mklein@nd.gov) ; Vicky Steiner [vsteiner@nd.gov](mailto:vsteiner@nd.gov) ; Nathan Toman [nptoman@nd.gov](mailto:nptoman@nd.gov) ; Wayne Trottier [wtrottier@nd.gov](mailto:wtrottier@nd.gov) .

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