



Happy National Spinach Day!
March 26

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**:

Friday, March 28		Teacher In-Service Day No School for Students
Friday, April 4	9:30 AM	School Liturgy
Friday, April 11		End of the 3 rd Quarter
Monday – Monday April 14 - 21		Easter / Spring Recess
Friday, April 25		Report Cards scheduled to to be distributed



I would like to send a HUGE Thank you to Elizabeth Wierchowski for putting together the 2nd Annual St. Pius Tenth School Talent Show! It was an amazing display of what some of our students are passionate about! Also, to the Valerios for helping with set up and the use of sound equipment, to all of the parents who helped to decorate, set up and clean up, and those who came to support our students, your help and support are amazing!



Registration for the 2025-26 School Year

Registration is now open for the 2025-26 School Year for all families, both current and prospective. Please submit completed registration packets as soon as possible to ensure enrollment, as classes are beginning to fill up. Thank you!

Building a Brighter Future Scholarship

Just a reminder that applications for the Building a Brighter Future Scholarship, through the Diocese of Rochester, must be submitted by Monday, March 31, 2025. Information is included in this week's communications.



I think we can! I think we can!

We are just \$6.80 away from the \$1,000 mark! I know we can reach it before the end of March! There may be a special something if we reach that mark.

Third grade still has a commanding lead in our monthly leaderboard challenge with more than 100 box tops between them and all other classes.



2024-25 Yearbook order forms were sent home in last week's communication.

To order online, visit: inter-state.com/order and enter this code: 91904T. Orders are due by Tuesday, May 6, 2025.



4th Quarter Lunch Orders

Reminder that lunch orders for the 4th quarter of the school year are due by April 2, 2025. Please review the confirmation that you receive after placing your orders.



From the CYO Office

Greetings,

We are exploring the possibility of creating a Kickball team to play in the Diocesan Kickball League this Spring. We're only in the planning stages now but could move very quickly into getting things moving.

See the flyer included in this week's communication for more information.

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

NYS Math test:

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

Camp Stella Maris

There are two opportunities in the month of April at Camp Stella Maris. Information is below:

April Break Camp

When: April 14 – 18

Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Ages: K – 5th grade

Where: Camp Stella Maris 4395 E. Lake Rd, Livonia NY 14487

Cost: \$300 (+cc fee); financial assistance available

More info: <https://www.campstellamaris.org/year-round-kids/>

Teen Leadership Camp 2 (TLC)

When: April 25 – 27

Time: 7:00 pm Friday – Sunday 10:30 am

Ages: 14 – 16 years old

Where: Camp Stella Maris 4395 E. Lake Rd, Livonia NY 14487

Cost: \$25 registration fee and pay what you can

More info: <https://www.campstellamaris.org/teen-leadership-programs/>

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

-St. Catherine of Siena



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Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Dear Saint Pius Tenth Families,

This year we are offering hot lunches from Bill Grays. You can order lunches for your child (ren) quarterly via a Google form. After completing your order, please place cash or check (made payable to St. Pius X School) in an envelope marked with your family name and "hot lunches." Send the envelope in your child's weekly folder or drop it off in the school office.

Please note we cannot place orders with Bill Grays without payment and all orders must be completed by Wednesday, April 2.

If you have any questions, please call the office at (585)247-5650 or email gina.jennison@dor.org

Thank you,
 Gina Jennison

Order and pay for lunches for the 4th Quarter
by Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Scan this QR Code:



Or go to this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMThrAHv27hm-abftCQFq3PqXszSVxlFBjQPPb6KtRueZH4Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

Bill Grays Hot Lunch Menu 2024-25

		Complete Lunch	Entrée Only
Monday:	Chicken Tenders With Chips and Applesauce	\$5.75	\$4.50
Tuesday:	Hot Dog with Chips and Fruit Cup	\$5.75	\$4.50
Wednesday:	Pizza Logs and Marinara With French Fries, and Applesauce	\$6.00	\$4.25
Thursday:	Cheeseburger/Hamburger with Chips and Fruit Cup	\$5.75	\$4.50
Friday:	Grilled Cheese with Tater Tots and Applesauce	\$5.75	\$3.75



