



"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God."

- Pope Francis

Pope Francis
December 17, 1936 – April 21, 2025

There is a great deal of information in this week's communication, which is our **main tool for sharing information** with families. Therefore, we ask that you take the time to read it, in its entirety, to keep up with what is happening in our school. Thank you in advance for your time and attention!



Please note the following important **calendar dates**:

Thursday, April 24	6:30 PM	Mass for Pope Francis - St. Pius Tenth Church
Friday, April 25	7:00 PM	Mass for Pope Francis – Sacred Heart Cathedral
Friday, April 25		Report Cards scheduled to to be distributed
Friday, May 2	9:30 AM	School Liturgy
Monday, May 26		Memorial Day holiday No School
Thursday, May 29	9:30 AM	School Liturgy – Ascension Thursday
Friday, June 6	9:30 AM	School Liturgy
Friday, June 13	2:00 PM	Spring Concert - Church
Thursday, June 19		Juneteenth – No School

Friday, June 20

Last Day for Pre-K 3 and
Pre-K 4 students
11:30 AM Dismissal

Thursday, June 26

Last Day for students K - 5
**½ Day for Students (11:45
AM Dismissal)**

**Please check with your home district for busing information for the last day of school,
as the last day may vary from district to district.**

Thursday, June 26

2:00 PM

Fifth Grade Commencement



Masses for Pope Francis

A Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis will be held at Saint Pius Tenth Church on Thursday, April 24th, at 6:30 p.m.

Also, The Diocese of Rochester will have a Mass for Pope Francis on Friday, April 25th, at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 150 Flower City Park, Rochester.

*****IMPORTANT*****

If any of your demographic information has changed (address, phone number, cell phone number), please notify the school office at 247-5650.

We are beginning a move to integrate our FACTS Tuition platform and Family Portal. This is also critically important for emergency contact purposes. Thank you!



Order your 2024-2025 Yearbook at the following link. Orders are due by Tuesday, May 6

inter-state.com/order

Code: 91904T



Scholastic Book Fair

The annual St. Pius Tenth School Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for the week of May 5 – 12, 2025. Students will have an opportunity to preview the fair and make a “wish list” and then shop on another day.

The fair will also be open following the weekend Masses on Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 11.

There will be something for all ages!

More information to follow.

**** Spring Fundraiser ****

We have an order from the Spring Fundraiser in the school office that came in with no name for either the purchaser or the seller.

If you know someone who is missing an order, please call the school office.

Thank you!



We're having a slow scanning month in April. We've earned just a little more than \$50.00 bringing our total to \$1,057.20 for the year. There's still time to earn those April bonuses!

Kindergarten and first grade are in a close race in this month's leaderboard challenge with 117 and 116 box tops, respectively. Still hoping for fourth and fifth grade to get on the board with some scans!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame



The Diocese of Rochester Catholic Schools Day at the ballpark is scheduled for Sunday, **June 1**. Don't forget about the parade before the game and the post-game running of the bases! Wear your St. Pius Tenth spirit wear or PE shirts.

The parade begins at 12:05, and the first pitch is scheduled for 1:05 PM.

Following is the link to purchase tickets:

<https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2new/GroupPortalPEC.asp?HoldID=33514&SponsorID=17608&EventID=346316>

New York State Testing

The Spring 2025 New York State Tests will be administered according to the following schedule. If possible, please try to avoid these dates for appointments and vacations. Thank you!

NYS ELA test:

Grade 5	April 24 & 25
Grade 3	April 28 & 29
Grade 4	April 30 & May 1

NYS Science test:

Grade 5 only	May 14
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NYS Math test:

Grade 5	May 6 & 7
Grade 3	May 8 & 9
Grade 4	May 12 & 13



Spring Concert

Our Spring Concert is scheduled for Friday, June 13, at 2:00 PM in St. Pius Tenth Church. We will follow a similar format for dismissal as we did for our Christmas Concert, for those who are able to join us.

“Be Who God Meant You to Be and You Will Set the World on Fire!”

-St. Catherine of Siena



SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR



St. Pius Tenth School Annual Book Fair

In the Parish Center
May 5 - May 11, 2025



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

1150 Buffalo Road
Rochester, New York 14624
(585) 328-3210

The Statement of The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester, upon the Death of His Holiness, Pope Francis April 21, 2025

It is with great sadness, but also with joyful hope in the merits won by Christ's glorious resurrection, that the Diocese of Rochester joins with the Universal Church in praying for the repose of the soul of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, who returned home to the Good Shepherd, the Eternal High Priest, Jesus Christ, on April 21, 2025.

