

# 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

## Join us for Mass

Mondays at St. Michael

8:15 for Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Tuesday at St. John

8:15 for 2nd - 4th Grades

## Christmas Concerts

PreK - December 6th at 6:00 pm

St. Michael Church

K & 1st - December 13 at 7:00 pm

St. Michael Church

2nd-4th - December 14 at 7:00 pm

St. John Church

5th-8th - December 20th

St. Mary Middle School Gym

Latchkey - December 8th at 3:00 pm

St. Michael Gym

## 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 for all donations that have already been received including: Family of Ameila Thorn & the Spencer Family.

## Mass of Gratitude

The three parishes in Monroe will have a Mass of Gratitude for the Year of Mercy tonight (Wednesday, November 23) at 7:00 pm at St. John Parish

## Happy Thanksgiving!

12/9/16

As principal, I am incredibly thankful for the opportunity to work in a faith-filled environment with a wonderful faculty and staff. I am most thankful for the incredible students in our school and the commitment of our families who support our school and Catholic education. Thank you! Have a blessed and restful Thanksgiving! -Mr. Kubik

## Advent Begins

This Sunday marks the first week of Advent. St. Michael and St. John Campuses will have a short prayer service each week, as well as daily Advent prayers on the morning announcements. Below are reflections you can use as a family during the first two weeks of Advent.

### **First Sunday of Advent: The Hope Candle (11/27)**

Pray: *Jesus, help us get ready for your birth. Help us to see past the shiny decorations all around us and to remember we are waiting for you. Amen.*

**Act: One way to get ready for Jesus is to make an Advent resolution. What can everyone in your family give to Jesus? Is there a person you can be nice to throughout Advent? Think of something you can do to prepare.**

### **Second Sunday of Advent: The Peace Candle (12/4)**

Pray: *Jesus, guide us to see the ways we need to repent and believe to be ready for your arrival this Christmas. Amen.*

**Act: How are you doing with your Advent resolution? Promise yourself to continue working on it. Ask for help from Christ.**

Adapted from "Welcome Baby Jesus" by Sarah A. Reinhard, Ligouri



Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Email me at [kubik@monroecatholicschools.com](mailto:kubik@monroecatholicschools.com).

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**St. Thomas Aquinas Club at MCES**

St. Thomas Aquinas is the patron saint of students. In that spirit, whenever a student is caught doing something saintly, teachers will fill out a short form and students will be recognized on the Aquinas Club board at each campus and at the end of the quarter with a certificate. To qualify for the Aquinas Club awards, students must go above and beyond. This means they have done something that is out of the ordinary. Some examples include:

- Being incredibly Christ-like
- Helping a friend in need
- Sticking up for someone
- Doing something incredibly kind
- Doing what is right, even though it is unpopular
- Putting others before themselves
- Being charitable when they don't need to be
- Making peace between two friends
- Trying to cheer someone up when they have a bad day
- Helping the teacher without being asked
- Being a good example when others may not be
- Being honest in a tough situation
- Showing great loyalty to friends, teachers, or the school

**Calendar Updates**

11/28 St. Michael Campus Advent Prayer Service Week 1  
 11/30 PTO Barn Owl Studio Take & Make Fundraiser - 6:30 pm - 9 pm  
 12/2 \$2 to participate Auction Jeans Day, show your school pride!  
 12/2 St. John Campuses Advent Prayer Service Week  
 12/2 Kindergarten - 4th grades to Nutcracker at RRCA 9:30 a.m  
 12/3 Breakfast with Santa - St. Michael Campus  
 12/5 St. Michael Campus Advent Prayer Service Week 2  
 12/7 No afternoon MPS buses. All shuttle buses and SMCC buses will run as normal.  
 12/7 St. John Campus Advent Prayer Service Week 2  
 12/8 Immaculate Conception Mass All School at St. Mary Noon  
 12/8 St. Michael and St. John No Hot Lunch, please send a bagged lunch & drink with your children  
 12/9 Holiday Shopping Babysitter - St. Michael Campus  
**\*\*\*Visit [mcesmonroe.com](http://mcesmonroe.com) for a full listing of calendar events\*\*\***

**Brrr....**

It's getting cold outside! Consider purchasing or encouraging your children to wear the MCES grey sweatshirts or the MCES navy fleece jacket.

Please ensure they have a warm coat, winter hats and gloves for recess.



**Christmas Service Project**

Each grade is adopting a family in need through the Mrs. Claus Club! This is a grade opportunity to teach about helping others during a season that tends to be more about receiving than giving. Each teacher will be sending out the wish list and instructions for their assigned family. Please do not hesitate to email with any questions!