Application Instructions

1. Go to online.factsmgt.com/aid.
2. If **new parent** to the Diocese of Rochester Catholic Schools network, create an account by setting up a username and password with your information. If **existing parent** at one of our Diocesan schools, use your current FACTS credentials.
3. Select the **2025-2026 term**.
4. Review the FACTS platform information. **As with all financial aid applications, there is a \$40 fee to apply. This is not covered by the Diocese of Rochester Department of Catholic Schools. All applicants must pay this fee in order to apply for the scholarship.**
5. Select **Begin Application**.
6. Click **Add School / Organization**.
7. Type in the search box **Building a Brighter Future Scholarship**. Select the checkbox and click **Add**.
8. Click **Save & Continue** to proceed with completing the application.

Under the STUDENT section of the application:

- Enter students grade level for 2025/2026 School Year
 - Enter \$1 in the box for: Tuition
 - Enter \$1 in the box for: How much of this child's tuition can you and/or the co-applicant pay?
 - Enter \$1 in the box for: Annual tuition support required from this child's non-custodial parent as a result of legal separation, etc.
9. Continue completing all application sections.
 10. Finalize the application by uploading your tax documents and reviewing your submission.
 11. A Department of Catholic Schools representative will be in contact with you regarding your Building A Brighter Future Scholarship application and next steps with the school at which your current student(s) is enrolled at, or new student(s) may be enrolled.

Applications for the 2025-2026 school year open on January 1, 2025. The application deadline is **March 31, 2025**.



Eligibility

The **Building A Brighter Future Scholarship** provides a tuition assistance scholarship opportunity for eligible students, **K-6th** grade, across our Diocesan schools for the 2025-2026 academic year. The scholarship supports the Department of Catholic Schools' mission to educate, inspire, and develop children into future leaders of the Church and community.

An online application process will assist in determining eligibility based on the National Standards for Free and Reduced-Priced Lunch. The Department of Catholic Schools will assist **new** families with selecting and enrolling in a school location throughout the application process.

To qualify, you must meet the income standards for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch below:

Income Eligibility Guidelines for Scholarship Program

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
2	\$37,814
3	\$47,767
4	\$57,720
5	\$67,673
6	\$77,626
7	\$87,579
8	\$97,532

**For each additional family member, add \$9,953*

Applications will be submitted online through the **FACTS Tuition Management** website. Please download the **“How to Apply” application instructions guide** at dorschools.org/scholarship

All materials will be reviewed by the Department of Catholic Schools in the order they are received. Additional documentation may be requested. After review, the superintendent will notify the principals of the selected Catholic schools and inform the families of awards.

Scholarship recipients are required to be in good academic standing, maintain enrollment and appropriate attendance, and are expected to follow the rules and procedures outlined in the school's Code of Conduct. They should contribute to a positive learning environment and show respect to other people and to property. Students who do not meet these requirements will not be eligible for a scholarship regardless of their financial needs.

This scholarship is for one full school year. Families who have received this scholarship in the past must reapply each year. **Applications for the 2025-2026 school year open on January 1, 2025. The application deadline is March 31, 2025.**

St Pius X Church

Catholic Youth Organization



Everyday
we **reach** to
restore
all things in
Jesus Christ



We are exploring the possibility of entering the Catholic Youth Organization Kickball League this Spring.

Are you a HELPER?

We need three adults per league, Elementary and Middle/High School) before we can manage this sport as a parish. First Meeting April 10, Email Parish Youth Ministry Director Barb.legere@dor.org by April 7 if you are interested in helping to get this new sport started!

Elementary Division: any current student in 2nd through 5th grade

Middle/High School Division: any current student in 6th through 12th grade

6-game season will begin in May. Opening week kicks off May 5th

Games will be played during the week, either Tuesday or Wednesday nights beginning on 5/6 or 5/7. \$10 team registration fee per player.