

*I am the Way and the Truth
and the Life*



JPII Catholic Schools Weekly Happenings

October 3, 2022

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**VIRTUE OF THE
WEEK
HUMILITY**

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JPII SCHOOLS UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 7-9 RaiseRight Bonus Fest
- Oct 7 JPII Elementary Night at the Football Game
- Oct 9 Holy Spirit Church Fall Festival
- Oct 11 NS Slim Chickens Fundraiser
- Oct 18/19 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct 19 All JPII Schools St. John Paul II Patron Saint Mass

Now Accepting Applications for 2023 JPII Red & White Pages Business Directory!

Do you own a business that you would like to advertise to the JPII Network Community? Applications for the 2023 Red & White Pages are now available online at jp2schools.org (under the Deacon Partners Program information). Completed applications are due December 1st and should be sent to the main office at 5600 25th St S or emailed to joelle.shewey@jp2schools.org

Red & White Pages

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools Business Directory



JPII CATHOLIC SCHOOLS UPDATE

EDUCATION IN VIRTUE

The mission of St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is to inspire excellence by teaching the total person and fostering the following of Christ, as taught by the Catholic Church. To that end, JPII Catholic Schools provides students with daily formation in living a virtuous life and practicing excellence in virtue.

Virtue derives from the Latin *virtus*, which means worth, merit, the particular excellence of character or ability, moral excellence, goodness. St. Thomas Aquinas defined virtue for human beings as an *ultimum potentiae*, or the “furthest point to which a power can reach” (ST.11.55.10). Virtue refers to our ability to reach our highest expression and perfection. No one, however, is born with this perfection. Humans journey their entire lives to reach the full power of virtue. This is what is meant by practicing virtue.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describe virtue as “an habitual and firm disposition to do the good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself. The virtuous person tends toward the good with all his sensory and spiritual powers; he pursues the good and chooses it in concrete actions” (CCC 1803). To practice virtue, we form our consciences and, in doing so, we form good attitudes, habits, and dispositions.

Education in Virtue is a program for children in Little Deacons through grade twelve to grow in virtues and see the virtues as concrete expressions of their Catholic faith. It is an interactive program and curriculum structured on the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas regarding the virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit. The program was developed by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist from Ann Arbor, Michigan. It is designed so that the entire student body, LD-grade 12, is studying the same virtue each week, to provide a whole school and home focus. The program covers 38 virtues over the course of a year.



Deacons on the Way: St. John Paul II Catholic Schools Strategic Plan 2023-2028

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Each week children in grades LD-12 learn about the same virtue along with Saints who exemplify the virtue. Everyday, time is dedicated to Education in Virtue through prayer, role-playing, modeling, and the saints. Although the virtue is covered with more depth in the upper grades, the same definitions for each virtue are used at all grade levels, so the students become familiar with the particular meaning of each virtue. Students will learn about the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity, and the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance, as well as many related virtues. Teaching will include a breakdown of each virtue into “know it, guard it, pray it, and live it.”

We are all called to be disciples of Christ. In the school setting, the call to discipleship is extended not only to students, but to administration, teachers, support staff, and parents. It is through the education in virtue that the language of Virtues will be integrated into all facets of daily school life. School staff will work with children on virtuous behavior and explicitly teach the children to be the best version of themselves.

JPII Catholic Schools recognizes that parents are the primary educators of their children. Through the partnership between school and home, we invite parents to follow each week in our study of virtue. The virtue of the week will be noted on the school website as well as communicated in newsletters. Visit the Education in Virtue in website for more information and resources for you to use at home, <https://openlightmedia.com/education-in-virtue/>.



DISCIPLE *of* CHRIST
EDUCATION IN VIRTUE®

A disciple of Christ is one whom others can recognize as being with Jesus (Acts 4:13). *Disciple of Christ, Education in Virtue* is more than a curriculum; it's a way of life—the means to a happy life. Education in Virtue provides easy-to-use resources and materials developed by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, and based on St. Thomas Aquinas' teachings on the virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit. These resources provide a framework that helps all ages understand how to live a more virtuous life.

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Shanley Deacons Football



TAILGATING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022

5:30-6:45PM

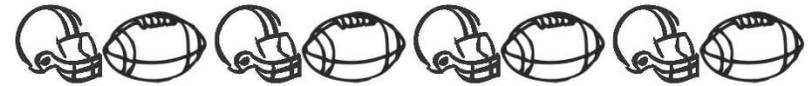
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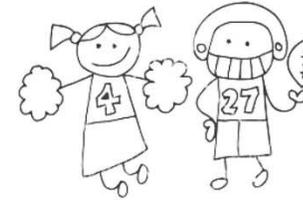
SLOPPY JOES, CHIPS AND TREATS!

Join Deacon Fans for Fun, Fellowship, Games and Prizes!

Sponsored by Shanley Football Parents



JPII invites you to Elementary Student Night



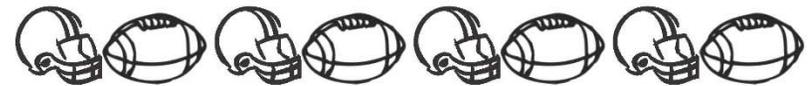
At the Shanley Deacons football game
against the Davies Eagles

Friday, October 7th at 7:00pm
Sid Cichy Stadium

Sponsored by the Shanley Athletic Club
www.shanleyathleticclub.com

Half-time Activities & Prizes

Free admission for elementary students & elementary parents



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