

# St. Cecilia School

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## November Virtue of the Month: Love of God and Others Discipline with Purpose Skill: Asking Questions

### *Happy Thanksgiving*

The celebration of Thanksgiving, a beautiful holiday of the heart and home, invites us to reflect on the Lord's boundless goodness to us and to celebrate our blessings by offering thanks and grateful prayer to our heavenly Father. We, at St. Cecilia School, would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all the parents of our students who work so hard to provide Catholic education for their children. Be assured that you are remembered in our Prayer of Thanksgiving with deep gratitude. Enjoy a happy and blessed day!

### *Meal Prayer for Thanksgiving Day*

Heavenly Father, send your blessing on us and on the food before us. We thank you for feeding our hungers and giving us peace beyond all understanding. We thank you especially for the love around our table today. May your love continue to grow in our hearts, making us generous to all who are in need of our help. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



### *Safe Environment Program*

Our teachers at each grade level will be presenting the first of two **Safe Environment Lessons during the week of November 28**. Parents may find information regarding these lessons at the Archdiocesan website [www.catholicschools-phl.org](http://www.catholicschools-phl.org) under Safe Environment. The second lesson will be presented in the spring and you will be notified when that will take place. If you choose **not** to have your child participate, please put that request in writing to the attention of Sister Jane Mary. Thank you.

### *Virtue of the Month*

Congratulations to the following students who were exemplary in their witness of the **virtue of hope** throughout the month of **October**:

Brynn Donohue, Owen Zidow, Angela DiNezza, Emmanuel Cruz, Marvin Ilagan, Richard Bonino, Emily Foley, Ashley Edgar, Andrew Laquintano, Olivia Eckhardt, Thomas Hirst, Adrianna Zones, Joseph Cmiel, Joseph Corrigan, Taylor Teal, Erin White, Claire Hynes, Madelyn Elliott, Gianna Caputo, Halley Zaleski, Grace Stackhouse, Colleen Trahey, Angelo Meissler, Audrey Yerkes, Kerry Banford, and Lisa Toroni.



### *Come, Lord Jesus, Come*

It is hard to believe that we are beginning the season of **Advent on Sunday, November 27**. At Church we will light the first candle on the Advent wreath. Let's not skip over this season and jump right into the Christmas season. How will we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord? How will we help our children to prepare for the Lord's birthday?

### *Important Reminders*

- There will be an important meeting for all parents who have a child preparing to receive the sacrament of **Confirmation on Tuesday evening, November 29, in the school auditorium at 7:00 PM**. Father Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R. will be our guest speaker. In addition, our teachers will share practical information regarding the preparation of your child for the sacrament of **Confirmation**.
- **There will be NO SCHOOL for students on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday for the Thanksgiving holidays. Classes will resume on Monday, November 28.**
- Don't forget **Santa's Secret Shop on Thursday and Friday, December 1 and 2.**