

# The Weekly Crusader

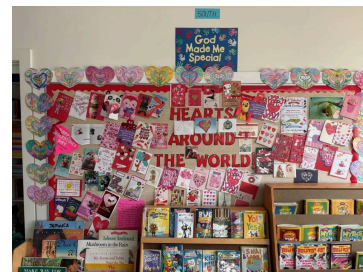
March 2 - March 6, 2026



## From Mr. DeSarbo, Principal

We are excited to share a beautiful project led by Mrs. Knapp's 2nd grade class. Throughout the year, Mrs. Knapp and her students have intentionally reflected on our school's Scripture focus, **Colossians 3:12** — **"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience."** They strive not only to learn these words but to truly live them each day. During the month of February, the class set out to spread kindness as far as possible through their "Hearts Around the World" project. Mrs. Knapp shared the initiative on social media, inviting others to send words of love and encouragement to the students and to people in their own communities.

The response was truly remarkable. The class received cards and letters from 37 states and 7 countries! While some messages came from family members outside Michigan, many arrived from complete strangers who were inspired by the students' mission and wanted to support it. This project became a powerful example of God's love in action and showed our students that even small acts of kindness can reach across great distances. One student beautifully described it as "loading a slingshot of love and kindness and launching it across the world." We thank Mrs. Knapp and her class for reminding us all that there is an abundance of love in our world when we choose to share it.



## From Mr. K, Dean of Students

### Reminder: Pick-up procedures at St. Mary Campus

To ensure the safety of all students, we ask that families please follow the established dismissal process. **When picking up your child, please come down St. Mary Ave and enter the St. Mary parking lot for student pick-up.**

**Students should NOT be picked up off campus, including the PLC. These areas are not staffed during dismissal, which creates a safety risk.** Our goal is to have all students picked up in locations that are actively monitored by staff to ensure their well-being.

Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe and orderly dismissal for everyone. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

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**Save the Date! MCES Auction**  
***Mardi Gras With a Mission March 14, 2026***  
See Links Below

### Help Needed, Volunteers Get Double Service Hours

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA4AC22A0F4C16-62523101-auction/>

### Purchase Tickets or Tables Using This Link

[Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools - MCES 2026 Auction](#)

Questions? Contact Kelli Carter [kellimcarter47@gmail.com](mailto:kellimcarter47@gmail.com)

Thank you for your continued generosity, spirit, and commitment to MCES—we can't wait to celebrate together!

### Bidpal Link Below

<https://one.bidpal.net/mces2026>

### Auction Classgiving Link

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KswiXEehnSLgW4sypmUPbN1hJkGnNKp707u83igAszM/edit?usp=sharing>

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### Important Dates

**Enrollment information for the 2026–2027 school year will be sent home to families in March.**

**Tuesday - All students in grades 5 - 8** must pack a lunch with utensils.

**Wednesday** - MPS half Day , NO PM Bussing  
7th Grade Quizbowl

### Upcoming

#### **MASA Spring Soccer Signup** - See link below

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JwXg9AVfG9826q5hujNPFzdLwzwwawfX/view?usp=sharing>

**Protecting Gods Children:** All volunteers, parents, etc. need to have completed this class to volunteer in the classroom, attend a field trip, or volunteer in any capacity. **Create your account at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)**

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**Please sign up to work lunch! This is a great way to get service hours!**

#### **Third and Forth Grade Parents**

Without lunch volunteers, our teachers often miss out on their lunch break. Please consider signing up to help so they can have this much-needed time.

Thank you for supporting our staff!

#### **March**

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA4AC22A0F4C16-62102188-march#/#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA4AC22A0F4C16-62102188-march#/)

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## PTO Updates

#### **Mother Son March Madness**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R64e399H3riSug01v5gc8ndF149nZX4X/view?usp=sharing>

#### **MCES PTO Year -At -A -Glance!**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cMSCO3PpMuwZ-GtiCUMacVRKM0tck3FN/view?usp=sharing>

[Visit the PTO Page](#)

## CYO Updates

#### **Spring Sports Sign-Up**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMT5RIdcMk0-gk5ylUp2rsuiDIQ2jDFu-XzNMdKiFXyGN2og/viewform?usp=header>

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