

# St. Elizabeth Nursery & Montessori School

## February 2024

### Events and Alumni News

CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS WEEK

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Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

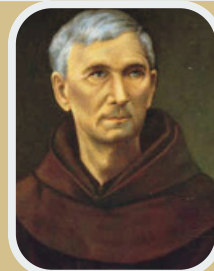


## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH



## St. Valentine's Day

- St. Ludovico had two brothers Joseph and Michael and two sisters Nicole and Caterina.
- In 1859, St. Ludovico founded the congregation of the "Bigie" friars for men, in English the *Franciscan Grey Friars* also know as *Friars of Charity*.



# St. E's Star

## Pre-Kindergarten

The teachers of Pre-K class are  
Sr. Joanne, Sr. Felixiana, and Ms. Sumalatha.

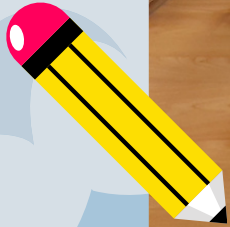




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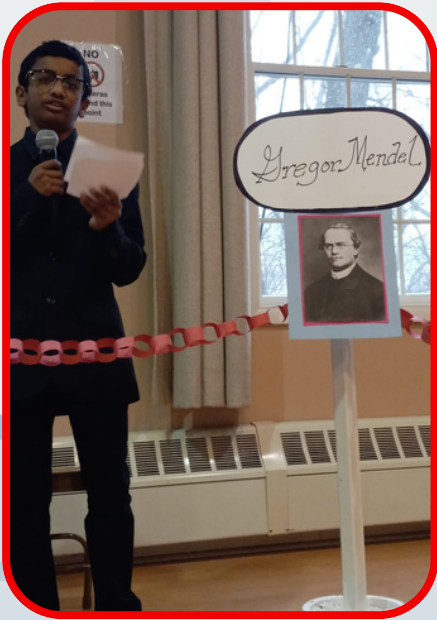


THERE IS NO GREATER LOVE THAN THIS  
THIS IS TO LAY DOWN ONE'S LIFE  
FOR ONE'S FRIENDS  
ALWAYS

# St. E's Star

## Grade 6





# *Show your Catholic School Spirit...*

## *Sing, Dance, and Celebrate!*

**Catholic Schools Week is a week where Catholic schools are celebrated. It is a week where we learn about faith and service to others, which encourages a person to be good. All the teachers and sisters made the students excited for this week. This year's theme was "United in Faith and Community". Our school celebrated this week by doing many fun activities to show off our Catholic spirit, such as singing, dancing, and a bunch of other fun activities.**

**During the last period of Monday, January 29, everyone in the school gathered together for one big celebration. Each class wore different colored shirts to recreate this year's Catholic Schools Week logo. First, we all sang a Catholic Schools Week song called "We Are Many, We Are One". The fourth grade girls did a dance to this song and taught everyone else the dance. Then we sang other songs and even danced to "Church Clap", an energetic dance song that we learned to dance to in PE. Some Upper Elementary students did the dance on the stage. I was glad to be part of that group. At the end of the event, everyone was tired and happy.**

**Many of the activities we did during that week were to show off our Catholic school, which is St. Elizabeth School, and to show faith and service to others. Other activities we did included attending a magic show, a discussion with a priest, the "Living Wax Museum", and Holy Mass. Everyone loved that week, and it showed our love for the school and God. Overall, everyone enjoyed it very much.**







# *Magic Show!*

*Each day on Catholic Schools Week, St. Elizabeth School hosts a special activity for the children. On Tuesday, January 30th, Joe Fischer, a local magician, hosted a magic show in the multi-purpose room. It was amazing! First, early childhood students went to see him. Afterward, the elementary students attended the performance.*

*The magic show began with Joe introducing himself by pulling an infinite rope out of his mouth. It was so confusing because I never saw him put it into his mouth. Joe performed many magic tricks such as turning ripped paper into a hat and even making an invisible coin appear in a big metal bucket. My favorite trick was when he turned the piece of fabric that he pulled out of his mouth into a big long metal stick. It came out of nowhere!*

*During the show, many lucky students got to be Joe's magic assistants. One of them got to rip paper and then Joe formed it into a hat. Another one got to throw an invisible coin into a silver bucket. For the prizes, the assistants were rewarded with magic hats, a magic book, and even a balloon dog. The students had so much fun and they couldn't stop laughing. The magic show was nothing like I thought it would be at all!*

