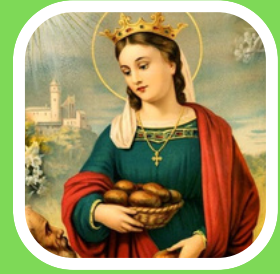




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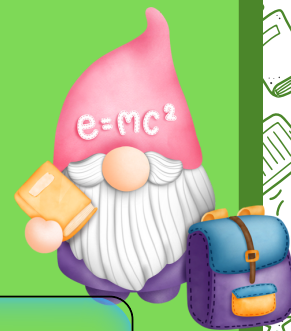
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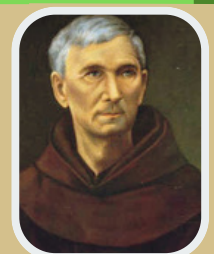
EASTER EGG HUNT



On November 2nd, 1854, Father Ludovico was walking on Via Toledo, he met a priest with two young Africans. All of a sudden his thoughts went to St. Francis of Assisi.



1862: The foundation of the "Bigie" Sisters (Gray Sisters), the Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth was established by Father Ludovico as well as the Institute for African children and homeless poor children.





St. E's Star

Montessori Kindergarten

SR. JOSEPHINE



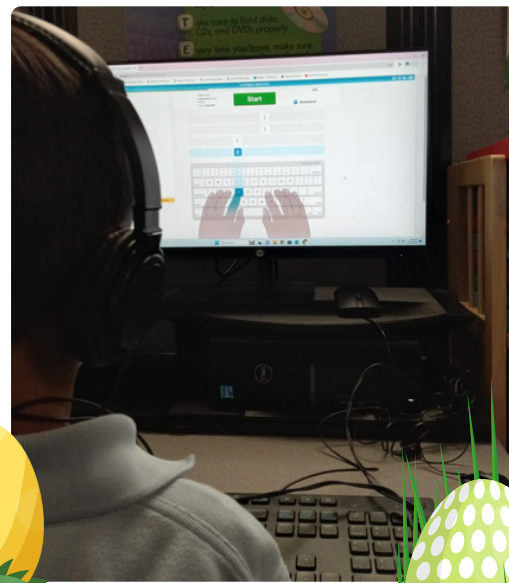
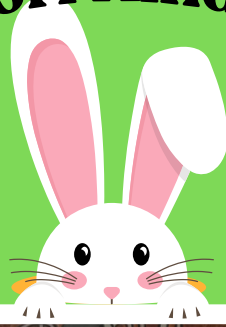
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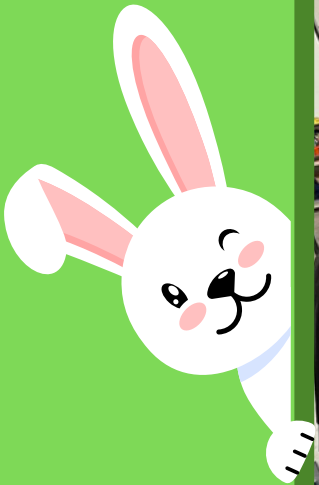




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Traditional Kindergarten

SR. ARACELI



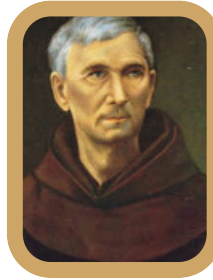


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Lenten Journey with St. Ludovico



OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE LENTEN JOURNEY WITH SAINT LUDOVICO OF CASORIA

Hi readers! My name is Keya and I am with Alexandra. We are fourth grade students who were the hosts in the podcast, The Lenten Journey With Father Ludovico of Casoria. We were in weeks three and four. The Lenten Journey podcast was initiated by Sr. Theresia. She reflected on the readings and wrote meditations and reflections that help us, guide us through the Lenten season, and teach us the good way of life.

This podcast was to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the canonization of St. Ludovico of Casoria, the founder of our wonderful sisters, the Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth. Both of us, and we believe all the hosts have many wonderful experiences during the making of this podcast. Whenever we walked into the recording room we had a great time even with the multiple takes. The hosts had fun while speaking into the big microphone. While the podcasts were played during morning assembly, we enjoyed hearing the final result of ours and Sr. Theresia's hard work.

