

Our Lady's Montessori School

of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity



Happy Lenting !!

Dear Families and Friends of Our Lady's Montessori School,

God's blessings! Lent is upon us, and it seems that spring is too! During Lent, we move into the grace the Lord offers to bring us closer to Him. "Return to me with your whole heart." We reflect during this time on the goodness and mercy of the Lord and respond with gratitude for His fatherly care. We pause for a moment to realize how we may improve our relationship with the Lord through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Congratulations to Miss Carolyn for completing a course of study in Toddler Montessori. She embarked on a six month program offered through the North American Montessori Teacher Association. We are grateful for her zeal and continued study to improve her work in serving our toddlers.

Thanks to all who came to our Parent Night held a few weeks ago. We appreciated hearing from Miss Angie about

the language and math development of the children as they approach kindergarten age.

We are beginning to prepare for our bi-annual assessment offered through Tri-County Smart Start. During August, our program will be rated based on many factors ranging from classroom health and safety to curriculum and parent partnerships. We hope to maintain or improve our 4-Star Quality Rating previously attained.

We are also grateful for the continued work offered by our friends Mr. Ernie Straub and Mr. Mario Gutierrez. Besides the wonderful floor installation in the main entry way area, they also repaired some heating issues in the toddler classrooms. Much appreciated!

God's blessings!
Sr. Mary Mediatrix of All Grace,
SOLT

Coming and Going

Thank you to Miss Zoe Agnew-Svoboda for her work with the Disciples' class during this year. She will be entering a new line of work and we wish her well in her future endeavors. Welcome to Miss Jess Hensle who will be serving as the Assistant Teacher in the Disciples' class.

We welcome three Aspirants who will be entering Religious Life. They will begin their official program on March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation. They will be serving at the school as part of their formation, which will end in Kansas City on June 24th.

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Upcoming Dates:

Thurs., Mar 18 10:15am

Monthly School Mass

Fri., Mar 19
NO SCHOOL Staff in-service

Fri., Apr 2nd
Good Friday—NO SCHOOL

Mon., Apr 5th Easter
Monday—NO SCHOOL



New floors in progress!

Volunteers

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer any time at School. Some of our spring and early summer projects include painting the bathrooms in the Disciples' class, gardening and painting the deck as you approach the School.

Little Angels

Wow! It's sure been cold! Our **Little Angels** have been inside a lot but busy. We were able to enjoy the snow one day by bringing some inside and making "snow cream", a sensory activity. The children felt and tasted the snow and then enjoyed eating the "snow cream".

We have been extra busy in the art area, drawing, gluing and cutting. We want to welcome our new student, Rosalina. She is adjusting well and making new friends. Our class would like to wish Miss Janelle a Happy Birthday this month.

Miss Carolyn and Miss Janelle



Birthdays

Lizzie Sullivan, Madison Herald, Jack Taylor, Miss Angie, Miss Janelle



Disciples

Greetings **Disciples'** Parents,

We've got some changes going on in the classroom. Instead of going outside before lunch, we are now having recess following naptime (it's about 3pm by the time we get cots put away and out of the door). This provides us with a more in-depth morning work period and a more peaceful afternoon in the classroom.

Shoe polishing has arrived! Feel free to bring your leather shoes by to get polished, or wear them in and have them done at drop-off or pick up. We are also practicing caring for plants, so if you have a potted plant with which you'd like to adorn our classroom, we will gladly accept!

We ask again that you please keep super-hero clothing at home as it is distracting for the children and often stirs up aggressive behaviors.

Miss Angie



Little Saints

This month we hope to see signs of Spring!! We have several new friends in our class: Landon Morrison, Frances Groves, Aubrey Grote, Maddie Wenz and Nikolai Kunakhovich.

We are beginning to prepare for our QRS evaluation. This evaluation will assess our classroom to see if there are areas for improvement. We strive to provide the best quality care for our children and hope to score well. We are looking forward to warmer temperatures and a playground without snow. We will be adding new materials to the shelves and working on a "spring" theme.

Think Spring!

Sincerely, Miss Tami and Mrs. Laura



"The greatest sign of success for a teacher is to be able to say, "The children are now working as if I did not exist."

- Maria Montessori