



## QUEEN of the MIRACULOUS MEDAL SCHOOL

**Our Mission:** The mission of Jackson Catholic Schools is to joyfully cultivate God's goodness, beauty, and truth. Through our Catholic faith, we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, grow in virtue and intellect, and form our students to lead and serve our communities as saints.

**January 19, 2024**

*A Note from Mrs. Hartley...*

Dear Parents,

What a crazy weather week. I am glad to see that next week things will calm down and our drives will not be as slippery! Please continue to send the kids with boots and snow pants. Once the black top is dry and the temperatures are above freezing, the students that like to play football can wear their shoes outside. Not yet, but hopefully soon.

We will continue to MAP test next week with 2-6 graders. Report cards will come home on Wednesday. Please keep the card and return the envelope with your signature.

Those of you that signed up to help at a Mass next weekend (Jan.27/28) will receive a confirmation letter explaining the duties on Tuesday. Please have your child wear their uniform and arrive 15 minutes before Mass begins. Thank you!

Please check out the schedule for Catholic Schools Week! We have some fun events planned for everyone!

The book fair begins next week. All students will get to browse and/or shop during their library times. Information from Mrs. Wetzel was sent home. If you have any questions please email her at [lwetzel@myjacs.org](mailto:lwetzel@myjacs.org).

There are lots of items in the lost and found if you are missing something.

Have a blessed weekend!

*Liz Hartley*

### Upcoming Events:

#### MAP Testing

Mon. 1/22	Ambassadors Meeting LC 5pm
Tues. 1/23	
Wed. 1/24	NO PM JPS Bus Report Cards Go Home
Thur. 1/25	
Fri. 1/26	School Mass 9am True Credit Union
Sat. 1/27	Student Host 5pm Mass Daddy Daughter Dance 6pm
Sun. 1/28	Student Host Masses
Mon. 1/29	JCS Appreciation Day Hot Coco
Tues. 1/30	Staff Appreciation Day Mass at LC 3-6 gr
Wed. 1/31	Student Appreciation Day Out of Uniform Free Pizza Lunch Inflatables
Thur. 2/1	Parent Appreciation Day Open House 6-7:30pm-Book Fair
Fri. 2/2	School Mass 9am Spirit Day-Wear Queen's Or LC

**Morning**  
**Playground**  
***Matt Hurst***

## LUNCH MENU: Jan 22-26th:

Mon: Ravioli, Bread Stick, Green Beans, Cake, Milk

Tues: Chicken Fajita w/Lettuce & Cheese, Carrots, Fruit, Milk

Wed: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Lettuce Salad, Garlic Toast, Milk

Thu: Chicken Patty on Bun, Potato Chips, Pickle Chips, Apple, Milk

Fri: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Peanut Butter Cookie, Milk

(J Wojtusik, Luedecking, C Playford)

(J Scanlon, J O'Dowd, K Foster)

(A Wetherby, J Botke, K Brown)

(S Kristovic, E Devine, E Mangold)

(K Riley, L Norris, H Reardon)

### Roller Skating!!



**Tonight! 6-8pm!**

**\$10 per Student or**

**\$25 per Family**

## Virtues

### September – Prayerfulness

Is to be still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend.

### October - Good Judgment

Is focusing on choices and decisions that are positive, well thought out, not rash or impulsive.

### November - Gratitude

The ability to show thanks for the things you have and the things you're grateful for. It helps you get closer to God by recognizing all the blessings in your life and make it easier to focus on the positive.

### December - Meekness

Attitude or quality of heart whereby a person is willing to accept and submit without resistance to the will and desire of God.

### JPS Transportation Riders:



#### Important Dates

**Wednesday Jan 24th**

**NO JPS Bus Home**

**ASBESTOS:** AHERA requires a twice yearly notice to parents, students, and all other building occupants of the availability of the Management Plan and dis-closure of any asbestos abatement activity since last year's notice. We are up-to-date with our current inspection.