**Charles**  
**Grade 6**





# *Learning About Catholic Faith and Services*

**On Wednesday, January 31st, at 11:00 in the morning, we had a guest speaker and his name was Fr. Jacob. He was a priest from Poland and came to the U.S. ten years ago because he wanted to be a priest in the U.S. He shared with us his vocation story.**

**This event is one of the activities prepared by the teachers for us as we celebrated the Catholic Schools Week.**

**Emmanuel  
Grade 6**



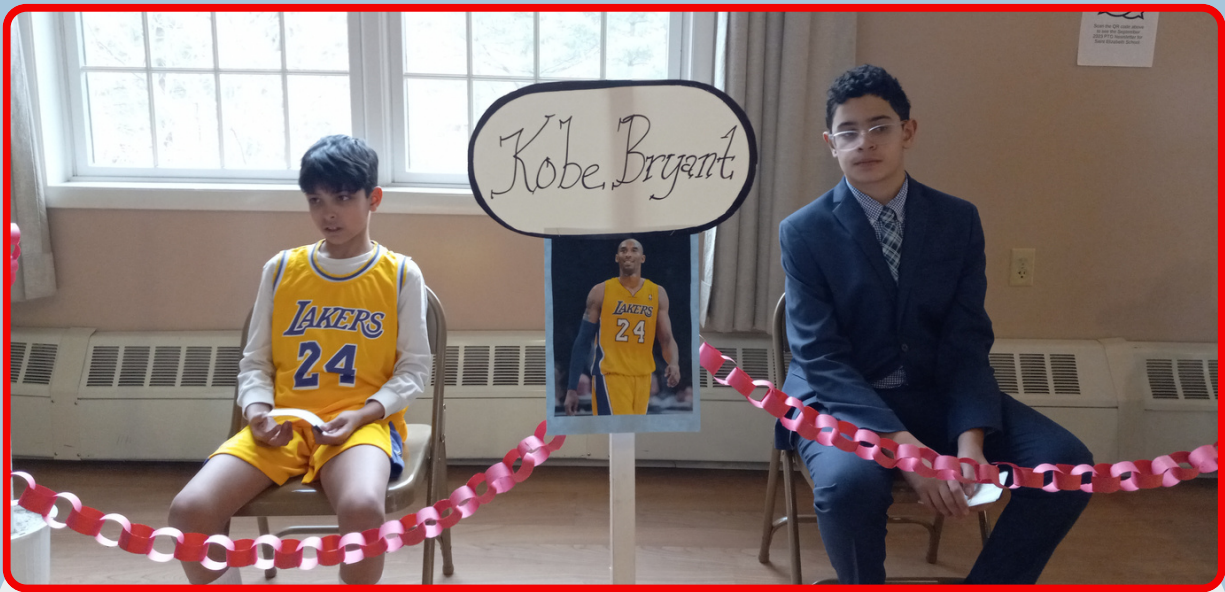


# Wax Museum

On Thursday, February 2nd, Saint Elizabeth School hosted the Living Wax Museum. Unlike a regular wax museum with boring wax statues of celebrities and cards with information, the living wax museum had real people pretending they were famous people and acting out a summary of their lives.

The upper elementary students had been practicing for a month and were finally ready to present their speeches that day. Each speech lasted about two minutes. These famous people came from every historical period. For example, I was Archimedes, who built many useful machines like the lever and pulley. Cameron was Confucius, who was the first teacher in China and created Confucianism. Joseph was Kobe Bryant, a famous basketball player. Vera was Mary Cassatt, a renowned painter. These are only a few examples of all the people from the wax museum.

The Living Wax Museum was an exciting and fun learning experience. The parents of all the upper elementary students, the lower elementary students, and the early childhood students attended the wax museum. Participating in this event was better than writing a biographical report because it was fun, more engaging, and helped the audience remember better. It taught students to research people and develop their public speaking skills. It also taught students to condense and present information in a short time. During the presentation, I felt nervous because of the large audience, but after the Wax Museum, I felt relieved that it was over.



Alexandra

Grade 4 Social Studies

Wax Museum Report Mother Margherita Salatino

### ***Mother Margherita Salatino***

My name is Mother Margherita Salatino. I am the first Mother General of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth. I was born on September 26, 1819 in Naples, Italy. My parents were Major Giuseppe Salatino and Marianna Crisafulli. I was the sixth of eight children. My mother died while giving birth to my youngest sister when I was only two years old.

