

<u>Puffs</u>

It's that time of year for Puffs! Puffs are a delectable pastry dessert topped with almond frosting and nuts (optional). The Puffs fundraiser is a Divine Mercy tradition, dating back to the 1980's! Puffs will be sold before and after masses the weekend of January 27-28, 2024. Please see the attached <u>flyer</u> as well!

We need your help to make this wonderful fundraiser a success. There are multiple opportunities to help, between baking, boxing, and selling! Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you for helping us continue with this tradition!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044EABAB29AAFC1-47048024-puffs

Open House

Join us for <u>Open House</u> on Thursday, February 1, 2024! All families are invited to come see their child's classrooms and other classes in school. Enjoy a tasty spaghetti dinner in the cafeteria made especially for you by Ms. Kris, our lunch director! Spread the word; families who recommend or bring a family to Open House will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card for Target.

Catholic Schools Week

It Boggles the mind that it's almost here....BINGO it's Catholic Schools Week! This year will be more fun than a barrel of monkeys. Following Jesus changes the game; Do "U-NO_ Jesus?



Do "U-NO" Jesus?

- Monday 1/29: "Guess who? Divine Mercy" -wear your DM Spirit
 wear and out of uniform bottoms
- Tuesday 1/30: "Get a Clue"- Bring a flashlight and dress all in one of the Clue characters' colors:
 - 3rd/8th- "Mr. Green"- wear green
 - K3/2nd/7th- "Mrs. White"- wear white
 - K4/6th- "Colonel Mustard"- wear yellow
 - 1st/4th- "Ms. Scarlet"- wear red
 - K5/5th- "Mrs. Peacock" wear blue/teal
- Wednesday 1/31: "Play Dress Up"- wear fancy clothes or uniform
- Thursday 2/1: "Ready Battleship"- wear camouflage (no weapons or violence)
- Friday 2/2 : "Level UP"- dress as your favorite board game character, piece of a game, or classic video game character (Mario, Frogger, Donkey Kong, Sonic; no violence, anime, weapons, must be school appropriate)



<u>Catholic Schools Week</u> (CSW) is a week in which Catholic schools nationwide celebrate Catholic education. Catholic Schools Week is from Sunday, January 28 through Friday, February 2, 2024. The week will kick off with a Catholic Schools Mass on Sunday, January 28. Additionally, we will have activities throughout the week relating to our "Do U-NO Jesus" theme for students, families, parishioners and community members to celebrate what makes our Catholic School great! Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their school spirit and dress up for the other themed days. As a school we will be working on a service project to support our St. Vincent de Paul program. All parents and family members are invited to attend our "<u>Pray and Play</u>" day on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. The week will end with our student pep rally, filled with fun games!

Catholic Schools Week Mass

Join us for the all school mass in celebration of Catholic Schools Week - and sign up to have your student participate on Sunday, Jan. 28 at 9:30! Divine Mercy's Parish School and Christian Formation Masses (formerly Buddy Masses) are an opportunity for youth from both Divine Mercy Catholic School and Divine Mercy Parish to grow as prayerful leaders. All Masses are held at Divine Mercy Parish (800 Marquette Ave, South Milwaukee, WI 53172).

We invite students to sign up and participate during these masses – families are invited to join, attend mass, and connect with all parish members. Students may sign up to greet parishioners, read, present the gifts, or assist Ushers. All students are encouraged to <u>sign up</u>! Sunday, January 28 at 9:30 A.M.: All Grades, Catholic Schools Week

Sipply Divine

Our 4th Annual Sipply Divine Sip 'n Taste is fastly approaching...Mark your calendars for Friday, February 9, 2024! Join us for a fun evening of sampling a variety of food and beverages. **Get your <u>tickets</u> before they're gone - the event sells out every year!**

We are blessed to have such a strong, faith-based community. It will take the efforts of many volunteers to make this event happen, and Divine Mercy parents are the most vital component. Funds raised at Sipply Divine directly benefit every Divine Mercy student. We ask each family to help in some way:

- Donate an Item or Gift Card For every item valued at \$50 or more and donated by January 29, 2024, your name will be entered in a raffle to win 2 free tickets to attend Sipply Divine.
- Share your connections Do you know of a vendor (food/beverages) who would be interested in having a table at our event? Do you know a business willing to provide samples as a way to network and market? (We've had realtors in the past buy a case of wine to sample and can provide our patrons with their business information!) Do you work for a company who is willing to donate their goods or services as a raffle item? Please let us know. (Please note this is not a selling event. Vendors provide samplings to our patrons, we provide advertising!)

If you have additional questions, or if you'd like to make a donation, please contact Erin Lovas at <u>erinlovas@divinemercysm.org</u>, Stephanie Malkowski at <u>stephaniemalkowski@divinemercysm.org</u>, or call the school office at 414.764.4360.

Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for your support!



It's basketball time!

Divine Mercy Catholic School hosts basketball games for the Parkview Parochial League every year. The basketball schedule has been finalized. Volunteers are still needed to help with the following areas: Admissions- collect admissions, monitor the door, help direct patrons into the gym Score Table- keep score of game, run the clock, mark information in the scorebooks Concessions- prep, sell, and clean up simple concessions (chips, hot dogs, water, soda) Help is needed and essential for our season to be successful. Without volunteers, our school will not be able to host games, which will result in a loss of revenue for our athletics program. Anyone can volunteer- all families are encouraged to help!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044EABAB29AAFC1-46793070-basketball#/

Outdoor Gear

Let there be snow and cold weather! Students play outside everyday. Exceptions are when it is raining or when the temperature (including the windchill) is less than 10 degrees. Students need snow pants and boots to play on the playground/grassy areas. Students without boots will only be allowed to play on the sidewalks near the cafeteria. Please be sure to send jackets, boots, snow pants, gloves, and hats. Be sure to label all items! If you are in need of a coat, mittens, hats, etc. please let the office know.

Keeping Christ in Christmas Winners

Thank you to all of the students that participated in the Knights of Columbus "Keeping Christ in Christmas"! Below are the winners. Prizes will be awarded and dropped off at school within the month.

Winner 3rd-4th Grade:

Genevieve Gates Honorable Mention:

Grace Flad Kimberly Sanchez- Lopez Bronson Mulloy Josephine Schlachter Fiona Kane Cate Maier Jenna Krysiak Sebastian Gates Aubrey Swanson

Dates to remember:

- 1/27 & 28 PUFFS!
- 1/28 Catholic Schools Week Mass: 9:30am, Marquette Ave.
- 1/29-2/2 Catholic Schools Week
- 1/31 Pray & Play: 8:30-11am, Gym
- 2/1 OPEN HOUSE
- 2/2 Early Release
- 2/9 No School
- 2/9 Sipply Divine

Attachments

- Puffs Flyer
- Open House Flyer
- Catholic Schools Week Flyer
- Pray and Play Flyer
- CSW Mass Sign Up
- Sipply Wish List
- Sipply Ticket Link