

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 Concert 2025

was held on a brisky December 19, 2025 afternoon at St. Benedict the Moor School. Angelic voices, dancers, instrumentalist, and readers provided entertainment to a well attended audience. Special appreciation goes out to the directors: Veronica Sample, Dominique Akpore, Principal Joseph Thompson, and Bishop Daniel Cook. Thank you to all participants including the crowd for your support!

Photos by Jackie Layne



Donuts for Dads Event



“Donuts for Dads” was a special event that was held on January 15.th The winter and early morning time did not prevent fathers, mentors, and father figures away. Eating a variety of donuts from Donut Palace, families munched on the baked goods with coffee or juice. Prizes were awarded to respondents who answered correctly to certain questions.. In addition, the guest speaker Dr. Michael A. Newsom, Montgomery County Fatherhood Director, briefly spoke about the support

Duncan Donut Mascot	Dr. Michael Newsom
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for fathers. Surprisingly a ‘Loyal Father’s Award’ was presented to Mr. Jim Lorow, who is affectionately called ‘Papa’ by students. Sponsoring this activity were ECHO [Empowering Children with Hope and Opportunity], Duncan Donuts, Catapult Learning, and St. Benedict the Moor School.



School WEBSITE
stbenedictthemoorcatholicsschool.org

Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. Day



This year will be celebrated on Monday, January 19, 2026. This federal national holiday is recognized by people to improve communities. Are we (you, us, I) doing this today? If your answer is yes then you are keeping Dr. King's speech "I Have a Dream" a reality. Let's continue to work together to protect freedom and justice.

Psalm 33:5: "The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love".

Upcoming Events

- iReady Diagnostics for K-8 grades begins January 5th ends on February 6, 2026 in Reading and in Math
- Quarter 3 begins January 13th and ends on March 13, 2026
- Catholic Schools Week recognized from January 26-30th
- Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessments (OELPA) begin on February 2nd ends on March 27, 2026 for English Learners in grades K-8
- President's Day February 16th -No School
- Picture retake on February 17th
- Ash Wednesday February 18th -the beginning of Lent
- Progress reports due on February 19th
- Black Excellence Program scheduled for February 25, 2026 at 12:30 PM
- Diversity Mass at St. Benedict the Moor Church held on Sunday February 22, 2026; dinner served after service

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United in Faith and Community

**Resurrection Pope
Mary Queen of Peace
St. Benedict the Moor**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2026

MONDAY JANUARY 26 (CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY)- \$1 DRESS DOWN DAY. PROCEEDS TO GO TO CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE TO HELP THE HOMELESS

TUESDAY JANUARY 27 (CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS)-SECOND QUARTER AWARDS CEREMONY AT 9:30AM

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28 (CELEBRATING OUR NATION)-RED, WHITE, AND BLUE DAY AND MASS (6TH GRADE LEADING). WRITING THANK YOU CARDS FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MILITARY

THURSDAY JANUARY 29 (CELEBRATING VOCATIONS)- WRITING THANK YOU LETTERS TO OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

FRIDAY JANUARY 30 (CELEBRATING OUR TEACHERS/STAFF/VOLUNTEERS)- DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER/STAFF DAY. COFFEE AND DONUTS FOR THE STAFF SPONSORED BY STUDENT COUNCIL.

First Graders Create Gingerbread Houses



Before winter break Mrs. Koth's first graders were making gingerbread houses. While designing houses some of the little ones were eating the building materials. Smiles, laughter, confidence, and an uplift of pride were displayed to all of the gingerbread creators.



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St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

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Mass Saturday at 4:00 PM & Sunday at 10:30 AM

Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year

Call 937-268-6391 for Details

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