This is the best podcast ever known to us. We appreciate Sr. Theresia's best work for the parents and the students. We hope we all learn something from the reflections.

Keya and Alexandra
Grade 4



From Wednesday, March 20th – Monday, March 25th, the 3rd – 6th grade students took Terra Nova test. In the afternoon, instead of having regular classes, we had career week.

Career week is the week when parents or relatives of our friends volunteered to come to our school to speak about their jobs. One of the people who came to speak was Officer Kelly. He is the uncle on one of students in lower elementary. He works as a police officer in the township of Millburn.

He was very nice and good at speaking and explaining about his job. He also let us look at his police car and explained about all the equipment in the car and in his vest. We found his job very interesting!

Thank you for your service, Officer Kelly! God bless you.

Massila and Gianna
Grade 3





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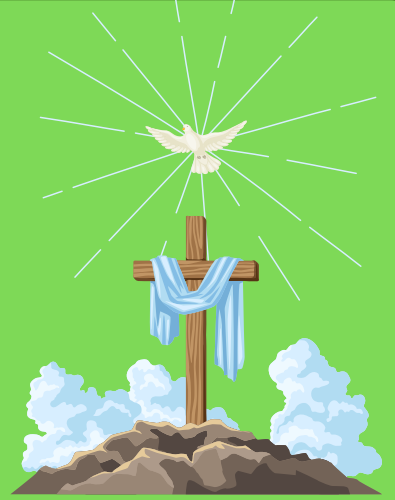








EASTER PARTY





The "I" of St. Elizabeth



I am Theertha. I am 8 years old. I was born in October. My favorite color is blue. I love technology, art, reading, and physical education. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite thing to do is swimming. On Tuesdays, I have piano lesson.

I am Anaisha. I was born in May. My favorite sweet is baklava, a Turkish pastry. I have a sister. I love the Lego Ninjago Movie. I also like pizza and garlic knots.

My favorite subject is Reading. On Saturday, I watch TV all day. On Sunday, I go to Sheraton for my swimming lessons. I like to play with my stuffed animals. My favorite color is blue.

I am Massimo Lee. I was born In July. I like Ninjago legos! And last Christmas I got 2 sets of presents. That's when I got my first lego set. This year I'm going to Florida. My favorite classes are reading, PE, art, social studies, and technology. I like shark shows. I wonder if shark surfing is a thing. I think it is a thing.

I like tofu and rice and mangoes. I think they taste really good. Mangoes are juicy and sweet, tofu looks funny, the rice and the tofu taste so good. The thing I'm good at is sleeping.

I am Aaryav. I was born in April. I am 8 years old. My favorite things are playing video games and watching movies and reading and writing books. I already wrote 3 books but didn't publish them! I also love building Legos because I already reached 18+! My favorite movies are Wonka and Ghostbusters and Aquaman. My favorite colors are red and green and blue.

My favorite TV show is Stranger Things. My favorite food is Mac and Cheese. My favorite subjects in school are Technology, Art, and Reading. I am in 2nd Grade. My favorite books are Guts and Glory: World War II and Space Case. My favorite sports are basketball and soccer. My favorite places are Florida and Mexico and iPlay America. Thank you for reading this! Bye!

I am Kiaan and I was born in June. I am 7 years old. My favorite period is Technology and I have a little brother. My favorite food is pizza but I don't eat pizza a lot. My favorite color is blue.

My favorite hobby is reading books. I have a lot of classes like music, language arts, science, and a lot more. Sometimes I don't get a 100 on my test

I am Timothy. I was born in July. I'm 7 years old. I'm in second grade. I have one baby sister. I have two favorite classes. They are reading and Language Arts. My second favorite color is green. I mostly like car legos. I play a lot of sports. Here are some: soccer and basketball.

My favorite store is 7 Eleven because I love all of their candies. I went to Legoland, New York with my friend Naeva. We stayed at a hotel. I went to legoland one time. And that is all about me.

I am Sofia. My favorite subject is science. I was born in March. My favorite color is white. My favorite food is cheese pizza. I like cats and my favorite thing to do is to play tennis and in summer, I like to swim in the pool.

