



Muskegon Catholic Central

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President's Remarks

The highlight of every week is my opportunity to celebrate Mass with our students. I do everything I can to hold the weekly Mass times sacred on my calendar. I shared that with the elementary students on Tuesday and the middle and high school students on Wednesday. I shared that their example – in prayer, walking the halls between classes, participating in multitude of activities, etc. – is teaching me what it truly means to be a Crusader. I thanked them for the passion, discipline, and collegiality that they show toward and for each other. As we approach the start of Catholic Schools Week, they remind me of the importance of Muskegon Catholic Central in their lives and in the lives of their families. Because of their level of positivity and caring, I am resolved to successfully and proactively represent them as a true Crusader. I pray that God bless each of our students and hold each close to His heart.

Crusader Forum – Wednesday, February 8, 2017

On Wednesday, February 8, 2017 we will host a Crusader Forum at 6:30 pm in the 7-12 Cafeteria. Aiming for inclusivity and transparency, the purpose of the Crusader Forum is to provide information to the Crusader Nation about important next steps flowing from the “Start with Why” sessions and Listening Sessions that were held this past October and November. All are invited and encouraged to attend. I am truly excited about the work being done in partnership with Don Kalisz and his team at Revel, and I look forward with great anticipation to sharing it with you.

The President's Remarks distributed in October outlined an initiative to rearticulate our message and brand. The initiative included “Start with Why” sessions involving administrators, faculty, staff, and members of the Board of Trustees. At the time, I announced that I would be hosting a series of Listening Sessions allowing small groups the opportunity to share their stories, provide insight, and open an important level of inclusive communication. Through the end of October and mid-November, ten Listening Sessions were held. As I had hoped, I walked away from each session inspired and amazed by the stories, insights, and perceptions shared. The conversations were enlightening, refreshing, and genuinely honest. Those in attendance enjoyed the opportunity to be heard, and I thoroughly enjoyed listening and learning. These sessions were so incredibly successful in giving people a voice and giving me perspective and focus that additional Listening Sessions will be discussed at the Crusader Forum. I truly want to hear what you have to say.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who participated so willingly and honestly in one of these important sessions – in particular those who opened their homes to host a Listening Session. If you participated in a session, I would love to have you attend at the Crusader Forum to see how your ideas helped to frame our sense of direction.

Because your input is important as we move this process forward, I encourage all to plan to attend the Crusader Forum on Wednesday, February 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the 7-12 Cafeteria.

Catholic Schools Week – Presentations at Parish Masses

Over the past several weeks, I have put a lot of thought and prayer into how to handle presentations at our parishes concerning Muskegon Catholic Central. Instead of asking a parent to deliver a pre-written message at their parish Mass, I feel strongly that the message this year needs to come from me as the new servant leader and President of Muskegon Catholic Central. I have spoken with several of our Pastors and Board members and they are in agreement. Because I do not have the ability to be in multiple places at the same time, the presentations will be held beginning the weekend of January 28th-29th through Saturday, March 4th. A presentation schedule is listed below. I will be available following Mass for conversation about Muskegon Catholic Central with anyone interested in learning more about us.

I appreciate all you do to help us fulfill our mission of excellence in Catholic faith formation and academics. Your comments and insights are important to me. I can be reached via phone at 231.291.0234 or via email at krasp@muskegoncatholic.org.

May God's peace be yours!



Ken R. Rasp, President

Muskegon Catholic Central 2017 Presentation Schedule at Parish Masses

Date	Parish	Mass Time
Saturday, January 28	St. Francis de Sales Parish	4:30 pm
Sunday, January 29	St. Michael the Archangel Parish	9:00 am
	St. Francis de Sales Parish	11:00 am
Saturday, February 4		
Sunday, February 5	St. Mary of the Woods Parish	8:30 am
	Prince of Peace Parish	10:30 am
Saturday, February 11	Our Lady of Grace Parish	4:00 pm
Sunday, February 12	Our Lady of Grace Parish	9:00 am
	St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish	10:30 am
Saturday, February 18	Sacred Heart Parish	4:00 pm
Sunday, February 19	St. Thomas the Apostle Parish	9:00 am
	Sacred Heart Parish	11:00 am
Saturday, February 25	Prince of Peace Parish	5:00 pm
Saturday, March 4	St. Thomas the Apostle Parish	4:00 pm