JOIN US FOR  
QUEEN'S ANNUAL

# Sparkle & Shine

## ★ Daddy Daughter Dance ★

Enjoy a Magical Night Hosted by  
St. Benjamin Circle of the Queen's Ladies Guild

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH**

**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

*Queen's School Social Center*  
*Tickets \$40 Per Dad*  
*Daughters are free*

Includes Dancing, DJ, Refreshments and Photo

Questions? Contact Melissa Clifford @ (517) 206-8444

# Partners in FAITH™



Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

January 2024

Queen's School



## Thoughtful Moments

### St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Born at Troyes, France in 1620, St. Marguerite desired early on to become a missionary. A friend introduced her to the mayor of Ville Marie (now Montreal, Canada) and, at his invitation, St. Marguerite traveled to Canada to teach the children of the colony. She was later joined by several women – all consecrated to God and devoted to teaching and Works of Mercy. In 1676, she gained approval for her order, the Congregation of Notre-Dame de Montreal.



### Fishers of Men

Some of the first apostles were fishermen working in the Sea of Galilee. The fish there were known for their quality and commanded a high price. Next time you eat fresh fish, remember Peter and Simon, James and John, the hard-working fishermen who left their boats to follow Jesus.

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17).*



## Shape children's hearts with virtues

A key element of Catholic parenting is to shape the hearts of our children, not just manage their behavior. One way

to shape a child's heart is to offer opportunities to grow in virtue:

**Modesty:** "Modesty protects the intimate center of a person. It means refusing to unveil what should remain hidden"

(Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #2521). Modesty awakens in youngsters a respect for the human person. Teach them to dress, speak, and take in entertainment that is wholesome, uplifting, and respectful of themselves and others.

**Faithfulness:** When children see that their parents are faithful to one another, for example, they intuit that

faithfulness or fidelity means to act in a way that honors a commitment. Children may not always hear what we say, but they are influenced by what they see us do.

**Meekness:** Meekness is not timidity. It fuels self-control. St.

Thomas Aquinas cautioned against expressing physical anger because it makes anger outsized. Guide and model how to use meekness to manage anger. Meekness will help prevent evil from ruling actions.

**Charity:** "If I...have not love, I gain nothing"

(1 Corinthians 13:3). Charity is giving love without an expectation of receiving in return. Teach children to put others' needs first. They will find that as they grow in charity, they will be happier and more joy-filled.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics have infants baptized?

As a Sacrament, Baptism conveys grace and the "washing away" of sin and the "rebirth" of the baptized as a child of God. It starts us on the surest path to salvation: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will



be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

Catholic parents, desiring the best for their children, baptize them as infants, believing it will give them the best chance of true joy in this life and eternal life in the next.

## If the saints had social media, what would they post?

Is there a "holy" way to use social media? Consider these suggestions from the saints:

To friend or unfriend? St. Teresa of Ávila cautioned that parents "be very careful whom they allow to mix with their children when young." Although socially outgoing and fun-loving, she didn't try to be liked by everyone, but sought the close friendships with those who encouraged her in holiness.

"Kind comments, only." St. Philip Neri advised someone who gossiped to pluck a chicken and scatter the feathers in the wind. Those far-flung



feathers were like rumors – impossible to take back. Today, he would warn us to be careful what we post; who knows how many will see it.

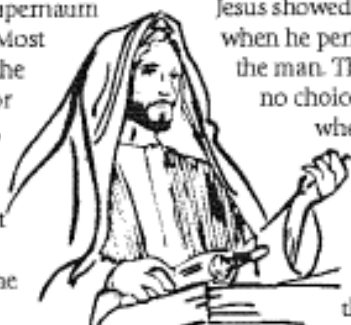
Disagree, but charitably: St. Thomas Aquinas debated often and won admiration, if not agreement, from his adversaries for his respectful conduct. "We must love [those who agree and disagree]...for they help us in the finding of [the truth]." For those in online debates, he would advise all to respond with charity and humility while still seeking the Truth.

