

January 13, 2021



St. John Catholic School

Educational Ministry of St. John The Baptist Parish



ON THE HORIZON:

January 14th

Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Service
(shared with students)

January 15th

No School
Elementary Staff Day- (diocesan-wide)

January 18th

No School
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed

Dear Shamrock Family,

I write to you today with prayers in my heart for our very heavy, divided country. While I will honestly admit that the weight of the events over the course of the past week, and over the past many months for that matter, have felt overwhelming at times; I do share with you prayers for unity and love. More than prayers, I recognize the need for action. Last week I called upon our school staff to provide an open platform for discussion around recent events- a safe space in which students could share their own thoughts, worries and concerns and I implored teachers to ensure a learning environment in which social justice issues can continue to be explored.

I call on us as a school community to remain beacons of integrity, empathy and faith for our children and for each other. I challenge myself daily to listen better to others and to make decisions that follow the teachings of Christ. In a world that can seem hateful, I continue to pray that each of our students feels heard, loved, supported, and included within our school and all throughout their life journey. My hope is that that we remain focused on teaching and modeling for them the ways in which to conduct themselves, so to create a more caring and peaceful future.

With Love,
Ms. Paige Child

Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.
- Martin Luther King Jr.

A Prayer for Peace Amid Chaos

Lord God,

You promise the peace of a still lake
even in the midst of a storm.

You promise the peace of a slumbering
child even in the middle of tension
and disagreement.

You promise the peace of a poppy
field even in the place of heartbreak
and devastation.

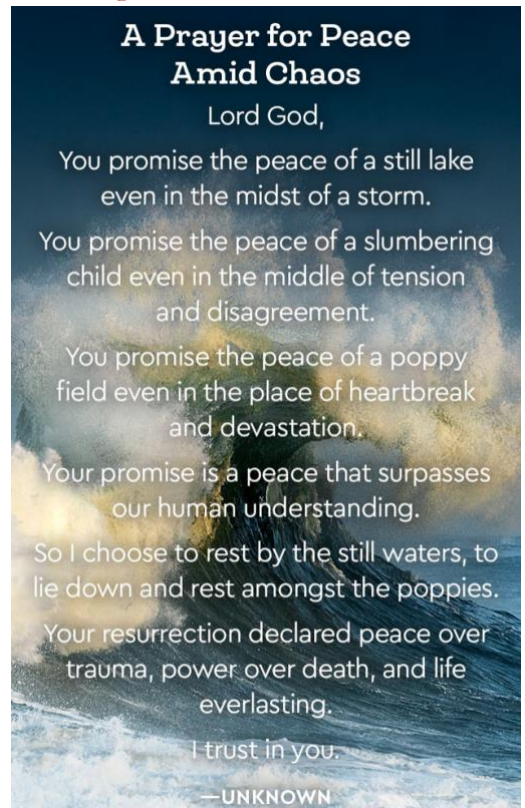
Your promise is a peace that surpasses
our human understanding.

So I choose to rest by the still waters, to
lie down and rest amongst the poppies.

Your resurrection declared peace over
trauma, power over death, and life
everlasting.

I trust in you.

—UNKNOWN



FAMILY TESTIMONIALS DUE NEXT WEDNESDAY:

- 1-2 minute video
- Parent/guardian, student, or family member
- Why St. John Catholic School?
 - What makes our school special to your family?
 - Something you appreciate about SJCS
 - A favorite SJCS memory or tradition
- What is something a prospective parent/student should know about SJCS?
- Videos emailed to info@sjcsedu.org no later than 1/20/2021 (you can also upload your video to our shared album if it's too large to email <https://photos.app.goo.gl/mMU1914WNL3d93d7>)
- Please ensure that videos are filmed horizontally/widescreen/landscape (not in vertically/portrait)

I hope that each family will take the time to participate in this project. Once again, each family's participation in this video request will complete their service hour requirement for the 2020-2021 school year. Thank you for your continued support and love!

Appreciatively,
Ms. Paige Child

ORDER CLASS SHIRTS FOR CSW BY FRIDAY

Catholic Schools' Week will be celebrated at the end of the month! Daily themes will be shared soon. Each class has a color and theme that will be worn on FRIDAY, February 5th. Class shirts are available for purchase through the Shamrock Shop (<https://sjcsshamrockshop.weebly.com/>). All orders must be placed by FRIDAY, JANUARY 15th for pick up the week of 2/1. Email Mrs. Elliott (kelliott@cndo.org) with any questions.

ATTENTION SHAMROCK FAMILIES! - REQUIRED INTENT TO RETURN FORMS.

Intent to Return Forms will be electronic this year. It is necessary for parents with students currently in TK-7th grade to complete the Intent to Return Google Form by February 5th. In addition to holding your child's spot, this form helps your Finance Committee prepare next year's projected budget by giving us an estimate for enrollment. Please use this link to let us know your intent for the 2021-2022 school year:

[2021-2022 Intent to Return](#)

SCRIP FUNDRAISING:

What is SCRIP? SCRIP is Fundraising While You Shop®, it turns everyday shopping into cash for SJCS when families use retail gift cards to pay for everyday purchases (like gas and groceries) instead of the usual credit/debit card or other money.

How? Profits from your purchases count toward your family's annual \$300 fundraising obligation.

Did you know there are over 700 retailers to choose from? Visit www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list of participating vendors! Please email Ms. Aimee at asure@cndo.org with any questions.

SCRIP order due dates for 2021: January 14th, February 11th, March 11th, April 22nd, May 13th