

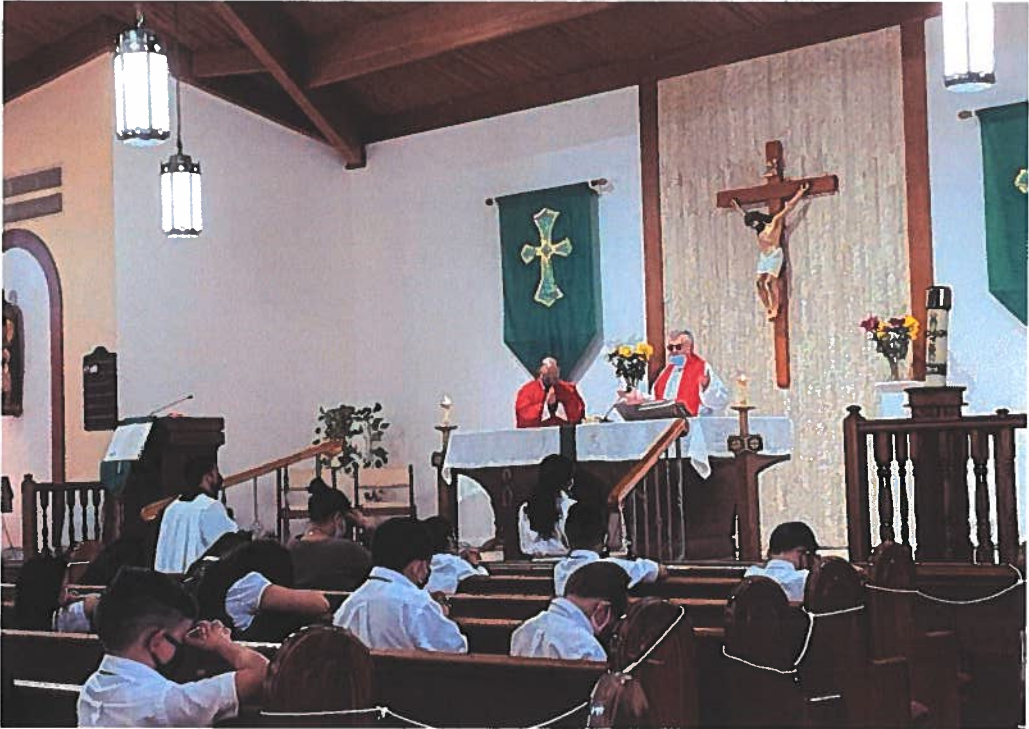
# St. Catherine Catholic School

The mission of St. Catherine Catholic School is to provide a Christ-centered education where children can strengthen their relationship with God and prepare for life's challenges and their service to others.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021

## School News!

St. Catherine celebrated *Catholic Schools Week*, January 31- February 6. On Sunday, our teachers spoke at the various parishes in our area, sharing their love for Catholic education; our children wrote "thank you" letters to their parents and they enjoyed Field Day with friends. We ended the week with children attending a special Mass on Friday for Catholic Schools Week, celebrated by our Superintendent, Fr. Belmonte. After a 12-Noon dismissal, teachers enjoyed lunch and a retreat. Catholic education is a gift and we are grateful to our parents who make sacrifices for their children to attend St. Catherine's and to our benefactors who continually support our school and programs! Our halls are decorated with over a 100 hearts that say, "I love St. Catherine Catholic School because..."





*A few reasons to choose Catholic Schools:*

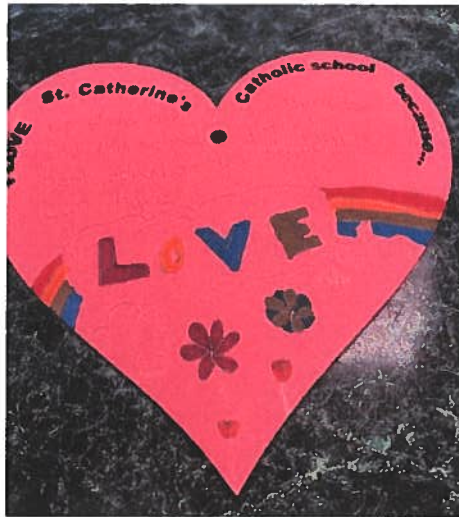
- ❖ *Catholic Schools emphasize moral development and self-discipline.*
- ❖ *We instill in students the value of service to others.*

***Our Students are on a Roll...***

Our Second Quarter ended just before Christmas and students received their awards when they returned in January. Fr. Jose distributed the awards at Mass and at the school.

