



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

The Rising Star Newsletter

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.

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Students Participate at Diversity Mass

At St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church on February 25



Attegeka, Clementine, Vanessa and Evelyne

Benoit & Eric

On Sunday, February 25, 2024 about 400 people participated in the Eucharistic celebration that was held at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Although the congregation would like to have seen more of our students participate in song and in dance the ceremony was filled with joy. Praise Dancers [Attegeka Iratuzi, Clementine Shukuru, Vanessa Irakoze, and Evelyne Iraguha] performed gracefully in the beginning of Mass. Benoit Karenzi (grade 4) and Eric Nzarora (grade 3) were servers or altar boys in the service. There were people from the countries of Ghana, the Congo, Cameroon, Uganda, Nigeria, Mexico, North America, and other countries that worshiped and praised God in their own language. Deacon Royce Winters, Director of the Office of African American Catholic Ministries, delivered the homily.



Oh, no...not again! Yes, Daylight Savings Time begins on March 10 - November 3, 2024. You should turn the clocks forward. Although you'll lose one hour of sleep the good thing is you'll have more sunlight in the evenings.



The first day of spring will be on March 19th

Quarter 4 begins on March 18, 2024. Final days for Grade 8 will be in this building.



Affectionately called Mr. Paul by students and staff, Paul Gakuru unexpectedly passed away on February 18, 2024. He was born on November 13, 1984 in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Speaking Swahili and English languages fluently Paul would often translate for the church and school members of St. Benedict the Moor. Holding many memories in our hearts may his soul and spirit rest in peace. Mr. Paul's homegoing was held at St. Benedict Church on March 2, 2024.

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stbenedictthemoorcatholicsschool.org



On March 17th St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland is a holiday celebrated by Irish culture with the wearing of the color green. Some people will pinch you if you don't display the color.

Black History Program



Francine, Jour'dyn & King-Gr.3

On Friday morning March 1, 2024 a Black History program was presented by the students. Praise dancers performed a couple of dances in which one included an African spiritual dance. Kindergartners recited "Dreams" by Langston Hughes. First and second graders sang a beautiful replica of the Gospel song "Steal Away to Jesus," which was led by first grader Camryn Johnson. Poems, songs and readings were also read by students.



Kindergartners

Contact jlayne@stbenedictdayton.org for "The Rising Star Newsletter" inserts or call office at 937-268-6391* Jackie Layne



Praise Dancers



Grades 1 & 2



Camryn leading song "Steal Away to Jesus"



Fridays at 9:30am and every Friday until Easter Break,
we will be hosting Stations of the Cross in the school's Multi-Purpose Room.



Does your child have a cell phone or play games on the internet?

As a parent you can learn skills to **Be Aware, Protect, Prepare, and Respond** to online safety and digital wellness

All families welcome!

Please join us for dinner and a dynamic presentation from
Cheryl@iWise

Wednesday March 20th at 5:30-7:30 pm

Immaculate Conception School: 2268 Smithville Rd.

Please park in the back of the school and enter door #2



Cheryl Mahoney has a master's degree in health promotion, a bachelor's in human development, and an associate in Mental Health Technology. She is a Licensed Social Worker and therapist and holds specialist certifications in Prevention, Health Education, Digital Wellness, Gaming Addiction, and Employee Assistance programming. She is currently working on her doctorate in Prevention Science with a focus on internet use disorders.

Her experiences with youth and families, as well as being a parent herself, led Cheryl to create iWise, LLC as a vehicle to promote the healthy use of electronic screens. For the past decade, she has been speaking to youth, parents, and professionals teaching the four principles of iWise Living: **"Be Aware. Protect. Prepare. Respond."**
<https://iwiseliving.com/>

- Students earn an out of uniform pass if their guardian attends the presentation.
- Childcare provided with a related activity/craft: please bring shoe box & plastic container
- \$5 suggested donation per family to cover dinner/speaker costs. Pay at the event.

Reservations due by Monday March 18, 2024 Return to school office or click this link:

<https://forms.gle/snE6fovzvoy54MHN7>

Parent name _____

Cell number _____ school _____

How many eating dinner provided by *House of Bread* _____

How many for childcare? _____

Do you need a translation? What language _____

\$12 dinner includes:

Two (2) pieces of Tilapia or Whiting
(or one of both)

Choice of 2 Side items

Baked beans, Coleslaw, French
Fries

\$9 - Sandwich only

Bottled water, desserts and soda
will be available for purchase

Call for Pre-Orders at

937-268-6697 and select #6

**LENTEN
FISH FRY**



Serving dinner, Fridays 11:00 a.m until 6:00 p.m
February 16, 23; March 1,8,15,22,29
St.Benedict the Moor Catholic Church
519 Liscum Drive, Dayton, OH 45417
(across from Dayton VA @ US State Route 35)



**Students will begin spring and Easter
break on March 28 thru April 8,2024**

**They return back on April 9, 2024. This is a
change on the calendar. Dayton Public Schools will also close on April 8
due to Solar Eclipse on this day. Enjoy! Stay safe! Happy Easter!**

