

Saints + Scholars Press

Our Mission: Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools is a Christ-Centered, Catholic learning community committed to the academic excellence and spiritual development of every student.



News from Mr. Kubik

Mass Schedule: St. Michael - Mondays

For 1st Grade

St. John - Tuesdays

For 2nd-4th Grades

Picture Retake Day

Picture retake day is scheduled for October 14th. If you need a retake form, please see the school office. Dress code for students having their pictures retaken is Sunday Best.

IOWA Testing

Iowa and CogAT Testing continues into next week. Please continue ensuring your children get sufficient sleep, eat breakfast and are ready to test.

Happy Homecoming Weekend to our friends at SMCC!

MCES Families- be sure to take part in the MCES Tailgate at St. John Campus from 5:00-7:00 today, Homecoming Parade leaving from SMCC at 5:30 and go to the Falcon Football Game at 7:00 at Navarre Field!

MCES Space Race!

10/7/16

This week, the St. Michael and St. John Campuses are kicking off our fall Box Tops for Education contest: MCES Space Race! Each classroom is on a scoreboard by the Office at St. Michael and St. John. The classroom on each campus that brings in the most box tops will win a special prize! Earlier this week, you should have received several Box Top Collection Sheets to glue clipped box tops onto. For each 25 box tops collected, your classroom will receive 1 sticker on the scoreboard. Additional collection forms are available in the school offices.

Box Tops for Education are a great way to raise funds for the school. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents, meaning each collection form returned is \$2.50 for the school. Imagine how much money we could raise! The contest will continue through Friday, October 28th.

Grandparents Days

Each October, MCES students and faculty honor our grandparents with special days at each of our campuses. Grandparents Day is a great tradition that we are establishing at MCES; when I was in elementary school at St. Michael, we never had this opportunity, and I was always jealous that my cousins in Toledo- at Christ the King- who were able to entertain our grandparents for a day at school. Please encourage all grandparents and other special people to join our students at Mass and in their classrooms on these special days. RSVP Forms went home recently. Please call your campus office if you need another. More information available at mcesmonroe.com.

St. Michael Campus Grandparents Day is October 24

St. John Campus Grandparents Day is October 25

St. Mary Campus Grandparents Day is October 27

Auction T-Shirts

It's time to order Auction Pride Day T-Shirts! They are gray with orange printing and are available in short or long sleeves. **There will only be one order placed this year.**

**All orders are due by
Wednesday, October 19th.**



Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Email me at kubik@monroecatholicschools.com.

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Saints + Scholars Staff Highlight

Mrs. Shawn Capser

What do you do at MCES?

I teach 3rd grade.

How long have you taught at MCES or one of our founding schools?

This is my first year at Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools.

What is your favorite part of working here?

My favorite part of working here is that I can share my faith while teaching others. I have always loved teaching children but now that I can include God in my lessons, it brings teaching to a whole new level.

What was your favorite subject to learn about when you were in school?

My favorite subject to learn about in school was History and Geography. I love to learn about the past and then go to historical sites and watch history come alive. Learning about history has inspired my love for traveling.

What does our theme: "Saints + Scholars" mean to you?

Saints + Scholars means that I am here to support the spiritual and intellectual growth of all my students.



Window of St. Francis of Assisi in St. John Church



St. Francis of Assisi in St. Michael Church with Sorcha Pictured

St. Francis of Assisi

This week, we celebrated the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis lived in the Umbria region of Italy in the late 1100s. Fr. Jim spoke to our 2nd-4th Grade about his generosity and meekness (the reason the Beatitude "Blessed are the Meek" appears below his stained glass window in St. John). St. Francis was born into a wealthy family, but gave up his earthly possessions to further the mission of Christ and serve the poor. He is also known as the patron saint of animals, and our St. John Campus held a Blessing of the Stuffed Animals following Mass.

I recall being in elementary school and Fr. Stephen Rooney's dog-Sorcha (Irish for Sarah) would often visit our classrooms. When St. Michael Church's paintings were being redone in the late 1990s, the painter planned to create an image of St. Francis of Assisi. When he was on the scaffolding, beginning to paint, Sorcha came into the Church and sat while he painted. The image of the dog next to St. Francis is modeled after Sorcha.

Calendar Reminders

- 10/7 SMCC Homecoming Parade, join in the fun and walk with your CYO team or with the MCES Float.
- 10/7 MCES Homecoming Tailgate, 5pm to 7pm in the St. John Parish/school parking lot, [click here](#) for information.
- 10/8 Connie Niemi Memorial 5K to benefit Gabby's Ladder
- 10/10 CYO **Winter sports** forms are due to the CYO Director
- 10/12 No afternoon MPS buses. All shuttle buses and SMCC buses will run as normal.
- 10/14 Picture Retake Day, students getting their picture retaken can wear their Sunday best for pictures.
- 10/14 and 15 St. Mary craft show, proceeds benefit MCES
- 10/15 and 16 St. John Parish Festival of Ministrie
- 10/20 Third Grade to Erie Orchard
- 10/21 Kindergarten class trip to Trabbic Pumpkin Farm

Children's Book Donations Requested

If you have any books for 1st Grade and younger, we are looking to grow our new Media Center Library. Please drop them off at the school office in a bag that includes your name/family name. Any donations are greatly appreciated!

Thank you to those who have donated books:

- Carleen Stiff
- Landon Phillips
- The Marting Family
- The Odette Family
- The Foldvary Family