Jan 4, 2018

**Happy New Year!**

**Catholic Schools** Week is fast approaching the last week of January. Each student has the privilege of inviting 2 non-parent guests to join us for lunch for our appreciation lunch on Monday Jan 29. We will be working on invitations at school. Please help them make a selection. Families who have ordered lunches have already paid for lunch that day. If you would like to order a lunch, please submit $3 to eat a turkey dinner. All families (not each child) are being asked to bring a dessert. **PLEASE RSVP TO THE OFFICE.**

The rest of the week is being worked out.

**Winter Activities** have been canceled this week. Cold lunch day.

 Our next day trip will Jan 19 to Chester Fenton indoor skating. Inclement weather will only

 Potentially affect the skiers.

 **Progress reports** will go out on Wed Jan 10 in the Family folders.

 We are closed Jan 12 for inservice and Jan 15 for MLK Jr Day.

 Our weekly school masses have moved to Wed at 8:30. All are welcome.

**Pastor’s Corner**

 **Trinity Parish Needs Church Helpers**

 Parents of 7th and 8th grade students. Not only has winter come upon us in full force, but my new arrangements as the sole priest for the parishes of six churches has brought to light the need of more church helpers for shoveling. When I always had weekday morning Mass in Barton I considered it part of the job to shovel all the steps and walkways in the parish and school in Barton. Now that I frequently spend weekday nights and mornings in the town of Troy I need more church helpers to shovel snow in Barton between 7am and 8am. If your student is willing to commit to this as a parish helper it would be greatly appreciated. There is an annual budget of the parish to buy gift cards or give a small cash thank you to all our church helpers and this I will offer as well. Please call or email me if this volunteer job can be a commitment of your family for the parish. God bless. Fr. Naples.

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**Catholic Carpool Fund (trial period)**

Fr. Naples in Barton has chosen to use a small amount of available parish Christmas funds to try an idea for a Catholic Carpool fund. Mail or email information for winter tires you purchased this September through January to Fr. Timothy Naples, 85 St. Paul Lane, Barton, VT 05822. Include receipt of recent winter tire purchase, or printed copy of payment information for winter tires, or contact information of a tire supplier with permission for the Church to obtain a receipt copy. Please write a brief answer to the following questions. In which church(es) do you attend Mass? Have you shared/given rides with friends or family to attend Mass? Could the parish refer you to any person who asks about help for getting to Mass? This is a one-time offer in 2018 to grant partial payment of winter tires to keep Mass going parishioners safe on the roads. The idea of some Catholic carpooling initiative could be developed in future years.