When I was ten years old, my father sent me to the Boarding School of St. Marcellin. Everyone thought I was very sensitive to others, and I helped keep the peace between some of my more difficult classmates. At St. Marcellin, one of the things I found helpful was prayer. When I was eighteen, the school asked me to stay as a teacher. I decided not to marry so that I could dedicate all my time to teaching. I became a valued teacher of Letters and Female Arts. I taught many students who went on to do well in public life. One of my most famous students was Caterina Volpicelli, who later became a saint in 2009.

In 1855, when I was thirty-six years old, one of the music teachers at the school introduced me to Father Ludovico of Casoria. I was very impressed by him. He shared with me his love for God and Saint Francis of Assisi. I would spend a lot of time learning from him.

Several years later, the Italian government made a law that stated you could not teach the Catholic religion in schools. The government asked all the teachers to promise to agree to this law or we would lose our jobs. Losing my job would mean leaving the school and my home of



thirty-three years. I would not take the oath because it was against my conscience. I was forced to leave the school and lost my job.

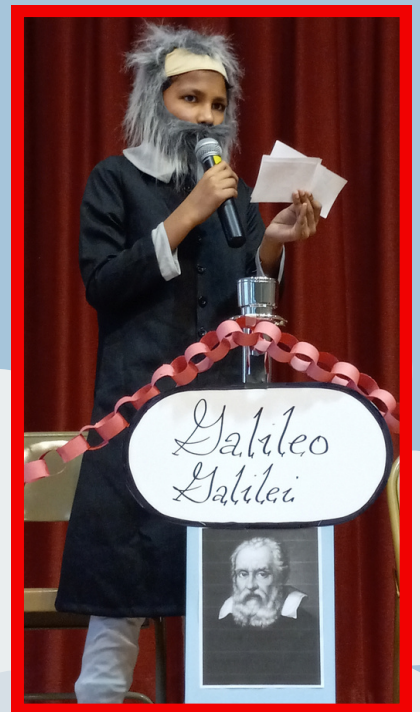
My former student, Caterina Volpicelli, offered for me to stay with her until I found a place to live. Even though I appreciated the offer I did not accept it. Father Ludovico made arrangements for two other teachers and me to stay with the Bigie Friars. Two other young teachers eventually came and joined us. We formed a small group of Franciscan tertiaries who were all educators. We trained with Father Ludovico for a year and we all lived together. I was the guide of this community.

In 1865, when I was forty-six years old, Father Ludovico went to Germany and then Africa. While he was in Germany, he met two Franciscan Sisters dedicated to helping the poor and who had taken the name of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Father Ludovico then decided that St. Elizabeth would be the patroness of our community and St. Francis of Assisi would be the patron. We would wear gray habits and be called Elizabethans.

On Christmas Day of 1866, the first clothing of “Bigie” Sisters took place. I was one of those sisters. From that day, we would work to care for orphan girls, open more houses, educate many poor and rich girls, and perform a great deal of holy works.

Very quickly, our work spread in South Italy. We opened a house for the formation of postulants. I became the mother teacher of the Bigie Sisters and Bigie Friars. I supported the works of Father Ludovico with all my heart and soul.

I died on February 5, 1876, at the age of 57 with Fr. Ludovico and my Sisters by my side. I showed strength and serenity. Soon before I died, many girls and women from the community came to receive my blessing. I died peacefully, full of hope in the life to come, on the day I predicted, Saturday, Mary’s Day.

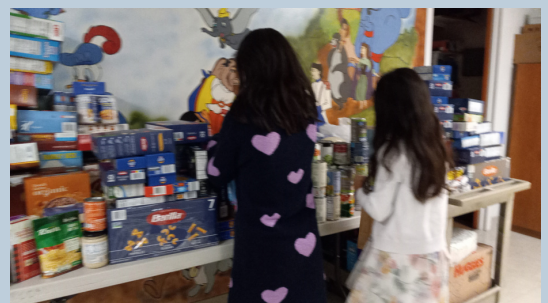


# Food Pantry

## *Interfaith Food Pantry*

We held a fundraiser for the Interfaith Food Pantry on January 24th, 2024 and closed it on February 2nd, 2024. The idea was brought up by Isha. Our goal was to collect 1,000 food products and we crushed that goal and we collected 1,398 food products for the food pantry. We did this because we wanted to help the people who can't afford to buy their own groceries. We also did this to teach all the students the importance of the virtue of helpfulness.

