Mission Statement:
At St. Paul Catholic School we strive for excellence in faith and academics. Our mission is to be a loving and forgiving community that receives our Lord Jesus Christ and reflects his teachings. God is our focus and heaven our goal.

CALENDAR

Saturday-November 9
7:00pm Trivia Night @ K of C Hall

Monday-November 11
U of M vs MSU food drive begins (non-perishable)
3:45pm-5:30pm Drama Club (K-8th)

Tuesday-November 12
food drive continues
3:45pm-4:30pm Healthy Kid’s Club (Grades K-2)
3:45pm-4:45pm Mechanical Club (Grades 3-8)

Wednesday-November 13
food drive continues
3:40pm Youth Choir @ St. Paul Church
6:00pm kNOW Program (Grades K-5)
students/parents @ St. Paul Church-Father K Hall

Thursday-November 14
food drive continues
8:50am Mass (2nd Grade)
9:45am field trip-play @ LCHS (Grades 3rd/4th)
Pizza Day
No band, no afternoon bus, (1/2 day for OPS)

Friday-November 15
12:10pm School dismissed-Staff PD day
No band, no afternoon bus, no afternoon childcare
Students can wear U of M or MSU shirts if they donate a food pantry item, but dress code pants must be worn
food drive ends

Sunday-November 17
11:00am Youth Choir Mass @ St. Paul Church
1:00pm Turkey Bingo @ St. Paul Church-Fr. K Hall

Father Mike’s Musings

November is a month that traditionally we remember those who have died and pray for their souls, and we also give thanks for the many blessings we’ve received culminating with the Thanksgiving Holiday.  Let us recall all our friends and relatives that we’ve loved and whose memory we continue to cherish as they enter eternal life.  It is a tradition of our Catholic faith to pray for the dead and the poor souls in purgatory that they might be made pure to enter into the Heavenly Kingdom with all the angels and saints.

I always remember my mom teaching me to be grateful for what I do have instead of complaining about what I don’t have, it is good advice yet today.  There is always someone worse off than us, thus we are all called to pray for and give to the poor whatever we can.  I will be praying for all of you as I do daily, please pray for me and our beloved school and parish.

I pray for a blessed Thanksgiving for all of you!  Abundant Blessings!
Virtue of the Week
Gratitude

What does it mean?
Thankful disposition of mind and heart.

What does it look like?
- Smiling at your mom after she cooks dinner
- The Blessed Mother singing the Magnificat
- Receiving the legos with a smile
- Appreciating your friends
- Praying after I receive Jesus in Holy Communion

What does it sound like?
- Thank you, mom, for this delicious dinner.
- The Almighty has done great things for me!
- Thank you for letting me use your legos.
- Thank you for being my friend.
- Silence. Thank you, Jesus, for coming into my heart.

Please help your child practice these virtues, tools which bring us closer to Jesus. Thank you!
Dear St. Paul Catholic School Families,
Please take a few minutes and take a short survey regarding our mission statement. Thank you!
The link is listed below:
https://forms.gle/oMG76RZQJNv4MPcc9

POWERSCHOOL/REPORT CARDS
Hopefully by now you have all been able to log in to Powerschool and view your child’s report card for the first marking period. If you are having issues with this, please stop in to the office and I will be happy to help you resolve those. I will be available through most of the afternoon and evening on Thursday. I appreciate your patience as we move to this new system. All schools in the diocese are being asked to utilize this system for sharing student progress. I am confident once we get things situated it will run smoothly and you will love having daily access to your student’s progress information!

kNOw PROGRAM PRESENTATION
If your child is in grades K-5, please plan to join us on Wednesday, November 13 for an important presentation created to help keep your child safe from predators. This new program is designed to be shared with your children, replacing the previous program which was presented to the children during the school day. The rationale behind this is that you, as the primary educator of your child, should be included in this important effort to educate your child on ways to keep them safe in this very hazardous world in which we live. In the event you prefer not to attend, we ask that you complete the opt out form included at the end of this Wavewatcher.
We look forward to seeing you in the Fr. K Hall on Wednesday, November 13 at 6:00 PM.
MICHIGAN vs MICHIGAN STATE Food Drive

It’s that time again! We are kicking off our annual food drive to determine the winner of this rival game! If your child brings in at least one food item for the food drive, they will be able to wear a shirt from one of these two schools on Friday, November 15th. In addition, if they also bring in one item for the November Hope in a Box campaign (which is any non-perishable food item), they will be able to wear comfy pants that day. We will tally up the food items to ‘predict’ which team will win the big game! So, feel free to send in more than one item if you are passionate about your team winning! Thanks for your support, as the real winners are our students as they learn about generosity and serving others, and our community as they work to meet the needs of those in need.

