

February 12, 2026

As we approach the beginning of Lent this coming Wednesday, it is a good time to reflect on the Beatitudes and how they illuminate what Lent calls us to live more intentionally through prayer, fasting, penance, and almsgiving. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus offers us the Beatitudes—eight simple yet challenging ways of living that reveal the heart of Christian discipleship:

- Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
- Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
- Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Rather than trying to live all of them perfectly at once, Lent invites us to slow down and focus. Choosing one Beatitude to reflect on throughout the season gives us a clear and prayerful path for growth. It allows God to work deeply in one area of our lives, shaping our attitudes, actions, and relationships.

By returning to the same Beatitude day after day—in prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and daily choices—we begin to notice where conversion is needed and where grace is already at work. This simple practice helps make Lent less about checking off spiritual tasks and more about genuine transformation.

When we choose one Beatitude and live it intentionally, we allow Jesus himself to teach us how to love more fully, and we prepare our hearts to celebrate the joy of Easter renewed and strengthened in faith.

We are so glad the temperatures have risen, even a little so that the students can go out for recess; very much needed. Unfortunately, with the cold weather came colds and the flu. We wish Godspeed in healing to those students who have become sick this past week and that our community comes back strong and ready to get back to the studies! Have a great 5-days! See you Wednesday, February 18 for Ash Wednesday. Mass times will be 9:00 and 11:0 a.m. Church white shirts required.

In Christ,

Mr. Lawrence Ricard
Principal

Now Open: 2026-2027 AOD Tuition Assistance Application

The 2026-2027 AOD Tuition Application will **open this Monday, December 15, 2025**. The application will close on **February 27, 2026**. All AOD scholarship information is uploaded on the new website below. *This website location has changed since last year. Please include this link in your emails to families.*

- [Tuition Assistance & Scholarships - Archdiocese of Detroit](#)

Here are a few reminders.

- *New this year* - The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages families to use the IRS import option to easily and accurately provide the required tax information.
- For specific questions regarding FACTS applications parents must contact FACTS at (866)315-9262.
- For questions regarding Pastor Signature Form, parents must contact the student's current school or the school they are applying to.
- Tuition Awards are **not given on a first-come, first-served basis**, but we encourage families to apply as early as possible instead of waiting until the deadline. Since several documents need to be uploaded and verified by FACTS, waiting until the last day could delay processing and affect your ability to receive tuition assistance for the upcoming school year.
- Important Links
 - [Tuition Assistance & Scholarships - Archdiocese of Detroit](#)
 - [FACTS Application](#)
 - Parent Information Document: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)
 - [Pastor's Signature Form](#) (for Catholic Applicants only)

Important Dates!!

Feb 13-17 Winter Break -NO School
Feb 20 First Fish Fry
Feb 20 No Preschool 4
Feb 20 Preschool Conferences
Feb 20 8th Grade Bowling Fundraiser
Feb 25 Kindergarten Round Up
Feb 25 No Kindergarten or Preschool Classes
Feb 26-Mar 1 Poker Room - **Need volunteers!**
Feb 27 Financial Assistance paperwork due!

****March 25 Talent Show 6:00 p.m. in IC Gym**

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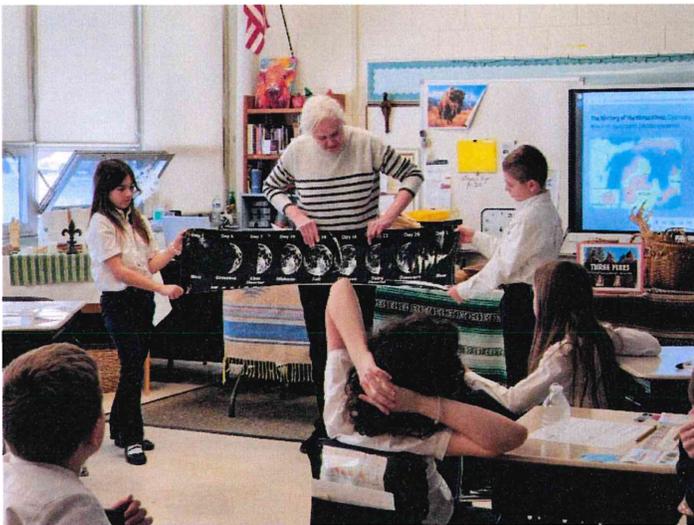
**Talent Show March 25, 6:00 p.m. IC
Gymnasium**

4th grade Social Studies fun comes to life!

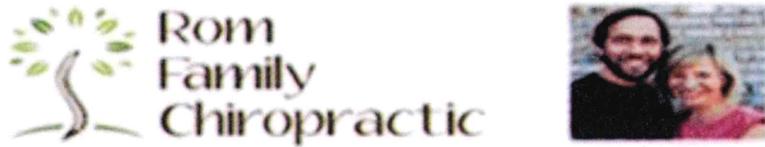
Anishinaabe local presenter, Mrs. Sue Wrobel, visited the fourth grade today. Her presentation, called "The History of the Three Fires (the Ojibway, Ottawa, and Potawatomi)," focused on the early presence of the Anishinaabe in our region.

In addition to displaying a large assortment of cultural items and traditional crafts, Mrs. Wrobel shared her rich knowledge of the Anishinaabe culture. Students learned about marking the seasons with the 13 moons, felt beaver, otter, mink, and fox pelts, and discovered that babies were diapered with ground moss!

Her presentation enriched our novel study of Sign of the Beaver and our study of westward expansion in History. We are grateful to Mrs. Wrobel for visiting.



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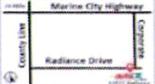
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