Christian  
Grade 6







# The "I" of St. Elizabeth



I am Marcella. I am in 3rd grade. My birthday is in February. I am a 3rd grade student. I have been studying at St. Elizabeth for 6 years. My favorite food is pizza with french fries. I like to watch Thundermans and Henry Danger and Young Sheldon. I also have a fish named Polenta.

My hobby is to write books and play Poki free online games. I like going to my aunt's house to play with their 5 dogs. I also like to go out in the snow and snuggle with my mom. I love to play with my brother who also attends St. Elizabeth. I like the Arthur Raina Telgemeier, who wrote Guts, Ghosts, Sisters, Drama, and Smile. I also like the book 10 story Treehouse. My favorite characters in Young Sheldon are Mandy, Meemaw, and Mandy's baby, and Georgie. I don't like salads. I only like pizza, burgers, fries, and onion rings. My favorite color is hot pink.

I am Jing-Shuan, I go to St. Elizabeth School. I have been here for about five and a half years. My birthday is in April and my favorite animal is a Samoyed. They are so cute and chubby! I also do many after school activities like swimming, violin, and Chinese school. My one and only brother, Jing-Sean, also does the same activities but he goes to another school and swim team. My favorite subject is art because we make very long chains out of paper. And those are a few facts about me.

I am Clara. I am in 3rd grade. I am part of a family of seven. I have two younger brothers and an older sister and brother. Their names are Hannah, Savio, Francis and Luca.

I like to play the violin, but I also can play the piano. My favorite class in school is Art because I love to draw and paint. My favorite restaurant is Red Lobster. My favorite color is purple.

I am Finn, and I have been at St. Elizabeth School for at least half of my life (five years). My birthday is in October. I love Technology, Art, and Science especially when we do experiments. My family has one dog, and his name is Cooper. If you think he is a dog who runs away to chase chickens on the farm, then no you are wrong. This dog of mine is an old dog who is eighty-four years old in puppy years.

The sport that I like to play is soccer because my legs love to kick things with air; like balloons, balls, etc. My favorite hobbies are to write stories about Evil Babysitters, and Spies while watching Erin & Aaron. That's all about me!

I am Arsh, I have been at St. Elizabeth for about 5 years now. My favorite sport is soccer or football. My second favorite sport is tennis, and my third favorite sport is cricket. My dad and mom are both from India. My favorite movie is Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix. I have one brother named Manan and lots and lots of cousins. I have at least 20 of them and most of them are in India. My favorite subjects are P.E and tech. I like cheetahs and dogs.

My favorite book is a book called Refugee. It is about kids who were at war trying to find safety, my favorite restaurant is Chipotle and P.F Chang's. My favorite video game is battlefield 2042. My favorite foods are pizza and french fries. For breakfast I like waffles with a bit of powdered sugar on it. I've been to Texas, Cancun, Dubai and India. My favorite dinner is probably P.F Chang's. My favorite dessert is Ice cream. I am Indian American. Thank you for reading. Bye!

I am Nailah. I love to dance. I have danced ever since I was 2 years old. I will be joining dance competition sometime next year. I'm in grade 3. The activities I do are dancing, swimming, gymnastics, singing, and babysitting. I have one sibling a brother name Amar'e. I love to go on vacation during the summer with my family. My favorite food place is Chipotle. My favorite movies are the Little Mermaid and Aladdin.

# The "I" of St. Elizabeth



I am Arjun. I love playing soccer, basketball, and American football. I have been in this school since 1st grade. I love math, language arts, science, and tech. I have a big family and the family has so many dogs.

I love dogs and orca's. My favorite movie is Top Gun Maverick. My favorite restaurant is Chipotle and Taco Bell. I like ice cream sandwiches, Belgian waffles, and chocolate ice cream.

I am Maxwell. I'm in third grade, and I was born in February. I go to St. Elizabeth school, and I have 5 siblings. My favorite sport is soccer. Sadly, I do not have any pets cause I'm allergic to fur. But my favorite pet is a chow chow because they are very fluffy with chubby cheeks! My favorite subject in school is P. E because it has many fun activities like jump roping. I love playing in the snow outside with my siblings. My favorite food is hot pizza and my favorite dessert is ice cream.

I am Gianna and I have 1 older sibling that's a boy. I have been at St. Elizabeth for 7 years. My favorite color is pink but not too bright. Recently, I have been playing piano but next year, after I have mastered piano I will start violin! My favorite subject is science because we do experiments and every day we learn new things.

