



# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## WHAT'S IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE?

A Message from  
Mr. Jack Richards  
Head of Schools

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This past week, I observed our Pre-K students attend their weekly Catechist of the Good Shepherd class, or as we call it, Atrium. For those unfamiliar with the program, The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is designed to teach all aspects of our Catholic faith to our young students by providing a nurturing and spiritually rich environment where faith can take root and grow. This program, rooted in the Montessori method, emphasizes the importance of a child's spiritual development and allows them to develop a deeper understanding of their faith.

Several things stuck out to me as I observed the students in the Atrium.

First, one of the most striking benefits of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is its ability to meet children where they are developmentally. The program uses hands-on materials that allow children to engage with the Scripture and all aspects of the Mass in ways that make sense to them. This approach makes the teachings of the Church more accessible, fostering a genuine love for God and their faith.

Second, the environment of the Atrium provides an atmosphere that encourages children to focus on their interests and how they are currently experiencing God in their lives. Through the use of scripture, prayer, and hands-on activities, children come to understand that God is a constant part of their lives. Students truly get to know their Catholic faith and the names and meanings of many of the things that they encounter in Mass on a weekly basis.

One of the most moving experiences that I witnessed was how eager the students were to engage in their independent work following the core lesson. Students were engaged with setting the altar, dressing the priest, and setting up their own prayer table. It brought me great joy to watch them talk about their faith and what Jesus meant to them.

I want to thank Chris Allison, Pat Terry, our Pre-K assistants, and Pre-K teachers for all the work they put into making this a possibility for our students. It truly will have a lifelong impact on how they see themselves, their relationship to, and their understanding of their faith.

Our plan is to extend this program next year to include our Pre-K and Kindergarten students. Please pray for the success of the program. Pray for those students who are engaged with the program, along with those adults offering the program.

Jack Richards  
Head of Schools

## IMPORTANT DATES

Please see the school calendar at the button below for the most up-to-date information regarding upcoming meetings and events.

CALENDAR

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Sat.: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am  
11:00 am

Confession:  
Every Sat.: 3:30-4:30 pm

[Parish Bulletin](#)

### Vision Statement of Holy Trinity Catholic School

To be a school of excellence that encompasses the whole child by modeling Jesus through our Catholic teachings, commitment to academics, service to the community, and devotion as life-long servants of God.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Summer PEP Classes

Our HT teachers are again offering Summer PEP opportunities on various weeks this summer and at both campuses. Please [check out the offerings here](#) and [register online](#) by May 9. Questions should be directed to offering teachers.

## Service Learning Grade-Level Final Drives

Next week, March 17-21, most grade levels will host their final collection efforts for their community partners this school year. A list of items requested for donation will come home via a teacher email and flyer with students. Please shop with your child(ren) and send donations to each child's homeroom, if able to participate.

A few grades will delay this effort for their traditional spring projects: Clifton and 5th grade will wait to do spring flower planting at their service partners later, 2nd grade will host their Wax Museum later, and 3rd grade will postpone collections until their lemonade stand.

Thank you to all of our families who have donated and given so generously to all of our non-profit community partners throughout the year. We appreciate your support and participation in our service learning program.

## Kindness Contest Winners

Thank you to our 7th and 8th graders who submitted an essay for our Kindness Contest! Congratulations to the following students who were selected as winners:

- Sam Schmitt
- Cooper Sternberg
- Harper Harden
- Massimo Jurans
- Skylar Clark
- Luke Brooker

Keep spreading kindness each and every day!

# High School Musical Jr.

The countdown is on—High School Musical Jr. is just two weeks away!

We can't wait to bring this incredible show to you! Grab your tickets today using the link below and join us for an unforgettable performance.

<https://cur8.com/16168/project/129661>

## Show Dates & Times:

**March 14th @ 7:00 PM**

**March 15th @ 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

**March 16th @ 2:00 PM**

Our Jr. High students have poured their hearts into this production, and you won't want to miss another spectacular performance! Get your tickets now!

## PTA NEWS

### Skating Party

A special thank you to Katie Wolz for a very fun skating party last week. Everyone had a great time!

## PTA Dates to Remember

Mark your calendar for these dates to remember.

- **April 17th**-PTA Meeting at 8:00 am in the Multipurpose Building St. Matthews Campus. All are welcome!
- **May 9th** -Father or special friend/Daughter Dance 7-9pm in the Gym at St. Matthews Campus. (Any 7th or 8th grade girls that want to help, please reach out to Heather Sexton [hsexton1025@gmail.com](mailto:hsexton1025@gmail.com))
- **May 10th** - Mother or special friend/Son Day at Camp HiHo
- **May 20th**- Field Day

# PARISH NEWS

## "NO GREATER LOVE" BIBLE STUDY

Come join in on our **women's "No Greater Love" Bible Study** happening on **Monday evenings at 6:30 pm starting on March 17th**. It will be in the Spiritual Life Center. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, "No Greater Love" is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life, from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Cost is \$28 for the book and workbook.

**Please sign up at**

<https://holyltrinitycatholicchu25.flocknote.com/signup/201957> **or contact Jacqui Rapp** at [jrapp@htparish.org](mailto:jrapp@htparish.org) or 502-897-5207 ext 1119.