Pope Francis' motto on his coat of arms, "*miserando atque eligendo*," is taken from the homily given by Saint Bede, an English eighth-century monk and now a Doctor of the Church, who was commenting on the call of Saint Matthew. It translates to "having mercy, he called him." Pope Francis constantly called us to mercy. In his Apostolic Letter, *Misericordia et misera*, (*Mercy with misery*), written at the conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, on November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, he penned these words:

"This is the time of mercy. Each day of our journey is marked by God's presence. He guides our steps with the power of the grace that the Spirit pours into our hearts to make them capable of loving. It is the time of mercy for each and all, since no one can think that he or she is cut off from God's closeness and the power of his tender love. It is the time of mercy because those who are weak and vulnerable, distant and alone, ought to feel the presence of brothers and sisters who can help them in their need. It is the time of mercy because the poor should feel that they are regarded with respect and concern by others who have overcome indifference and discovered what is essential in life. It is the time of mercy because no sinner can ever tire of asking forgiveness and all can feel the welcoming embrace of the Father." (No. 21).

These works characterized the Petrine ministry of Pope Francis. Like Jesus, he reached out to the poor, the forgotten, the estranged, the foreigner, those on the fringes of

society. Motivated by the love of Christ Jesus, he reminded us recently that “*Dilexit nos*,” “*He loved us*,” (Encyclical Letter, *Dilexit Nos*, on the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ, October 24, 2024) and Pope Francis wanted this love to extend to all God’s People. In this Encyclical Letter, he begins with these words:

“‘HE LOVED US’, Saint Paul says of Christ (cf. *Rom* 8:37), in order to make us realize that nothing can ever ‘separate us’ from that love (*Rom* 8:39). Paul could say this with certainty because Jesus himself had told his disciples, ‘I have loved you’ (*Jn* 15:9, 12). Even now, the Lord says to us, ‘I have called you friends’ (*Jn* 15:15). His open heart has gone before us and waits for us, unconditionally, asking only to offer us his love and friendship. For ‘he loved us first’ (cf. *1 Jn* 4:10). Because of Jesus, ‘we have come to know and believe in the love that God has for us.’” (*1 Jn* 4:16). (No. 1).

Imitating the love Pope Francis had for us, we now offer our heartfelt prayers, commending Pope Francis to the love and mercy of God as he crosses over the threshold from this life to eternal life. United to the See of Peter by the bonds of faith, hope and charity, we offer to God this successor to Saint Peter asking that he be welcomed into eternity by the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, and that the Lord will bestow upon him the mercy and love that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, preached, cherished and lived.

We pray now for the College of Cardinals, representing the universality of the Church, that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit they elect a successor to Pope Francis to continue the Petrine mission of the Church entrusted to her by her founder Jesus Christ, the cornerstone of the Church. As the Vicar of Christ on earth, this new pontiff will be called upon to confirm and strengthen his brothers and sisters in the faith. (Cf. *Luke* 22:32). Once more we are at the Sea of Tiberias and the words Jesus addressed to the first Pope, Saint Peter, will be addressed to Pope Francis’ successor: “Feed my sheep.” (Cf. *John* 21:17).

How blessed many of us have been to live during the pontificates of such faithful popes: John XXIII, who embraced the whole world in his universal call for renewing the faith in Christ; Paul VI, who gave his life to the Church with an undivided heart and never faltered under or feared the weight of the cross; John Paul I, whose humble and gentle manner in a time so brief revealed the heart of the Good Shepherd; John Paul II, whose charisma and dynamic personality captured the hearts of believers and non-believers alike; Pope Benedict XVI, the scholar, the theologian, the teacher, but above all that holy man who helped us in clear and simple terms to understand the mystery of God, the mystery which enveloped his life in his intimate communion with the Lord; and now Pope Francis, the apostle of mercy, the messenger of hope, the shepherd who sought out that lost sheep, the one who united his heart to the heart of Christ.

May the soul of Pope Francis, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

A Solemn Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis will be offered on Friday evening, April 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Rochester, New York.



Reunion & Remembrance Mass

June **01** 2025

11:00 AM MASS
CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
445 KINGS HIGHWAY SOUTH ·
ROCHESTER, NY

Reception to Follow

You are invited to celebrate the legacy and happy
memories of Saint Kateri School.

All are welcome.

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