I am in third grade and I'm 9 years old. My homeroom teacher is Sr. Stella, she teaches math and religion to us. My top BFF's are Lilly, Ella, Ma, Ni-ni, and Ginny. I love to learn in this wonderful, amazing school because the sisters are kind, loving, and hysterical.

Thank you mom and dad for sending me to this school and thank you Sr. Theresia for editing this piece!

I am Christian. I am a 3rd grade boy. I have been in St. Elizabeth School since kindergarten. This is a very good school. I was born in March. I have 3 sisters. Their names are Lilliana, Carina, and Josephine. I also have a pet dog named Rascal.

My favorite things are playing sports with my dad, playing with Rascal, talking to my sisters, snuggling with my mom, playing with my friend, and watching tv. My favorite food is carne molida. It is a Spanish chop meat. My mommy makes it all the time for my family. My favorite subject in school is social study. My favorite color is blue.

I'm Lilliana and I am in third grade. I was born in March. I have three siblings Carina, Christian, Josephine, and a dog named Rascal. My favorite classes are science, social studies, and art. I've been at St. Elizabeth School for 4 years now. I love this school so much.

My homeroom teacher is Sr. Stella. We share a homeroom with second graders 2A and 2B. This year I'm so excited to be in fourth grade!

I am Daria and I have an older brother and an older sister. I have been in St. Elizabeth for a month. My favorite color is blue. I am in 3rd grade. My favorite subject is science. My dad works at L'oreal and my mom makes cream.

My brother's name is Connor and my sister's name is Elena.

I am Massila. I am a 3rd grader and I have been in this school since kindergarten. I have two older brothers and a bunny named Velvet. My mom is a Montessori teacher in this same school. I do several after school activities, such as gymnastics, swimming, and ice skating, but my favorite is ice skating because I am good at it. I have my own skates, and I can do cool tricks. Next year, my dad is planning to put me in tennis which I like very much too. My hobbies are drawing or designing dresses on paper, playing with my bunny, hanging out with my brother, and playing the piano. My favorite subjects are science, PE (Physical Education), technology, and art. My favorite movie is Harry Potter.

In this school, I have learned many good traits such as gratitude, charity, and diligence which will help me on my journey in life. I would like to thank all the sisters who have taught us these virtues as well as the subjects they teach with their whole hearts. I hope I will remember them for the rest of my life and be thankful to them forever. St. Elizabeth's is like my second home and it always will be. Thank You!

# ALUMNI'S CORNER



## *Yash Bajaj*

I was lucky to attend St. Elizabeth Montessori from kindergarten to 6th grade. From there I followed another student to Gill St. Bernard's to complete middle and high school. Last summer, I graduated from Northeastern University and currently I am an accountant in NYC.

The time spent growing up at St. Elizabeth shaped me and gave me the best possible preparation to succeed as well as an appreciation and desire to learn. Kindness, curiosity, and patience were some of the many traits and values that were gracefully instilled into our Montessori D class and reinforced every year.

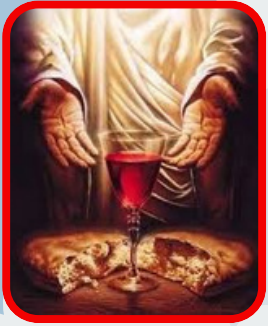
The little things that we were taught to do like greeting anybody that came into the classroom or rolling up a rug with care allowed me to become a mindful and compassionate person. Everyone was extremely patient with me growing up and I always felt like I had someone in my corner through my ups and downs. I still even talk to some of my teachers to this day and get dinner with old friends too! I am constantly reminded about the laughs I shared with my friends on the dinosaur playground whenever I drive by or see my nephew sing in the winter concert.



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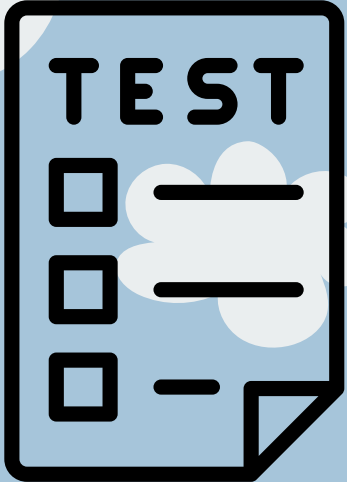


# Upcoming EVENTS



**First Friday Mass**  
**March 1st, 2024**

**Terra Nova Standardized Testing**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**March 18 - 22, 2024**



**Careers Week**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**March 18 - 22, 2024**

**Easter Bunny Visit**  
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Easter Party**



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