



St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

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A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God, During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may rediscover the grace of a prayerful life. Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity. Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in doing so, rediscover the grace of gratitude and generosity. May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for you and my faith in you. AMEN



News and Views from Mr. Schmit

Parents,

I thank you for the support and understanding you are showing as we all navigate through this historical situation. I will keep my comments brief this week due to all of the communication we've been sending recently.

Although last night we announced we had to cancel STEAM Night/Open House, the teaching staff and administrative staff decided to stay around in case people still showed up to visit our school, due to the late notice. Fourteen new families still came to tour St. John School. Our staff did a wonderful job of answering questions and informing new families of what St. John's has to offer. We hope to still hold an Open House and STEAM night in the Spring but know full well that the future is too difficult to predict given the present situation.

As the faculty continues to make remote learning preparations, I want to stress that over the next two weeks we will be trying to do all we can to continue the education process for the 2019-2020 school year. Our teachers did an excellent job today preparing and will continue to get things ready on Monday. We will have the school open on Tuesday from 11 AM -1 PM and again from 4 PM -6 PM so our families can pick up necessary materials and information. Please continue to check your email for ongoing teacher communication.

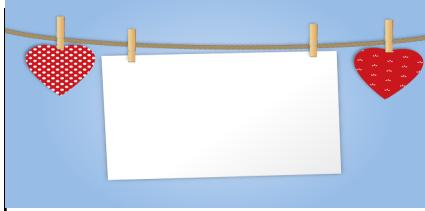
Most importantly, let us remotely "gather together" in prayer, asking God to guide this country through this situation. Please join me in asking the Blessed Mother's intercession...

O Mary, you always shine on our path, as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us
from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Pope Francis, March 11, 2020

St. John School Community, you rock! We will be better and stronger because of this situation. God bless,

Andrew Schmit



ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

Prayers:

- For the continued health and safety of all of our families, friends, and the entire St. John Community.
- For medical personnel and all who must still work for the good of all.

If you have a prayer request for the Jet Gazette, please let Mrs. Haiss know.

Building Foundations of Faith

As Catholic parents, we are called to provide moral education and spiritual growth for our children. What better example than to learn and grow in faith yourself? Visit this Jet Gazette feature weekly for thoughts, articles, and tips to strengthen and deepen your understanding of our Catholic faith.

Eucharistic Miracles

As part of our Catholic faith, we believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. This means that we fully believe that the body and blood of Jesus have taken the place of bread and wine during the consecration at Mass. Watch this amazing video, "[The Veil Removed](#)," to see a portrayal of what happens during the Holy Sacrifice at the Altar. Each Sunday from now until Palm Sunday, the parish will highlight one of the many Eucharistic miracles recognized by the Catholic Church. Last week, the focus was the Eucharistic Miracle of Rosano. To read more about this miracle, click [here](#).

Today's #microchallenge from [bustedhalo.com](#)



If you cannot make it to Stations of the Cross, please click [here](#) to experience Virtual Stations of the Cross.

To stay up to date with parish events, here is a link to the weekly parish bulletin: <https://stjohnfenton.org/bulletins>

Staff Spotlight

Who is your favorite literary character?

Mrs. Stickel: Harold from "Harold and the Purple Crayon." He taught me that if you want something, you can make it happen with creativity and imagination.

Mrs. Salzano: Elephant and Piggie are definitely my favorite characters. They are SO funny!

Mrs. Whitney: Dorian Gray

Mrs. Wright: I think Winnie the Pooh is one of my favorite book characters. I love the stories and the illustrations!

Mrs. Dawes: I love to read a wide variety of books, so it's difficult to narrow it down. Anne of Green Gables will always have a special place in my heart.

Mrs. Farella: I love to read, especially over the summer. I have enjoyed reading about many characters in books. Characters drive the story and create conflicts, tensions and resolutions that hold our interest.

Mrs. Haiss: One of my favorite book characters is Skeeter from The Help. Her internal conflict between long family traditions and social justice is admirable.

Mrs. Roche: I LOVE Gerald from Elephant and Piggie. He is perfectly skeptical and funny. :)

Mrs. Custodio: The Cat in the Hat and Pinkalicious

Mrs. Boyle: There are just so many! I love a main character who triumphs or beats adversity. I also love a wild and zany character, like many of Dr. Seuss' friends.

Ms. Wharff: Two of my favorite book characters are Frog and Toad, from Arnold Lobel's series of books. I love their friendship, how they support one another during trying times, and their silly antics. The Kindergartners and I LOVE to read about their adventures together. :)

Mr. Garbutt: Harry Potter because he was a fantastic leader as he saved his people from evil.

Mr. Schmit: My favorite literary character was Tom Dennis Fitzgerald Jr. AKA The Great Brain, my favorite book series. Why? Because of his great intelligence, his escapades, but overall for his humanity.

