



# PRAIRIE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 25, 2018

**Welcome Principal Henry** -We are excited to introduce our new Prairie Catholic principal to our parish family. Following is a brief introduction and background on Mrs. Henry:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your principal and educational partner at Prairie Catholic School. I'm here to support you, students and families! My husband Don and I live in Viroqua. We have two grown children together that are twins, two grown step children and 3 granddaughters. These first couple of months I will work hard to establish relationships with the staff, students and families and showing you I care about each one of you!

Mary was born on the Assumption of Mary into heaven on August 15, 1961 in Marshfield, Wisconsin. She is the third child of Leo and Joyce Bronkalla in their family of four children. Mary graduated from Baraboo Senior High School in 1979 and is YOUNGER than Fr. Jim! Mary's family was in education, with her father holding the position as public school district administrator of the communities they lived in as she was growing up. Later, in her father's career he worked for the Department of Public Instruction, DPI in Madison until his retirement. Joyce was the elementary school librarian at Mary's school in Little Chute. Leo in 1971 accepted a new position in Baraboo and the family moved. Joyce then worked for the University of Baraboo/Sauk media center until her retirement. Both of her parents are doing well and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past June.

Mary attended UW-Stout and graduated in 1984 with Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. She began her teaching career at Bayfield School District as their kindergarten teacher. She filled that position for one year as a teacher was on a leave of absences. Mary fell in love with the beauty of the Great Lake area and went back and taught for three summer's school sessions. In 1985 she was offered a teaching position in the Viroqua Area School District

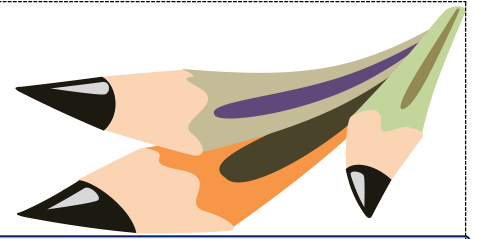
With peace,  
Mary Henry



**Book Fair** – Everyone visiting the book fair from 4:00 – 6:00 is invited to enter their names in a drawing. At 6:00pm, names will be drawn for ten \$10.00 book fair gift certificates/goodie bags! All gift certificates must be redeemed before the close of the book fair that evening. The Book Fair will be held in our North Annex **ONE DAY ONLY** on Wednesday, January 31st. You're welcome to browse the large selection anytime that day and during Family Night - door prize gift certificates will be given! If you'd like extra books afterward or you miss the event, you can still place orders online through our eFair until Friday, February 2nd at 11:59 pm. Go to [prairieusborne.com](http://prairieusborne.com) and select "Prairie Catholic School" as your event. Thanks for supporting our Library and promoting literacy at home and at school!"

## **Catholic Schools Week – It is finally here!!**

Please see the enclosed schedule for the many activities planned for the coming week. Opening Mass is Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at St. John's. Any student wishing to sing in the choir please be at church by 9:40am. This is a fun week, and we hope to see many of you!



### **Prairie Catholic Boys Basketball Tournaments –**

It's the boys turn! They will start playing basketball Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at one of three gyms, High School, Hoffman Hall or Prairie Catholic. If you know someone who is willing to help we could use more help in the concession stands, especially at Hoffman Hall.

**Spelling Bee** – Congratulations to Ryan Waller who won the school wide spelling bee last Friday. 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to JT Egstad. Both are eligible to compete at the regional spelling bee on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Good Luck!



**Ski Trip Forms** –Please see that the forms and payment is returned to the school office. Without these forms students will not be allowed to attend. They include permission slip, Mt. LaCrosse rental & release forms, and Diocese of LaCrosse Child Comprehensive Medical Release & Permission form. **A reminder to anyone not riding the bus home must have a signed note from a parent stating that they will be riding home with a parent. If they are riding home with someone other than a parent a note must be received by both the parent and the person bringing home the student. These forms must be in the by Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Coming Home Today**

Below is the information coming home this week. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Newsletter  
Weekly Church Bulletin  
February Event & Lunch Menu  
Catholic Schools Week Schedule of Events

### **Upcoming Events**

**January 25<sup>th</sup>** – Athletic Eligibility  
**January 26<sup>th</sup>** – Opera for the Young-1:30pm  
**January 27<sup>th</sup>** – Prairie Catholic Boys Tournament  
**January 28<sup>th</sup>** - Beginning of Catholic Schools Week  
**January 29<sup>th</sup>** – Grades K-2 to Play @ Viterbo  
**January 31<sup>st</sup>** – Family Night – Talent Show  
**February 1<sup>st</sup>** – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band trip  
**February 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Ski Trip Grades 5-8; Movie “Paddington 2” Grades 4K-4<sup>th</sup>  
**February 4<sup>th</sup>** – Swiss steak dinner  
**February 7<sup>th</sup>** – Reginal Spelling Bee – Kickapoo  
**February 9<sup>th</sup>** – NO SCHOOL  
**February 13<sup>th</sup>** – Mardi Gras/Grandparents Day  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>** – Ash Wednesday–Mass at 8:15am  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>** – Math Counts Competition  
**February 16<sup>th</sup>** – Mid Term 3  
**February 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Progress Report going home  
**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Hard Work Counts  
**February 26<sup>th</sup>** – Middle School Forensics  
**February 26<sup>th</sup>** – 3-5 to Play at Viterbo