### Scripture LESSON

### Mark 1:21-28, Jesus is no ordinary teacher

In this Gospel reading, we read that Jesus entered the synagogue at Capernaum with His apostles to teach. Most teachers would draw from the writings of other scholars for authority, and would begin, "Thus says the Lord..." but Jesus said, "I tell you..." As God, He already knew what the Scriptures meant without leaning on someone else's teaching.

Jesus taught as one who had the authority of God and that astonished His listeners. Even the unclean spirits who were torturing a man at the synagogue recognized Jesus as "the Holy One of Israel." Clearly, this was



no ordinary teacher!

Jesus showed His authority again when he performed an exorcism on the man. The unclean spirits had no choice but to obey Him when he commanded them to depart, despite their reluctance.

What can a parent do? Jesus shows us that God's power and love are greater than any evil. Teach children that they can talk to Jesus about anything that happens, good or bad. At the same time, stress that Jesus is God and deserves to be worshipped and obeyed.

### Feasts & Celebrations

January 3 – Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. "...At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10). Today, a deep bow of the head at the Name is an accepted form of respect.

January 7 – Epiphany of Our Lord. Epiphany is Greek for "manifestation." When they honored the infant Jesus, the three wise men bore witness to the fulfillment of God's promise of a savior.

January 21 – St. Agnes (304). St.

Agnes consecrated herself to God. Reportedly she was betrayed for being a Christian by a suitor whom she refused to marry. She maintained her faith and was executed as a result.

January 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul. Formally called "Saul" he persecuted the Christians until Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus, saying, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5). After that, Saul became Paul and traveled around the known world, preaching the Faith.



### Parent TALK

Our busyness was crowding out family time. Between homework, practices, and playdates, we hardly ever had family dinner or attended Mass together.

One Sunday when my daughter expected to skip Mass for a soccer tournament, I realized we needed a reboot.

That Saturday night we gathered around the table. I lit a candle and announced that Family Day had begun. I said that God wants us to keep Sunday holy, so Family Day starts at sundown on Saturday and goes through Sunday.

Now Sunday morning begins with church music while we dress for Mass. There are muffins or coffee cake made the night before so we can enjoy them and still observe the Communion fast. Then we attend Mass together and have a meal afterwards.

Then, whatever we do during the day, we do together. After dinner we blow out the "Sunday Candle" and feel ready to face the week.

### Our Mission

To help parents raise faithful Catholic children  
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Dear Parents and Families:

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. Hosted by Mrs. Wetzel, this event is an opportunity for students of all ages to build their home libraries and further their love of reading. Our fair will take place during your child's library time for a two week period starting Tuesday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> through Thursday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. A final opportunity for purchases will be during our annual open house which will be held on the evening of Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm. As always, all purchases benefit our school.

Our Book Fair offers **eWallet**, a safe and secure alternative to cash. Simply create a free account to add funds and/or invite family and friends to contribute so your child can select their own books. Any unused funds can be spent at The Scholastic Store Online or to fund a future eWallet.

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Online Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:  
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/queenmiraculousmedalschool>

We're excited to celebrate our love of books together at the Book Fair. We look forward to seeing your child there!

Happy reading,

**Lori Wetzel**  
**Librarian**  
Queen of the Miraculous Medal School



# THE GREAT 50/50

## RAFFLE



**JACKSON  
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*Joyfully Cultivating Saints*

All proceeds to benefit Jackson Catholic Schools with tuition assistance, teacher salaries and operations.



### 2024 DRAWING DATES

FEBRUARY 6

MARCH 5

APRIL 2

MAY 7

JUNE 4

JULY 2

AUGUST 6

SEPTEMBER 3

OCTOBER 1

NOVEMBER 5



TICKET SALES OPEN DECEMBER 1ST

\*PRIZE VALUE DETERMINED  
BASED OFF OF TICKETS SOLD  
BY JANUARY 31 2024

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