



## SAINT ANNE'S SCHOOL

SACRAMENTS SERVICE SAINTS SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIP

November 25, 2025

Dear St. Anne's Families,

As the Thanksgiving holiday is upon us, we have the opportunity to pause and reflect upon our blessings and to share with our children the importance of showing gratitude. We constantly impress upon our students that they need to understand the sacrifices their parents make everyday, including prioritizing their Catholic education here at St. Anne's. It is a wonderful gift that you provide to your children.

Our gratitude was shared with twenty-two Veterans who attended our 3rd Annual Celebration of Veterans Assembly on Thursday, November 6th. Our students did a wonderful job of researching and preparing all aspects of the assembly, including a "roll call" recognition of our Veterans in attendance.

We are grateful to the Seniors from Chaminade High School who continue to meet with our 5th graders in a series of presentations entitled, "Athletes Helping Athletes" discussing sportsmanship, teamwork, and healthy lifestyle decisions.

We are grateful for the various opportunities across all grade levels to support the St. Anne's Parish Social Ministry and to assist those in need, especially during the holiday season.

We are grateful to our HSA (Home School Association) who continually demonstrate such wonderful support, hard work and dedication to our school.

We are grateful to Catholic Health Services for their partnership with St. Anne's and our Catholic Schools that continues to afford our students outstanding and relevant guest speakers and learning opportunities.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, November 26th, we will attend school-wide Mass together at 9:00 AM. All are welcome. We will then have early dismissal (11:20 AM) to begin the Thanksgiving break.

Upon our return from the Thanksgiving weekend, there is the Jingle Mingle social for parents sponsored by our HSA at the Stewart Manor Country Club on Thursday evening, December 4th at 7:00 PM. Parent-Teacher conferences will also take place with the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher(s) by appointment on Thursday, December 4th and Friday, December 5th. Our Christmas Concert and Nativity Pageant will take place the following week on Tuesday evening, December 9th at 7:00PM.

We are also excited to share that we have again planned for students in each grade 3-8 to engage in an **“in-house” Advent Retreat**. Each grade, according to the following schedule, will attend Mass together at 9:00 AM in the Chapel, and then be escorted to the St. Francis Ministry Center, where they will participate in a series of Advent and faith-themed discussions and activities. Lunch will be provided there as well. They will then return to the Church to end their day with Eucharistic Adoration. Father Joe Catafago has worked hard planning, and will facilitate these full-day retreats. (Arrival and dismissal are normal on these days):

Tuesday, December 2nd	Grade 8
Wednesday, December 3rd	Grade 7
Thursday, December 4th	Grade 6
Tuesday, December 9th	Grade 3
Thursday, December 11th	Grade 4
Friday, December 12th	Grade 5

We expect that through these retreats, our students will experience and reflect upon the true meaning of Advent and the Christmas season, growing in their faith, and their appreciation and love for God and their families.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas season is always an exciting and enjoyable time of year. I can say for certain that I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with such dedicated teachers and staff members, and most importantly you and your children.

On behalf of Mrs. Zino, and the entire faculty and staff of St. Anne’s School, we wish you and your families a very happy Thanksgiving!

Respectfully,

Dr. Thomas J. Fasano  
Principal