



MONDAY MESSAGES

OCTOBER 27, 2025

LUNCH

Link to this week's lunch [Menu](#)

Monday 10/27 Penne Puttanesca - slightly spicy tomato sauce with garlic, olives, capers & fresh basil (V, DF)

Tuesday 10/28 Chicken Quesadillas with guacamole, sour cream, salsa & tortilla chips.

Wednesday 10/29 Beef Stew & dinner roll. (GF/DF)

Thursday 10/30 Mac n' CHEese with broccoli

Friday 10/31 Happy Halloween! Jambalaya & biscuits (chicken, chorizo, rice & vegetables in a creole tomato sauce) (GF/DF w/o biscuits)

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Wednesday, Oct 29** - PTO sponsored Teacher/Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- **Friday, Oct 31** - Happy Halloween! It will be a dress down day for students today. The Faculty-Student Field Hockey Game will be held at 10:00 a.m. this morning. The Halloween Costume Parade will take place on the field beginning at 1:45 p.m. for students in PS- Grade 5. Classroom parties will follow. Our Middle School students will have a dance in the gym beginning at 12:45 p.m. A fun day will be had by all! As usual, morning prayer will be held at 7:15 a.m. in the chapel. All are welcome.
- **Thursday, December 18th** - Please mark your December calendar for the MCS Christmas Concert on 12/18 @ 6:00pm, held at St. Michael's College

MCS COMMUNITY SERVICE

There are many wonderful service opportunities throughout the school year in our community. Please read about them here and reach out to the front office or Jason Moore with any questions.

Donate to Catherine's Pantry

Please consider donating non-perishable food items for Catherine's Pantry, our on-campus food shelf.

We will collect the donated food items throughout the school year, and distribute them to various local food banks, charitable organizations, and families/neighbors in need of support.

Collection boxes are placed in the lobby of each building. Thank you for your generosity, and for caring for our economically poor and food insecure brothers and sisters by helping to feed the hungry--a critical Corporal Work of Mercy.

Mercy Community Service

Mercy Community Service is ready to launch! Service opportunities will be offered throughout the school year. The Ronald McDonald House, Our Lady of Providence, and the Hope Lodge are our community partners for community service.

The Ronald McDonald House (<https://rmhcv.org/>) is looking for small groups of MCS volunteers (no more than four cooks in the kitchen at a time) to make meals for guests. Interested families should contact Mr. Moore to coordinate a date, and the family will plan and shop for a meal, and provide transportation. Mr. Moore will help recruit volunteers if needed.

- Wednesday, October 29th
- Friday, October 31st
- Wednesday, November 5, 12, 26th
- Friday, November 7, 14, 28th
- Wednesday, December 10, 17th
- Friday, December 5, 12, 19th

Our Lady of Providence (<https://ourladyofprovidence.org/>) is an assisted living facility in Winooski. Volunteers play games and converse with elders who are incredibly excited to connect with young people. Typically, we can bring up to ten volunteers to Our Lady of Providence. Interested families should contact Mr. Moore. Family drivers/chaperones are necessary for this service experience.

Hope Lodge (<https://www.cancer.org/support-programs-and-services/patient-lodging/hope-lodge/burlington.html>) is always looking for volunteers to make meals for guests. If you can sponsor a meal, e.g., select a meal for 12-15 guests, purchase the ingredients, and help direct student volunteers, you're welcome to sign up using the link below, or please be in touch with Mr. Moore. This is a great way for groups of friends or teams to connect and serve together.

The sign up link is here: <https://takethemameal.com/JVXC0633>

*All adults participating in Mercy Community Service must have completed a criminal background check and Virtus training. Thanks, as always, for your compassion and mercy and for the example you set for our children.

Table of Remembrance

In the Catholic tradition, November is a month to remember and pray for loved ones who have journeyed home to their eternal rest. November begins with the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed on November 2nd.

On the Solemnity of All Saints we are reminded of a "universal call of holiness," and are encouraged to strive towards holiness in our own unique way. On this day, we remember and pray for deceased loved ones who, while not officially canonized by the Church, are indeed saints whose witness has blessed and enriched our lives. On the Commemoration of

All the Faithful Departed, we are encouraged to pray for all loved ones who have died, trusting in God's unconditional love and mercy.

We would like to extend an invitation to our community as we honor and pray for our loved ones who have journeyed home to God. A "Table of Remembrance" will be set up in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart from Monday, November 3rd to Tuesday, November 25th (the day before the Thanksgiving break) and we invite students and families to bring in a framed photo or photos of deceased family members and friends for the Table of Remembrance. Please ensure the photo is labelled on the back of the frame with your family name and child's homeroom so that we can be sure to return these sacred and cherished pictures to you. If your family is interested in participating in this meaningful community event, your children may bring your photos to school on Monday, November 3rd, or any day throughout our observance of this tradition. Homeroom teachers will ensure that your photos get to me (Mr. Moore) to be placed on the "Table of Remembrance." Thank you for participating in this beloved tradition and please know that we will remember your beloved deceased family members and friends in morning prayer throughout the month of November.

Thank you!

MCS PTO

THANK YOU all for a spooktacular Trunk or Treat!!

We had a great turn out, and so many decorated trunks! Your MCS community spirit truly made it such a fantastic evening!

Teacher and staff appreciation breakfast!

THIS Wednesday, October 29th

Please join us in thanking our amazing teachers and staff with a monthly breakfast. Please consider signing up using the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945A5AE2DA5F4C70-51245811-teacher> Thank you!

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST!

The PTO is hosting a Pumpkin Carving Contest! To participate, carve a pumpkin and email a photo of your entry with your first and last name and grade to pto@materchristischool.net by Wednesday, October 29th. Winners will be selected in the following categories: Most Creative, Scariest, and silliest. All winners will be announced on Halloween and receive a prize! Please email the PTO if you need assistance getting a pumpkin, or if you would like to donate pumpkins to a family. We look forward to seeing your festive and fun creations!

The next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, November 4th, after drop off in the library. We hope to see you there!

DAYS AND DREAMS

Please look for emails from [Kristen King](#) for weekly play updates and rehearsal schedule!

LIBRARY NEWS

- THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! A HUGE thank you to the following parents who so generously gave of their time to volunteer and help at the Paper Pie Book Fair: Nicole Farley, Meghan Forsyth, Annie Ode, Dominique Sherman, Heidi Morway, Jacqueline Graziano, Aimee Cochran, Sybelle Sambou, Adrienne Marchant, Hannah Adette, Rebecca Russin, Courtenay Baker, Christopher Cweika. Without these amazing people the book fair absolutely would not have happened! Thank you also to those who made a purchase and/or donated to their child's classroom library!! We made close to \$6000 which will bring in a profit of almost \$3000 for our school library!!!!
- **YEARBOOK SALE REMINDER:** **Mater Christi 2025~2026 yearbooks are on sale!!** Purchase a wonderful keepsake of our year together. **Yearbooks are \$50 and will be available at this price until 12/19! Order your copy TODAY!! After this the price goes up.** All students in grades PS-8 are included. Here is your yearbook sales link:
<https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A08741230>

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