I also love mangoes. My favorite vegetable is carrots. I have gone to LEGOLAND before and it was great! Another sport I like is table tennis. My favorite day of the week is Wednesday because all of my favorite subjects are on Wednesday.

The "I" of St. Elizabeth



I am Luke. I was born in February. My favorite subjects are art, science, and physical education. I learned how to make a rocket, how to make a dog. My favorite color is green. My favorite animal is dog. My family and I Like hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, and pizza. I dislike being alone.

I am Nevaan and I was born in December. I have 1 sibling. My favorite subject is P.E. and I have learned how to play pool noodle tag and lots of other fun games. My favorite thing we did was playing soccer. I also like tech and art. In tech, I like typing things, in art I like drawings because they turn out beautiful. I like playing sports, popcorn, candy, ice cream, mango, watermelon, reading books, doing art, diamonds, gold, Christmas, Mexico, Argentina, and most importantly sleeping. I do not like celery, tarantulas, pain, cobras, and arguments.

I am Dev. I was born on April. My favorite subjects are science, technology, social studies, art, P.E, reading, and Language Arts. My Favorite food is Indian food. I am in second grade. I like to play in my basement with my brother.

I am Roman. I was born in February. My favorite subjects are Reading, P.E, and Art. I have 2 siblings. My favorite animal is a dog and my favorite food is chocolate. I dislike seeing my friends get hurt.

I am Rishabh. I am a second grader. I have an older brother.

I am Aahana. I was born in March. My favorite subject is PE. I like PE because we do lots of fun things like soccer, dancing and all other fun things. I also like painting because I get to use my imagination. My favorite place is Hawaii because Hawaii is very beautiful with lots of trees and oceans. My favorite colors are hot pink, light purple, and teal. I like going out with my friends. My favorite movie is Monsters Ink because it is very funny. My favorite season is winter because I get to play with all my friends in the snow.

I am Kiva. My birthday is in July. My favorite colors are black, white, and gray. My favorite subject is science, art, math, and technology. I have one sibling. My favorite animals are snakes and lizards. My favorite food is pizza. I love CHRISTMAS the most. I dislike orange juice and dark chocolate. I like watermelon, cake, and soda.

I have learned about adding in math and the planets in science.

I am Bella and I was born in October. My favorite subject is Reading and I learned the game Spelling Sparkle. I dislike broccoli, Cacao Nibs, getting sick, puking, green peas, spinach, spiders, losing friends, Shrek, and bullies.

I am Adamantine Guo. I was born in March. I really like playing board games. On the other hand what I really dislike are things such as being forced to do the things I don't want to do.

I am Taylor. I was born in April. My favorite food is pizza and I also love to play. I like to have fun in art. My favorite thing to do is sing.

ALUMNI'S CORNER



Ronald Palmer

I was fortunate to attend St. Elizabeth Montessori from Nursery to 4th grade. I went on to complete elementary and middle school in West Orange and am currently a junior and attend St. Benedict's Prep in Newark, NJ. A little bit about me: I am a student athlete as I play soccer for Cedar Stars Academy while also maintaining good grades. My goal is to receive a scholarship and play at the collegiate level. I plan to major in psychology and pursue getting a masters degree in clinical psychology.

My time at St. Elizabeth was filled with many memories and also many important lessons. All the core lessons that were taught to me have shaped me into the person that I am today. I try to live by the principles that were instilled in me by my teachers. The biggest lesson is respect; to always respect your teachers and also fellow classmates.

St. Elizabeth was always a great community to be a part of. Everyone was so welcoming and I made great friends at the school. Outside of the amazing education I received, the memories I made will always stay with me. From the party days, to field day activities, going to the promised land towards the end of the year, the picnic, or even eating ice pops with our classmates, it was always an enjoyable time at St. E. I love to visit the school at least once a year because every time I go, I am reminded of all the memories I've made and seeing all the teachers that have taught me, still there, brings a smile to my face. I will forever be grateful to everyone who made my St. Elizabeth's experience so special and, the school will always be a second home to me.

