



St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School-in Dayton, Ohio

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Mission Statement

The mission of St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School is to provide a safe, nurturing, and spiritual environment while instilling academic excellence and Christian values.

Grade 8 Preparing for New Beginning



Prayers and awards will highlight precious memories for the **class of 2024 on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church.** Following directly after the **Baccalaureate church service**, which begins **promptly at 10:30 AM**, graduation ceremony will follow for grade 8. The **graduation ceremony** will be held in the church's multi-purpose room. **Students are required to attend the Baccalaureate service in order to receive their diploma.** The location of the graduation ceremony is 519 Liscum Drive in Dayton, OH 45417. Families and friends are cordially invited to attend this event.



The Kindergartners will have a **Recognition ceremony on May 21st** at school. Time is 10:00 a.m.. On the **following day May 22nd** PreK will have a ceremony with their promotion to kindergarten. Time is 10:00 a.m. at school.



To all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, step-mothers, foster mothers, Godmothers, and all in Heaven. Hope that you enjoyed your special day

Mother's Day Jazz Brunch

Sunday, May 12th from 12:30 - 3:30 PM with Live jazz entertainment at St.

Benedict the Moor Catholic Church → 519 Liscum Drive in Dayton, OH 45417

Admission → \$35 per person → featuring → **Emmie's Place Catering Affairs**

Contact: Annette Young - 937-439-4623 or Church at 937-268-6697

Students Focus on Testing

In the beginning of St. Benedict the Moor school year it was decided by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Principal Debra Johnson that students take i-Ready assessments and Ohio State testing. Since the majority of our students receive academic scholarships or EdChoice awards the tests are a requirement.

Replacing the 'No Child Left Behind Act', the 'Every Student Succeeds Act' or ESSA is the main education law for public schools in America.¹ In Ohio, students in grades 3 through grade 8 take the Ohio State Test (OST) in English language arts and math.² The ELA testing completion is April 29, 2024, math completion is May 10, and Science for grades 5 and 8 is also May 10th. Gradually, standardized tests have been improving at St. Benedict the Moor. Most state tests are not pass/fail, but are rather used for identifying students who need extra help in reading and in math. Students are encouraged to do their best.

¹<https://www.understood.org/en/articles/every-student-succeeds-act-essa-what-you-need-to-know>

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Students Received First Holy Communion



On April 21, 2024 several students from St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School received their First Holy Communion. Fr. Francis Tandoh presided over the sacred occasion at the church, and Mrs. Akpore, religion instructor, prepared the candidates. Jaxon Akpore (2nd grade), Thania Keza (2nd grade), Keshia Ineza (2nd grade), Eric Nzarora (3rd grade), Auguste Iranzi (6th grade), Mia Tuma and Zion Tuma.



Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 5, Ella Leonard, Sydney Layne, Holly Ann Cline, and Elidadolphine Odiembo made a stronger relationship with God. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are strengthened: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. The service

was held at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Germantown, Ohio. Very Reverend Fr. Jason Williams from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati was the presider.

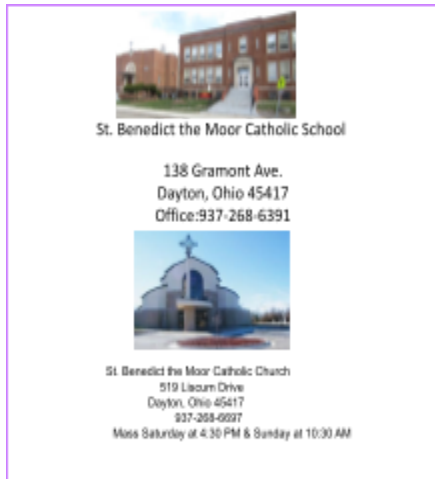


Students Crown Mother Mary



Mary, the mother of Jesus, is crowned in the month of May. The month has a special connection with springtime. For instance, flowers are gifts to spring, and Mary conceived the best gift to mankind- Jesus. The May crowning has been a tradition in the Catholic religion for many years.

Website
<https://stbenedictthemoorcatholicsschool.org>



100 year School Anniversary September 4, 2024

Students from Duquesne University Volunteer Services



Traveling from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Fr. Bill and five Duquesne University students came to St. Benedict the Moor School and Church to volunteer services. One week in the month of March Fr. Bill and his crew rearranged the school library, which is now located in the new "Fr. Francis Tandoh Intervention Hall" that is located in the Grotto area. They also helped with the church's Lenten Fish Fry. The St. Benedict the Moor community appreciates your generosity and support.



Summer School Begins on June 3, 2024
Time: Monday - Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-11:30a.m.
Carryout Lunch Provided