I have said this to you,
so that in me you may have *peace.*
In the world you face persecution.
But take courage;
I have conquered the world!
John 16:33

St. Dominic School of St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Where Holy Moments Happen Every Day

The Gift of Hospitality – Our St. Dominic School Buddy System



One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that is so beautiful is the gift of hospitality. It is a gift of making people feel welcome, to feel seen, and to feel wanted. If you have ever been with somebody who has the gift of hospitality, you walk into their home or you walk into the event and it's just the way they greet you. It's the way they see you. It's the way they make you feel when they say your name. Like you're the most important person in the world. You feel seen. You feel welcome. You feel known. God is working and giving a gift to that individual to make our school feel like a place of warmth, a place where students feel welcome. Our school utilizes the buddy system to build a sense of security and belonging through relationships and encouragement. For this purpose, two buddy classrooms are paired up to work on various projects together as well as play games and read with each other throughout the year. The student buddy system is comprised of the following classes that have been paired together: Preschool and 4th Grade, Kindergarten and 8th Grade, 1st Grade and 6th Grade, 2nd Grade and 5th Grade, and 3rd Grade and 7th Grade. For the first time, in fourth grade our students get to be the older student with Preschool students to share the gift of hospitality.

Holy Moment of the Week



Cultivating the Fruits of the Spirit: This week during our School Mass, the fifth-grade class gave us a beautiful example of leadership and faith in action. By stepping outside of their self-interests, these students prayerfully answered God's call to serve our school family. They led the rosary before Mass, proclaimed the Scripture and Petitions, and reverently carried up the Offertory Gifts. At St. Dominic School, where **Holy Moments happen every day**, we know that we are recognized by our fruits. When our students share the Holy Spirit's gift of service, the fruit of **GOODNESS** grows abundantly in their lives and ripples across our entire school community. Please join us in praying that Christ continues to bring His Holy Spirit to bear great fruit in the hearts of all our students.

Parent Involvement: Thanks to all of our school families for your support of Culver's Cares Night on Thursday, September 17. Culver's will donate 10% of their sales from 4:00-8:00 PM to St. Dominic School. **Please join us on Friday, September 25 for our PTO Donuts with Grownups at 7:30 AM.**

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, September 20
11:00 AM-1:00 PM St. Anthony Chicken Dinner
Monday, September 21 — No School
Teacher In-Service Day for Religion Curriculum
Tuesday, September 22
6:30 PM Discipleship Ministry Meeting
Wednesday, September 23
No School Mass Today
Thursday, September 24
2:00 PM Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen
Friday, September 25 ***Dress Down Day***
7:30 AM Donuts With Grownups
No School Mass Today
Sunday, September 27
10:30 AM Holy Moments Mass—Grade 4

Attached to this Email
Parent Newsletter for September 18, 2026
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Midterm Report Cards