- ❖ 16 students made the Honor Roll for First Honors, Second Honors, and Principal's List
- ❖ 10 students had perfect attendance for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- ❖ 19 students received the "Citizenship Award"

The Principal Award recipients - those students who achieved at least a 95% average in all classes - enjoyed a pizza lunch as their reward.



***Building a Love for Reading***

We have set a school goal to have all students in grades 1 – 8 improve their reading comprehension. All students have to reach 100% of their individual goal with 85% proficiency by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Students access books on *MyOn* and, when completed, take a proficiency test through *Accelerated Reader*. Students are able to access over 6,000 online books on their iPads that are customized to their reading level and ability. Teachers receive weekly reports on student progress and each teacher has created a visual component in their classrooms to keep students motivated. It's only February, and we have already had several students reach their goal! [Congratulations and good luck to all.](#)

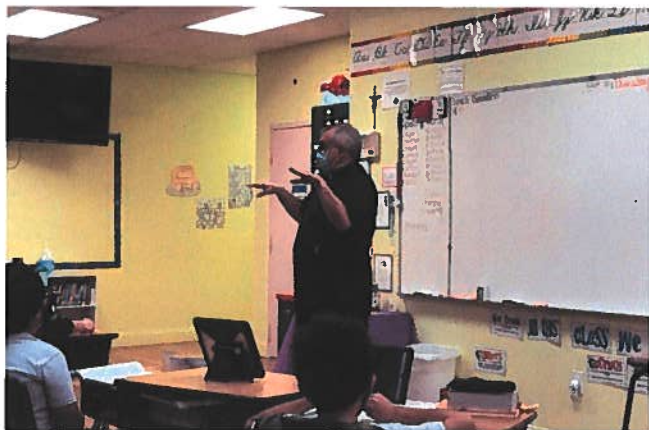
***STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, Math)***

Our STREAM Club had their first meeting in January. The Club gives students an opportunity to be creative designers working with robotics. The students had fun building small robots and a construction paper race track. Watch for a big announcement on March 10<sup>th</sup> from Bishop Dewane on STREAM!

## Bringing Faith to the Classroom

When 4<sup>th</sup> grade began learning about the Sacrament of Holy Orders, Fr. Jose came to share his journey into the priesthood and answer any questions the students had.

Fr. Paul has also been coming to campus on a regular basis to share his experience and knowledge with 7<sup>th</sup> grade...they also love asking him questions!



## Time for Re-Enrollment!

Our current families are asked to complete their re-enrollment information now in order to ensure a place for next year. We will open up the enrollment to new families on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Enrollment is handled through our FACTS Mangement. Please contact Mrs. Mendez at ext. 203 if you need assistance or by email: [mendez@stcatheschool.org](mailto:mendez@stcatheschool.org)

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

St. Catherine Catholic School accepts scholarships from AAA, STEP UP, Family Empowerment, Gardiner, and McKay. We also have local foundations and financial aid that allow us to help families with tuition.

## Our Service Project for CSW

One of the most important lessons we can teach our students is to give back to those in need. As a Catholic school, we have this built into our Mission Statement, which the students and Faculty repeat everyday during our morning prayers. For Catholic Schools Week (CSW), we collected socks and gently used and new blankets for a local Homeless Ministry. Our children and families were very generous and we know that their gifts will help many of those in need. *Thank you!*



## Summer Programs

Watch for more information – we are in the planning stages of putting together some summer programs for our students. We will focus on reading, math, science and lots of fun!

# Car Raffle!

We are raffling off a new 2020 KIA RIO or \$15,000 in cash! All proceeds will benefit our school and students. Due to COVID-19, we have not been able to have our usual fundraisers, so if you are interested in purchasing a ticket (\$50.00), please contact Ms. Claudia Spradlin at (863)385-0049. The drawing will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>.



## FACEBOOK LIVE AUCTION COMING SOON!

St. Catherine Catholic School is also hosting a live auction on Facebook beginning February 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be something for everyone – new items will be uploaded on a weekly basis.

*We appreciate your support!*



▶ **Happy St. Valentine's Day!** Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman Saint, and while not much is known about this Saint, his Feast Day on February 14<sup>th</sup>, has become a celebration of love.



▶ **TERRA NOVA**, Standardized Testing begins February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our students are STARS and will rise to the top! Students in grades 2 – 8 take a set of 3 tests that cover reading, language, math, science, and social studies. *Good luck students!*

**Our students and teachers are celebrating Black History Month...**

**“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”** Malcom X

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