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Ronald Palmer





SPECIAL

Thank you, St. Elizabeth School

When our daughter Clare was just an infant, I drove over to St. Elizabeth School and put her name on the list for admission. It was 1997, and Clare would not be eligible to enter St. E's until 2000 at age 2 ½. To this day I smile at the memory that in 1997 hers was not the first name on that year 2000 admissions list.

I remember Clare's first day of school. I watched through a one-way window in a small room adjacent to her class. I watched as, with kindness, patience, and intelligence, her teachers eased her into her new nursery classroom community. And that is what it felt like to me ... a well cared-for community of Little Ones working together, learning together, and playing together.

A mix of ages that comprised that first classroom was a blessing, as five year old Christina Murphy took on the role of a big sister to our then little Clare. Christina cared about Clare; and that was one of the first lessons that St. E's taught our children: to truly care for another.

The Montessori Method allowed Clare to learn at her own pace, within reason; and the materials, enhanced by the guidance from her teachers, were inviting and motivating. As I reviewed these materials, I was struck by how conceptual they were. This was not rote learning, but instead learning that guided the children to understand the concepts and operations they were working with. I found this to be especially true in math. The Montessori Method, under the guidance of her extraordinary teachers, imbued Clare with two additional values: intellectual curiosity and independence.

When Clare was four years old and I was folding laundry, she asked if she could help. "Cute," I thought as I agreed. With that she reached into the basket, selected one of my husband's tee shirts, and proceeded to complete the task with folds that were far more precise and crisp than my own. We realized that Clare's understanding and dexterity, initially surprising, were the result of the school's "Practical Life" instruction which enhances the child's concentration, coordination, motor skills, and practical life skills.

Anyone walking through the halls will see how St. E's celebrates a child's creativity. Anyone caught up in the joyful experience of the Christmas Pageant may not be aware that the school is subtly guiding the children to feel comfortable with public speaking.

And anyone whose child has taken piano lessons with the extraordinary Ms. Yvonne will understand how her instruction enhances their child's true appreciation of music. Additionally, I am grateful to Ms. Yvonne for guiding Clare to an understanding of the importance of practice and of self-discipline, qualities which Clare has carried into her adult life and career.

Looking back, I now see there was a clue to Clare's adult life in an event at the school's book fair when she was in 4th grade. After we went over the small catalogue of book choices, I presumed Clare would come back with a few of the story books we had liked. Instead, she came home with a large science book which included a fold-out periodic table. She tacked it up on her bedroom wall, where it remains to this day. When I asked her why she had chosen that book, Clare simply said that "Sister made chemistry seem so fun." This was no small feat, introducing chemistry to a 4th grader and making it fun.

Clare remained in Montessori classes at St. Elizabeth's through 6th grade. In fact she was in the first 6th grade class to graduate from the school. And, yes, she went on to obtain her BS in chemistry from the University of Notre Dame.

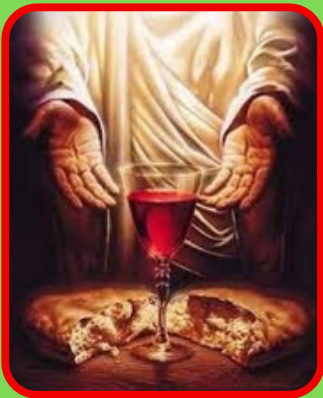
Today Clare is in a Ph.D. program in chemical biology at the Tri-Institute (comprised of Sloan Kettering, Weill Cornell Medical, and Rockefeller University). I know that a significant part of her success is due to the right start she received at St. Elizabeth School; and I will always be grateful to, and mindful of, the deeply significant part the school played in her healthy social, emotional, and academic growth and development.

Looking back, we can see how our 2 ½ year old came to thrive under the guidance provided through the extraordinary leadership and teaching at St. Elizabeth School. In addition to its strong academics, St. E's imbued our little girl with profound, everlasting values: intellectual curiosity, personal independence, creativity, self-discipline, a sense of the fun of learning, and, surely as important, the value in caring about other people.

Thank you, St. Elizabeth School, and I wish for you all the blessings that you heap upon our children.

--Stephen & Linda Cahir

Upcoming EVENTS



First Friday Mass
April 12th, 2024



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MONDAY - FRIDAY
APRIL 15 - 19, 2024



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