

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School

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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Christmas Program



St. Benedict the Moor students will present a Christmas Concert at the school on Wednesday December 17th at 12:30 PM. at St. Benedict the Moor School. It was decided by the musical directors Mrs. Sample and Mrs. Akpore to have an afternoon performance instead of an evening because many students are bus riders and walkers.

Please plan to attend this festive, spiritual and joyful event. Happy holidays! Hope you'll be able to come!

"We are Thankful For...."

During the month of November walking through the school's main entrance, there was a display of a turkey. With the theme "We Are Thankful For" students wrote personal responses on all of the feathers. Kudos to Grade 3 teacher Ms. Elizabeth Neick for creating the display.



Students from Grades 2 and 3 typing about the meaning of Thanksgiving 😊

Thanksgiving is a time for eating turkey. I spend time with friends, family, and having fun. Umimana (3)
 Thanksgiving is a time to rest for minutes in peace. Shakarie (2)
 Thanksgiving is a time for praying and Kindness and respect. Kira (3)
 Thanksgiving is a time to have a big meal with your family. Console (3)
 Thanksgiving is the time for family fun. I like eating turkey. Holiday activities and having fun. Mikeal (3)
 Thanksgiving is a time for eating a turkey that is cooked. Susan (2)



St. Benedict Peacemakers

By Tim Huber

On November 19th, the St. Benedict Peacemakers went to Ascension Catholic School for a gathering of all the University of Dayton Peacemakers from all other partnered schools in the Greater Miami Valley Area. We created our St. Benedict Peacemakers Crest which comprises each individual's unique qualities, characteristics, and values. We also met Jeff Wall, Golden Age Karate (@goldenagekarate on Instagram), who demonstrated his way of servant leadership to the Peacemakers. His mission is to teach people in their retirement years karate and also deliver 300 presents to the elderly for Christmas. The Peacemakers decided, with our partner school Ascension, to go to St. Leonard Living Communities and provide activities for the residents. Currently, there are 29 Marianist Brothers and a grandparent of an Ascension Peacemaker. residing at St. Leonard's. The service event will happen in Winter 2026.

Student Council 2025 - 2026

President: Sydney Rockhold-Layne (8)
 Vice-President: Cruz Bernadino (7)
 Secretary: Jovonie McClendon (6)
 Treasurer: Prisca Ushindi (7)
 Chaplin: Pauline Akuzwe (7)
 Sergeant-of-Arms: Sifa Aber (6)
 Advisors: Mrs. Akpore & Ms. Edgerton

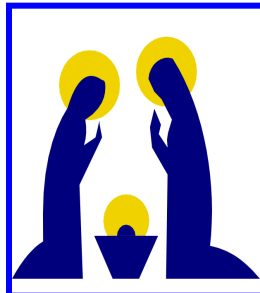
Upcoming Events

- ★ December 17 **Christmas program** Time 12:30 PM
- ★ Holiday break begins **December 22 -ends January 2,2026**
- ★ **Quarter 3** begins January 12, 2025
- ★ Parent/Teacher Conference January 15 7:30-6:00 pm
- ★ January 16, 2025 **No School**
- ★ January 19, 2025 Martin L. King Jr. Celebration
No School
- ★ **iReady Assessments** begins January 5 - ends February 6, 2026 for Grades K-8 in Math & Reading

Christmas on Campus



For many years the entire campus at the University of Dayton has greeted thousands of students to “Christmas on Campus.” “Christmas on Campus” is a unique opportunity to celebrate the true spirit of Christmas with the entire Dayton community. St. Benedict the Moor first and second graders had the opportunity to experience Christmas festivities. According to some of the second graders there were train displays, a live Nativity scene, Santa and Mrs. Claus, live animals[Llama, reindeer, goat, sheep], treats, and the Grinch. Some students played football on a mat, and they had a snowball fight with their U.D. buddy. Although it was a cold evening, the kindness of hearts created an atmosphere of warm spirits.



A Few Highlights at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School



The Boys All-Star Basketball Game



School choir singing at St. Benedict the Moor Church



The Halloween costume contest



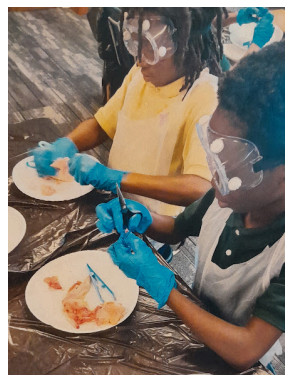
Students participated in the Hispanic Heritage Festival



Francine models new uniform



Mrs. Jeffries Science Classes explore chicken parts



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Have a safe and blessed holiday season! Always remember that "Jesus is the reason for the season!" Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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