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

The St. Paul Catholic School Drama club has been hard at work as they prepare for the upcoming performance of this classic tale! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the production on Sunday, November 24 at 2:00 PM in the school gym. Spread the news and bring your friends! You won’t be disappointed!
Mrs. Richardson-8th Grade

As we are in the month of November, we have been working on acknowledging all the blessings from God and giving our gratitude to Him for everything. Our thankful pumpkin will be in our room throughout the month of November. Each day the students are invited to write something on the pumpkin for which they are thankful. Since the students can’t write something more than once, this activity gives them an opportunity to reflect on many blessings which the Lord has given them.

November is also a time for reflection on who is a hero to us. Each student is working on completing an essay for the Farm Bureau sponsored contest on “My Personal Michigan Hero.” As we have walked through the writing process, many wonderful essays have developed and again the virtue of gratitude is expressed within the lines of these essays. The students have expressed true appreciation for the wonderful members of their families that are in their lives.

Finally, November will bring us the opportunity to share Stone Soup with our kindergarten buddies. We will gather together to share the story of Stone Soup, make it, and then eat a wonderful feast. We are looking forward to this time honored tradition at St. Paul School.
PTC/MARKETING/AUCTION UPDATE

The Auction planning is underway and things are already falling into place nicely! Mark your calendars for April 18 at the Knights of Columbus for an evening of food, fun and fundraising for our school! We have lots of ways you can help us with this, such as helping to procure live auction items, helping to procure silent auction items, reaching out to businesses to inquire about sponsorship, helping with ticket sales, and, when we get closer to the date, working on the basket team to create beautiful baskets for the silent auction, or helping to set up or take down decorations. **It is not too early to send in an item for the silent auction or some baskets to help put the collected items together.** This is the main fundraiser for our school, so it is important that we all help make it a huge success! Thank you for your consideration of working with this team!

The Marketing committee could also use some assistance. We have worked to develop new ways to share the great news of our school and are open to any ideas you may have! We all know about the awesome things happening here every day. **Help us spread the word!**

**SCRIP Contest!!**

The PTC is holding a monthly contest for scrip orders. Each month all families that place an order through SCRIP will have their name entered in the drawing to win a free gift card. The contest will start over each month. Good luck and happy shopping! Don’t forget to use your gift cards on the new School Store website to help us earn even more! Thank you for your support!
We are truly Blessed! Thank you for your continued prayers!

Oh good and gracious God,

We praise you and thank you for the gift of St. Paul Catholic School, where the message of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection is proclaimed. It is a sacred privilege to prepare each child to have a personal relationship with Jesus. Listen to our prayers as we ask you, Lord, to increase our enrollment of students so they can benefit from a Catholic education, where Christ’s love abounds; and that our school grows in nurturing the souls and forms the minds of its students for generations to come.

We ask these blessings in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

Commitment to pray for St. Paul School

I have prayed this prayer ________ times for St. Paul Catholic School.
The everyday way to make an impact every day

Join us in raising money for our organization and money for your tuition simply by using gift cards where you’re already shopping. It’s easy, rewarding, and fits perfectly into your busy life.

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Nicole, Byesville, OH

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Parent Connection Café

Free Dinner
Free Childcare and Activities
Raffle Drawings for gift cards
Transportation/Gas Assistance Available
Call to register: 989-725-2581 or
Register on Great Start Shiawassee FB page

Tuesday 5:30 Dinner
November 19 6:00 Café

Early Childhood Learning Center
114 W North St, Owosso

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Do you want to build connections with other parents and caregivers?
Do you like just hearing or sharing ideas about parenting?
Join us for our first community Parent Connections Café

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OPT-OUT FORM FOR kNOw Program (Kindergarten – 8th Grade)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Pursuant to Article 12 of the United States Conference of the Catholic Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, we are offering safe environment education and training for minors enrolled in our school/religious education program. This educational program also includes parent/guardian/adult participation.

Our parish/school will present the kNOw program on November 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM grades K-2 and 3-5.

As a parent/guardian, you have the right to choose whether your student participates. If you have questions about the program or its contents please contact:

Laura Heatwole, Principal
Phone: 989.725.7766
Email: principal@spsowosso.org

If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please complete the “opt-out” form at the bottom of this page, and return it to your child’s teacher no later than Monday, November 11, 2019

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_________________________________________ (school/parish)

_________________________________________ (city)

Does not have my permission to present the kNOw program, to my child whose name is:

_________________________________________

Parent’s/Guardian’s name
(printed):___________________________________

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature:___________________________________

Date:________________________