



ST. MARY SCHOOL

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

The Mission of St. Mary Star of the Sea Elementary School is to joyfully cultivate God's goodness, beauty, and truth. Through our Catholic faith, we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, grow in virtue and intellect, and form our students to lead and serve our communities as saints.

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School Message

Hello St. Mary's Families!

We certainly have a lot to rejoice about at St. Mary's. Our classrooms look fantastic thanks to a huge community effort.

First, I want to thank the teachers, parents, and volunteers that helped put the old furniture in storage or sent it off to OmniSource, the dumpster or St. Vincents. A special thanks to the Grow Jackson Crew, Knights of Columbus and Ben Pelletier, Facilities Manager at Lumen Christi. I understand Kutcha's had a hand in helping us as well. Thank you all.

Getting rid of the old was only phase one. Lakeshore was amazing on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday assembling the new furniture and "staging" the classrooms.

The "fun" didn't stop there! After two long days of inspiring and motivating training with the Institute for **Catholic** Liberal Education the teachers came in over the weekend. They spent hours putting their rooms together and making it a welcoming space for their students to excel in their learning!

I am often reminded of the many blessing that we have received at St. Mary Star of the Sea Elementary school. These last two weeks however were miraculous. Our community is outstanding and once again God has reminded me just how lucky I am to be a part of it.

You can see some pictures on our facebook page. We will do a formal Open House in December.

Peace in Christ,
Miss Nancy O'Neill

Up Coming Events:

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held this Wednesday after school from 4:00-7:00, and Thursday 12:30 to 4:00.

Thursday, November 9th is a half day; 11:30 am dismissal

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

Justice- Gratitude

This month the children and staff will be practicing the virtue of Justice, particularly gratitude. Having gratitude means having a thankful disposition of mind and heart.

One can cultivate gratitude by counting the many blessings (good things) in our lives. We express gratitude even when it's difficult.

Watch for ways you can model gratitude for your children and praise them when you catch them being grateful.

Please Pray:

With all that is going on in the world please pray for World Peace:

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive

to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen. (Pope Francis)

CLOTHES CLOSET

If you are in need of uniform clothes we have them. We have a limited number of smaller sizes but we do have pants and shirts in all sizes, some jumpers and some skirts. If you are interested the office will be open Monday-Friday 8:00-3:00.

All students can be dropped off from 7:45-8:00 am. Student pick-up for PreK is 3:00 . Student pick-up for students in grades K-6 is 3:20. Office hours are M-F 7:15am-3:30pm.
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Star Messenger

If you have requests for postings please email them to noneill@myjacs.org.

Weekend Mass Schedule and Parish News

Go to: <https://stmaryjackson.com/>



JPS BUS

Please direct any questions directly to JPS at (517) 841-2180.

Lumen Christi Bus

Registration (www.jcslumenchristi.org) and click on "Transportation" under Quick Links on the right hand side of the home page to get more information and to register.



<https://www.facebook.com/jcsstmarystarofthesea/>

Please like, follow, and share us on facebook and invite others to do the same.



We have several soft fundraisers that add funds to our school without taking extra money out of your pocket, these are the most current:

Things to send in:

- Box Tops for Education
- Recycled ink cartridges and
- Recycled cell phones

Things to sign up for:

- Target Red Card
- GFS Guest Card
- Office Depot (ask to credit St. Mary),

St. Mary TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

How does it work?

Gift cards may be purchased in the school office. The school receives a percentage of the sale (based on the business). This money goes towards your selected students' tuition cost. A list of participating businesses is available in paper form in the office.

TRIP orders are due in the school office on Tuesday mornings **BY** 8:30AM for pick up on Friday.

Thank You,

Cindy & Karen

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